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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 (September 28 – October 4, 2015 - Week 40; Edition 109)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: No incidents reported during this reporting period

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

Southeast Asia: Two incidents, one late-reported incident during this reporting period

South America: No incidents reported during this reporting period

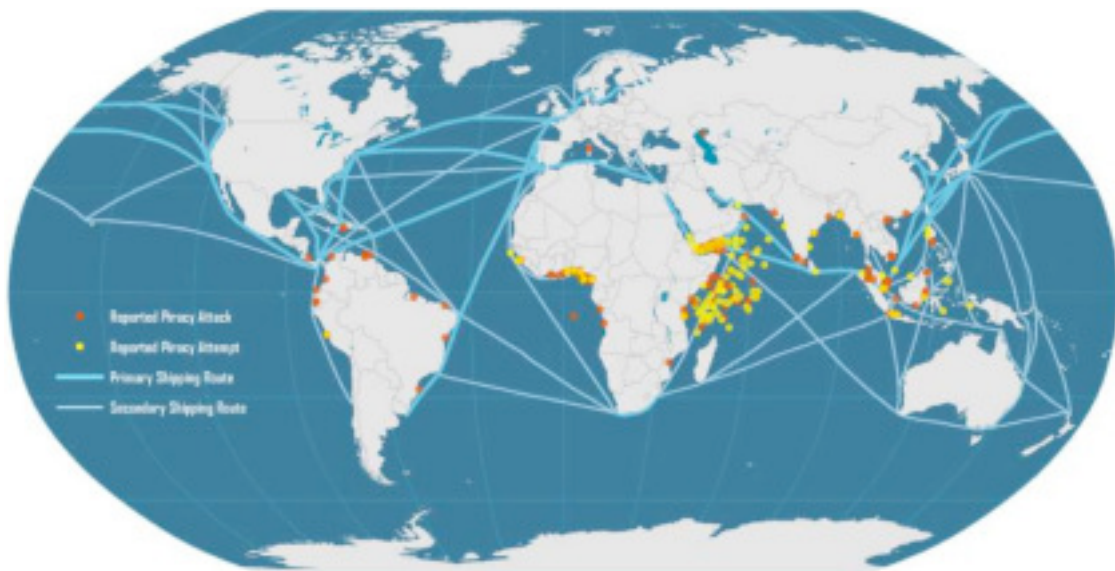
North America: No current incidents to report

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.

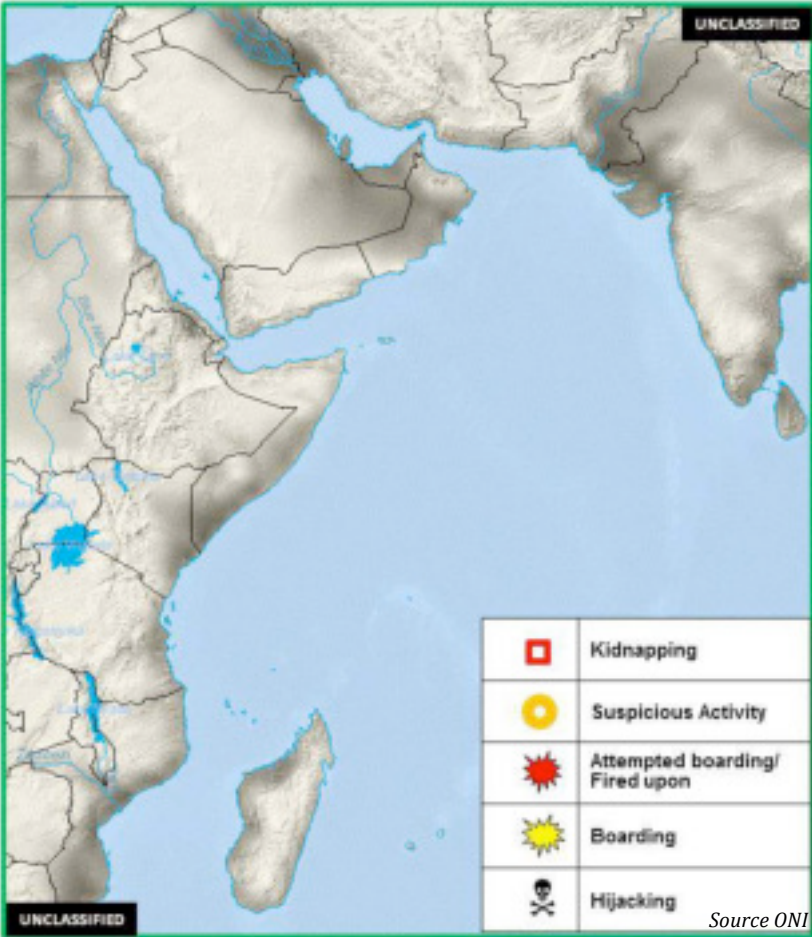
Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

