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Global Piracy Report

Detailed Weekly Piracy Report Focusing on the Horn of Africa, Gulf of Guinea, Southeast Asia and South America; and Reporting of On - The - Ground in Somalia and Kenya

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Summary (October 12 - 18, 2015 - Week 42; Edition 111)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: Three late reported incidents and one kidnapping

Somalia-Indian Ocean: No incidents reported during this reporting period

Southeast Asia: One incident, two late-reported incidents during this reporting period

South America: No incidents reported during this reporting period

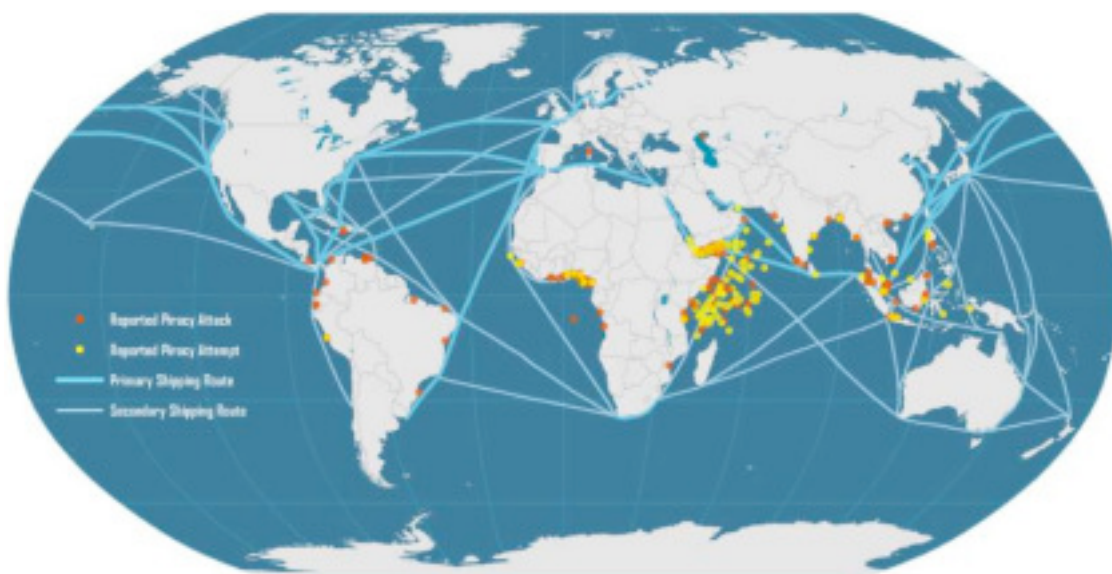
North America: No current incidents to report

Central America-Caribbean: No current incidents to report

Atlantic Ocean Area: No current incidents to report

Northern Europe-Baltic: No current incidents to report

Mediterranean-Black Sea: No current incidents to report



SOMALIA

Executive Summary

Masters are advised to remain vigilant at all times inside the HRA and are advised to adhere to strict guidance and protective measures as set down in BMP4. Sailing yachts should avoid transiting the HRA. Past activity has demonstrated that pirates will attack both large and small yachts transiting this region. While successful attacks and hijackings of merchant vessels have significantly decreased over the past two years, the possibility of attacks and the successful hijacking of sailing vessels continue to remain high. This is due to the reduction of revenue sources from pirated merchant vessels and the fact that sailing yachts are vulnerable and easier targets. PAG's continue to conduct "soft approaches" on merchant ships transiting the area. Skiffs have approached vessels in order to probe the reaction of the crewmembers and any possible Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) onboard. If the pirate approach does not elicit a response, the pirates will likely proceed with an attack, in which additional skiffs may participate.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