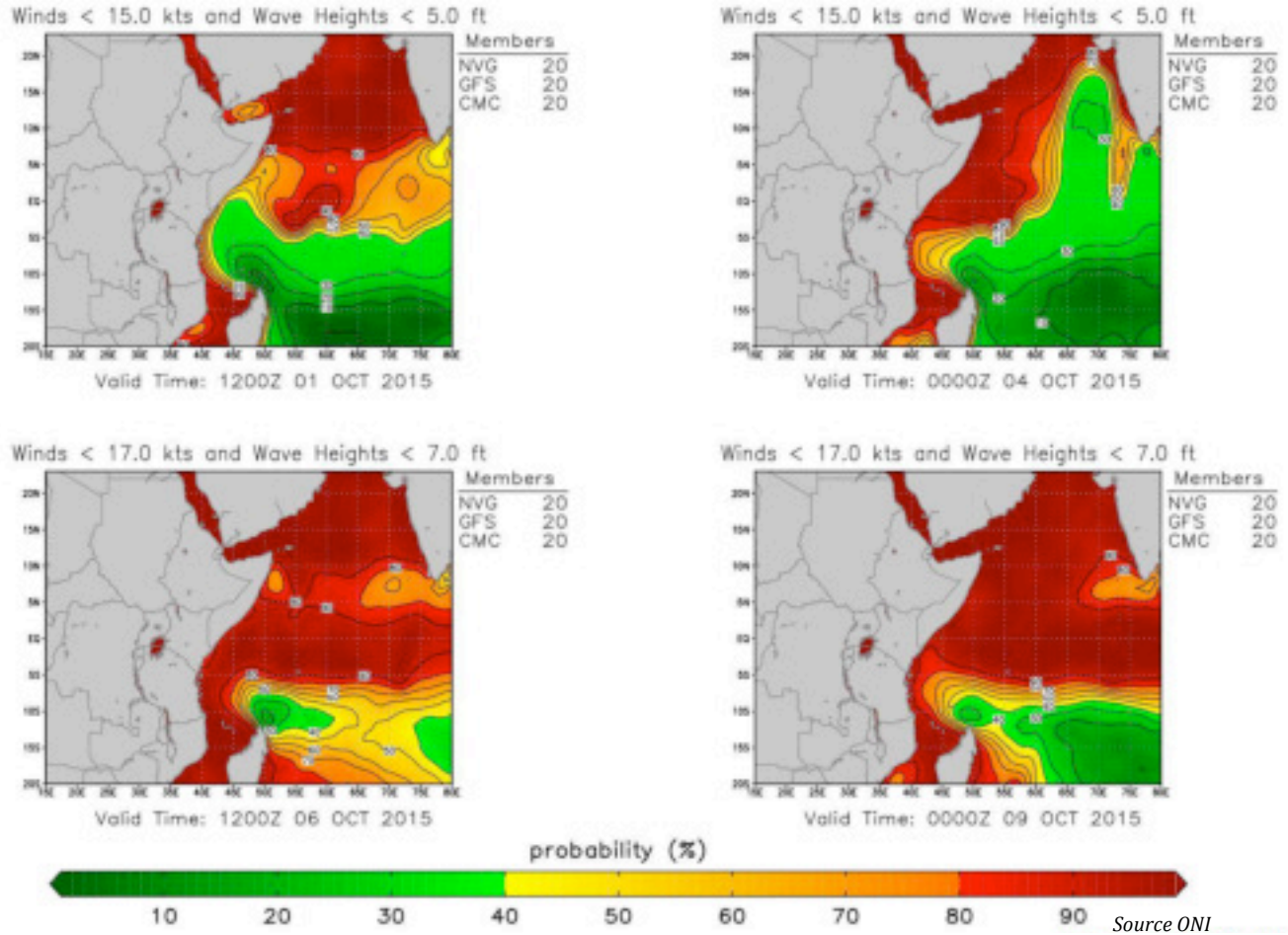
- None reported during this period.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Horn of Africa