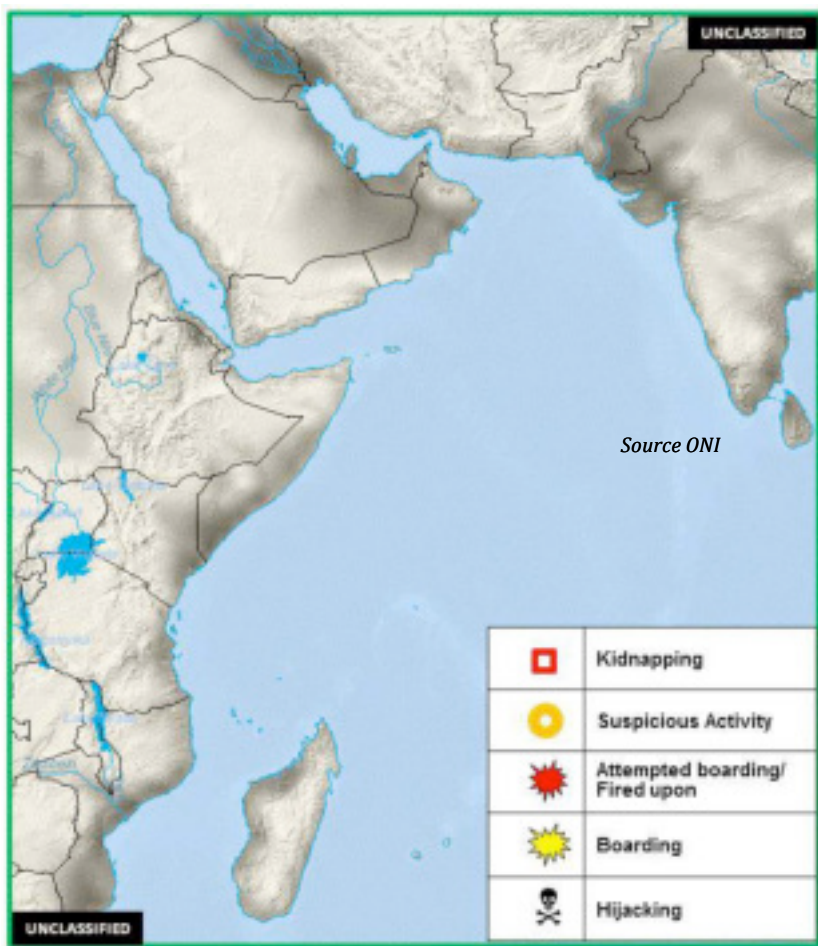
Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Incident Map

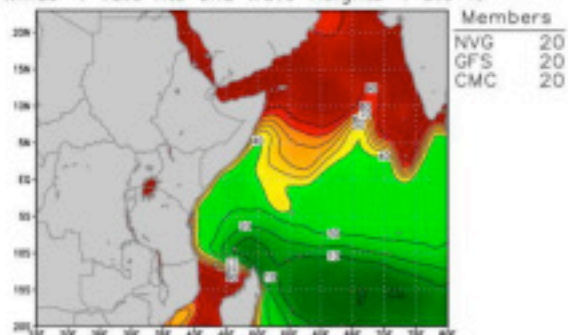


Weather Forecast for Horn of Africa

- **Northern Arabian Sea** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – East-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 4 – 8 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 4 – 8 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Aden** – East-northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** – Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 18 knots, and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; South-southwest winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with south-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – Southeast winds of 12- 18 knots, gusting to 22 knots, and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with northerly winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the northern Channel; with northerly winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 6 – 9 feet in the southern Channel.
- **Surface Currents** – The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – Upper level ridging is producing mostly favorable conditions for the majority of the region. A small tropical low will move across the northern Arabian Sea, moving over northern Oman and

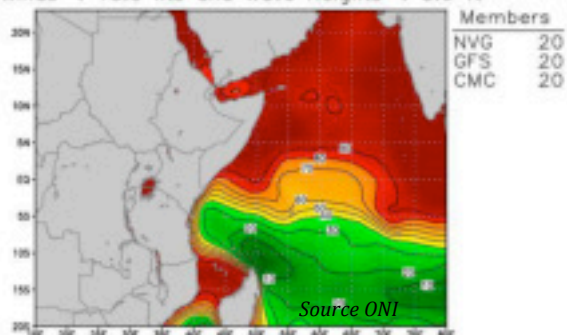
the Gulf of Oman late on 16 October. Isolated areas of rain showers and thunderstorms are expected along the southern and western Yemeni mountain ranges.

Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



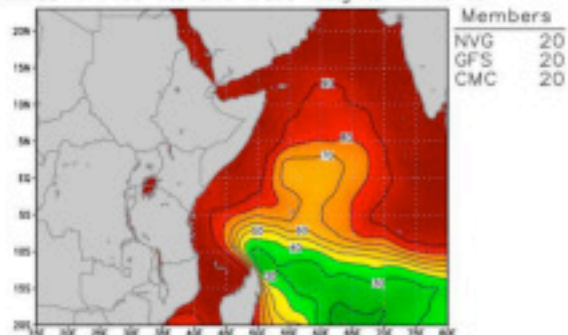
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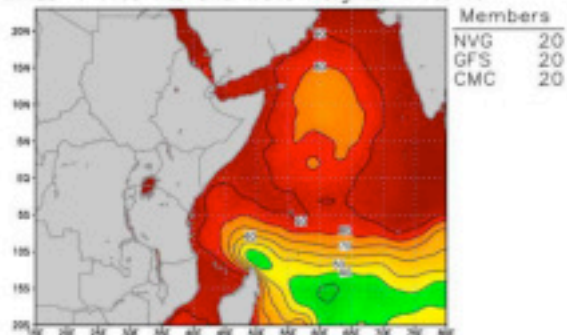
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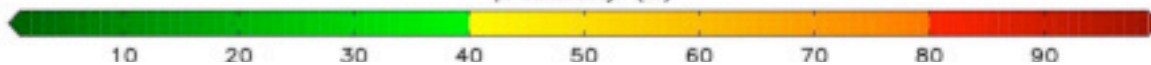
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Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



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probability (%)



*** In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity ***

Regional Reporting

- **14 October 2015** – Nigerian-based Boko Haram extremists have urged Somalia's al-Shabaab rebels to join them in pledging allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State (IS) group and abandon al-Qaeda. A video that was posted on Twitter on Wednesday tells al-Shabaab fighters that uniting "is of greater benefit to the struggle on the part of Islam" and will "help in defeating the infidels of the world." The appeal, which was made by an unidentified armed fighter, is part of a wider courting of al-Shabaab, as similar messages were sent to the jihadist group nearly two weeks ago from militant extremists in Iraq, Sinai, Syria and Yemen. While in recent months, al-Shabaab has been losing ground in Somalia to a multinational African force, the militant group has continued to show the ability to stage large-scale attacks both in Somalia and in neighboring Kenya. In April, it attacked the Kenyan Garissa University, killing nearly 150 people. While al-Shabaab has yet to comment on the latest video, al-Qaeda and IS are rivals for jihadi recruits.

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with three late reported incidents during this period. All vessels transiting this region however are reminded to remain vigilant.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:

- **9 October 2015 (Late Report)** – Gunmen attacked the Kolo Creek Flow Station in the eastern section of the Niger Delta river system, in Bayelsa State. A security guard working at the site was killed during the attack.

Vessels Boarded:

- **8 October 2015 (Late Report)** – An unknown number of robbers boarded a berthed bulk carrier near position 04:03 N – 009:41 E, Douala Port. The robbers were able to break the lock to the forecastle store room, steal ship's properties and escape unnoticed. A duty crewman noticed the theft during cargo operations.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Kidnapping:

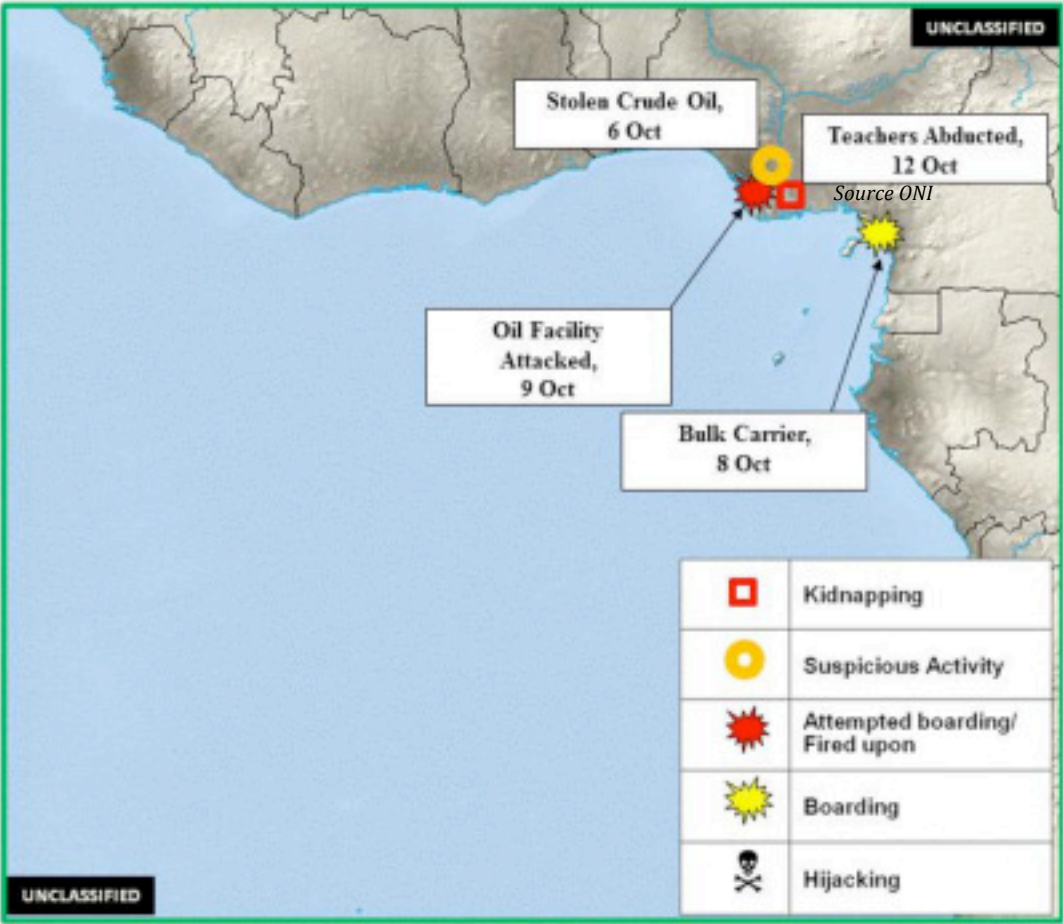
- **12 October 2015** – Gunmen abducted five teachers from a secondary school in the Agba-Ndele in Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers state. According to witnesses, they were taken away from the area in a speed boat.

Other Activity:

- **6 October 2015 (Late Report)** – The Central Naval Command of the Nigerian Navy confirmed the arrest of eleven sailors aboard tanker DERA and the tug CHARLEY RUNNER along the waterways in Bayelsa State. They were in possession of an estimated 6,000 tonnes of stolen crude oil. The Nigerian Navy detained the

vessel and tugboat along the Eremor 1 Marginal Oil Field located off Peretorugbene in Ekeremore Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Gulf of Guinea

- **Gulf of Guinea** – Southwest winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea with associated rain showers.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Executive Summary

The threat of violent attacks, crime and hijackings remains high in waters off Southeast Asia. Pirate Action Groups (PAG's) are likely to target vessels to siphon fuel or oil onto another ship. Masters are therefore reminded to remain vigilant at all times in all regions, including at ports and anchorages. Attacks and robberies can occur at anytime. Incidents involving the siphoning of oil/fuel have been on the rise in recent months. Masters are reminded to remain vigilant at all times and to report any incidents, suspicious activity, attacks or hijackings to the local authorities.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Boarded:

- **15 October 2015** – Six robbers boarded the Panama-flagged tanker ALMI SPIRIT in the Kukup Anchorage area of Johor Province. Forces from the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency responded to the boarded and are investigating.
- **10 October 2015 (Late Report)** – Seven robbers boarded MV CECILIA near 05:20 N – 125:31 E, 4.5 nautical miles southeast of Olanivan Island. Two speed boats with seven persons armed with guns approached the vessel. Suspecting a boarding attempt, the Master instructed the crew to close and lock all access to the vessel's accommodation area. The armed robbers boarded the vessel but departed when they could not enter the ship. The Master raised the alarm, informed the local authorities and notified the owners. A coast guard vessel was dispatched to investigate.
- **6 October 2015 (Late Report)** – An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored product tanker during hours of darkness near position 05:49 N – 118:09 E, Sandakan Anchorage, Sabah. The robbers forced their way into the bosun store room, stole spare parts and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. The incident was reported to Port Authorities.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding's:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