- **Northern Arabian Sea** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – Variable winds of 4 – 8 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 4 – 8 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 southeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Aden** – East-northeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-northeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; in the eastern section of the Gul, winds will be east-northeasterly at 15 – 20 knots with seas of 3 – 5 feet.
- **Somali Coast** – South-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern section of the coastline; in the southern section of the coastline, winds will be south-southwesterly at 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 4 – 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – South-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 18 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southerly winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – South-southeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – South-southeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-southeast winds of 12 – 18, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the northern Channel; with northerly winds of 12 – 18 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 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** – Decreasing monsoonal winds will allow seas to decrease slightly below seasonal norms in the Somali Basin. Partly to mostly-cloudy skies with isolated rain showers will be present mainly south of Socotra Island.



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

International Developments Reporting

- **28 September 2015** - British Prime Minister David Cameron has announced that dozens of British troops will be deployed to Somalia in a bid to help the ongoing peacekeeping efforts to counter Islamist militants operating in the Horn of Africa nation. Sources have disclosed that up to seventy personnel will join the United Nations contingent, which is supporting African Union (AU) troops who are fighting al-Shabaab. British forces deployed to Somalia will provide combat training as well as medical, logistical and engineering support. Furthermore, up to 300 personnel could also be deployed in South Sudan over time. The role of those being deployed to South Sudan will include combat training as well as engineer work in order to strengthen vital infrastructure. The PM, who is due to pledge the support at the upcoming UN General Assembly summit, has disclosed that the approach could help curb migrants coming to Europe. According to Mr Cameron, it is important to “step up” existing British contribution,” adding, “obviously we will want to see all the right force protection arrangements in place but we should be playing a part in this.” The British PM further disclosed that “the outcome in Somalia, if it’s a good outcome, that’s good for Britain...It means less terrorism, less migration, less piracy. Ditto in South Sudan: if we can, as peacekeepers, help to maintain order and peace and see stable development in that country then that is going to be, again, less poverty, less migration, less issues that affect us back at home. Mr Cameron however noted that British troops will not be involved in combat roles, stating, “its not committing troops to conflict, its committing troops to a UN blue-hatted peacekeeping role – as we’ve done many times in the past, as we will do in the future...And one of the reasons we’re doing it is obviously the expertise that British troops have in training, engineering, and mentoring and we’re raising the standard for peacekeeping troops, which has had some issues and problems in the recent past.” During the upcoming UN General Assembly summit, Prime Minister Cameron will hold face-to-face talks with Somali President Hassan Sheikh Muhamoud, along with several other world leaders.

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with no incidents reported 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:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

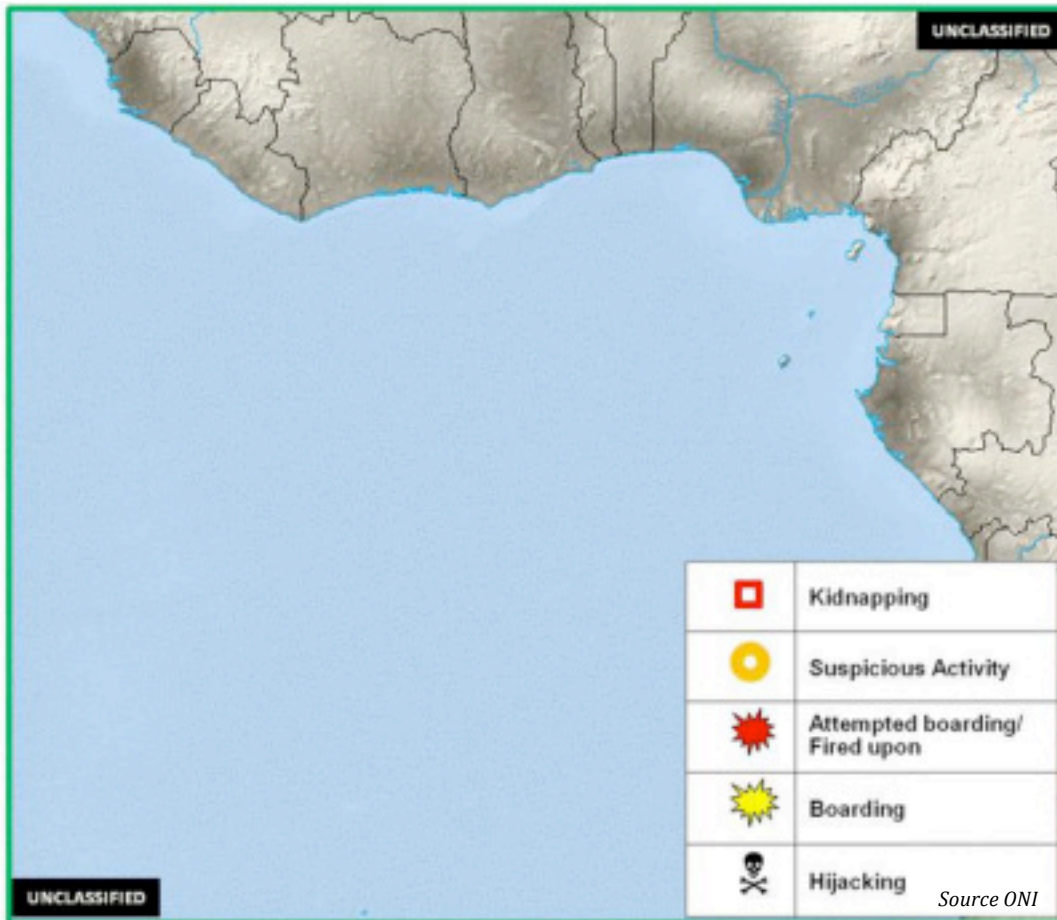
Kidnapping:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

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:

- **29 September 2015** – Four robbers armed with machetes boarded a product tanker at anchor near position 01:42N – 101:30 E, Dumai Anchorage. Upon hearing the intrusion alarm, the duty officer contacted the duty crew to check. When the aft crew did not reply back, another duty crewman keeping watch on the forecastle was instructed to investigate. The aft duty crewman was found gagged and tied up. The alarm was raised and the crew was alerted. Upon seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
- **25 September 2015 (Late Report)** – An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored product tanker near position 03:56 N – 098:45 E, Belawan Anchorage. The robbers were able to steal engine spares and escape unnoticed. Crew was mustered and a search of the vessel was carried out. The incident was reported to local agents.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding's:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