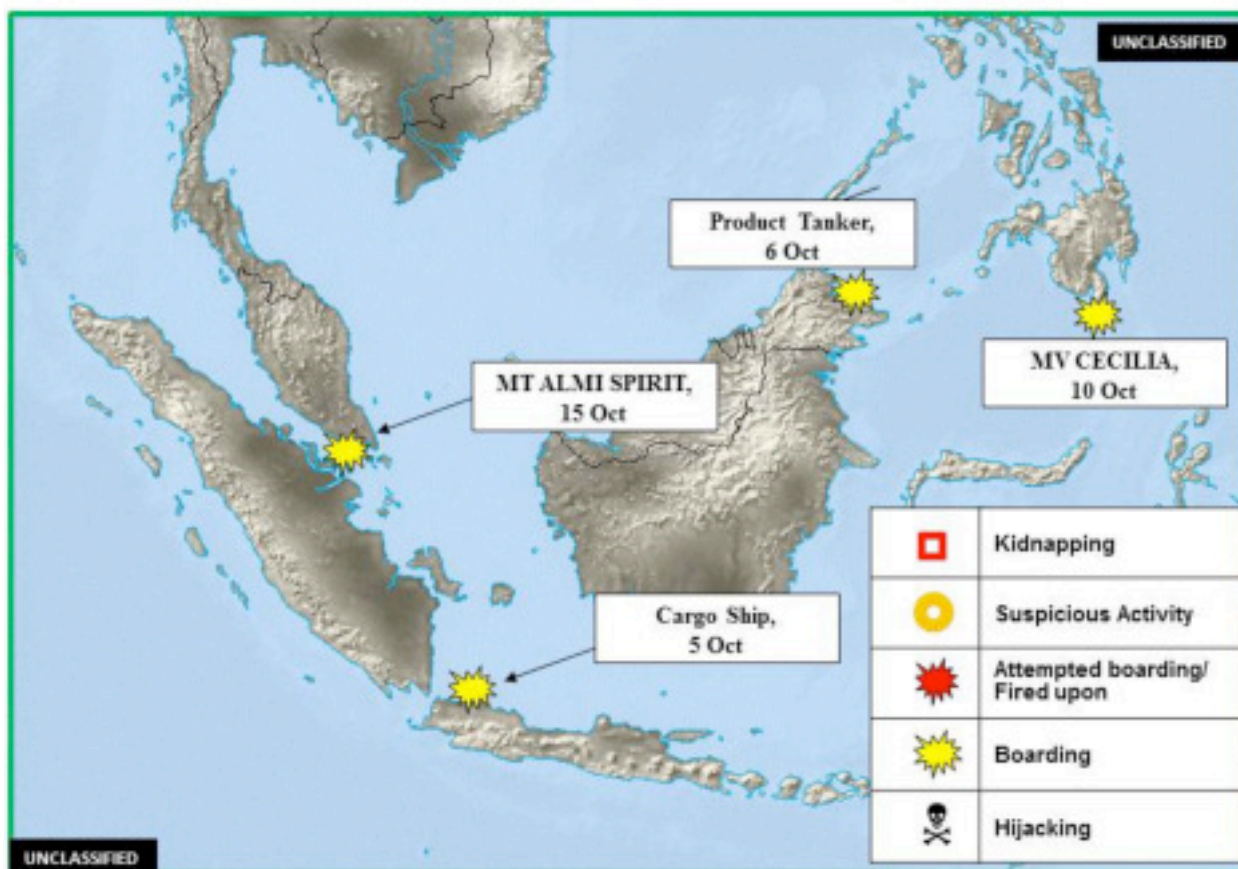
- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

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Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Southeast Asia

- **South China Sea** – Northerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Malacca Strait** – Southerly winds of 3 – 8 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southerly winds of 3 – 8 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea** – West-northwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Westerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Surface Currents** – Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 to 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – Expect scattered to mostly cloudy skies and isolated to widely scattered rain showers and thunderstorms. By 17 October, Tropical Storm 24W will begin to impact northern Luzon as the system begins to turn to the north.

SOUTH AMERICA

Executive Summary

While there have been no recent reported incidents in this region, the threat of violent attacks and robberies remains high in waters throughout South America. Masters are reminded to remain vigilant at all times and in all regions, including ports and anchorages. Attacks and robberies can occur at any time.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.



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