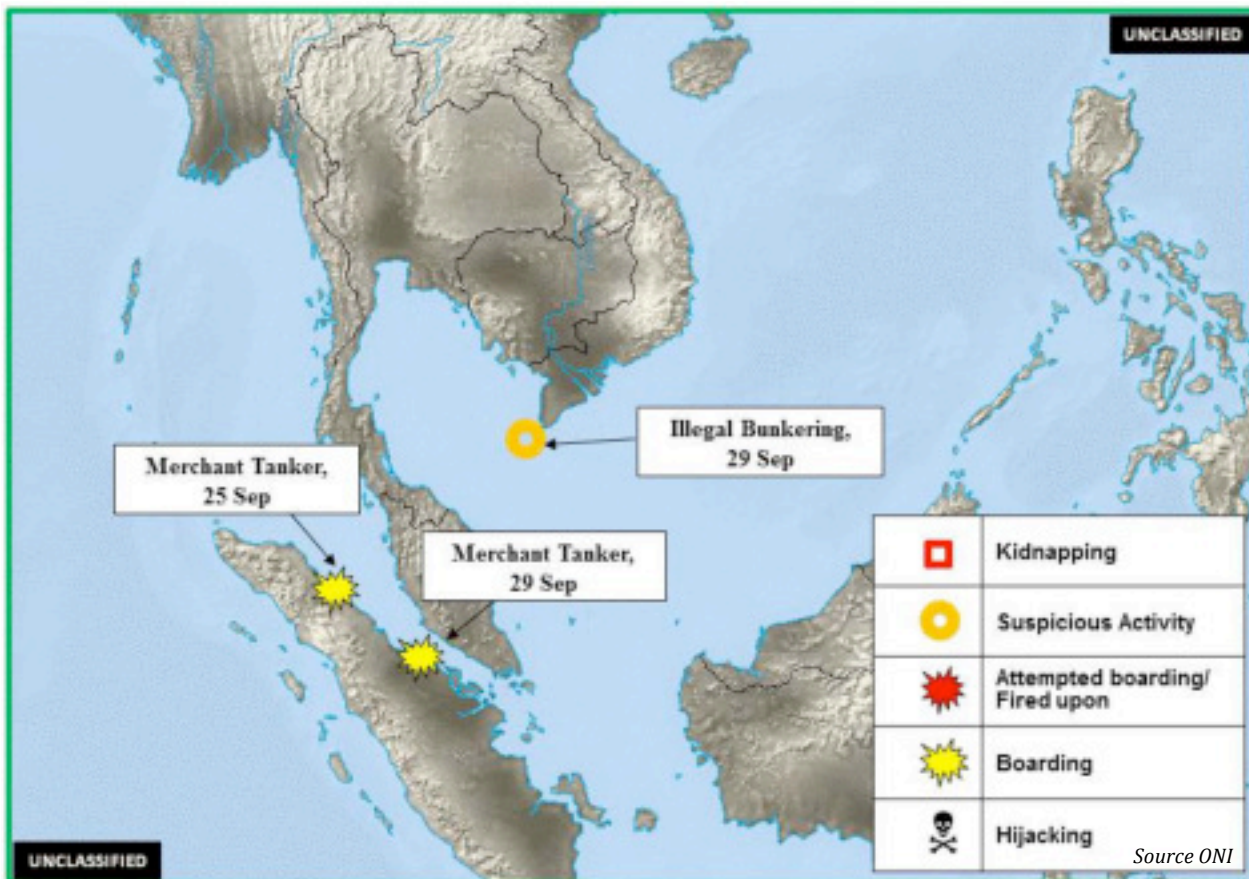
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- **29 September 2015** – The Vietnam Coast Guard detained MS STAR ASIA and a Vietnamese fishing vessel for illegal bunkering in the Gulf of Thailand in the vicinity of Phu Quoc Island. The vessels were taken to Phu Quoc Island for further investigation. According to the police, the tanker was illegally selling bunker fuel to Vietnamese fishing vessels for US \$0.22 per liter.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Southeast Asia

- **South China Sea** – Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 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-southwest winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – West-southwest winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Surface Currents** – Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait will average speeds of 1 knots, while currents in the Andaman Sea will average between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – Expect scattered to mostly cloudy skies and isolated to widely scattered rain showers and thunderstorms as the monsoon season continues to impact the region. A developing tropical cyclone is located 550 nautical miles southeast of Luzon moving west-northwest.

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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