

Incident Report:	09/2011
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Marina 26</i> / Tug boat Marine Power 3301 / Barge
Date/Time of Incident:	22 Mar 11 at 2200hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	2° 45.22' N, 104° 24.29' E
Area Description:	Approximately 12 nm east of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia

Details of Incident

On 22 Mar 11 at or about 2200 hrs, an Indonesian-registered tug boat, *Marina 26* towing barge *Marine Power 3301* was underway at approximately 12 nm east of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia (2° 45.22' N, 104° 24.29' E) when a group of more than 10 men armed with knives and parangs (long knives) boarded the tug boat from a speed boat. They tied the crew, locked them in a cabin and turned off the tracking system onboard the vessel. On 24 Mar 11, the crew was given some food, water, passports, cash; and forced onto a life raft.

The crew was later rescued by a passing fishing boat on 26 Mar 11 and arrived at the Natuna Island, Indonesia on 27 Mar 11. The crew reported the incident to the Indonesian authorities and the ship owner on 27 Mar 11. The crew also mentioned that the tug boat, originally red in colour, had been repainted green and was last seen to be heading easterly. Refer to map for approximate location of the incident.

On 29 Mar 11, the local agent reported the incident to Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The POCC in turn initiated broadcast to alert mariners operating in the vicinity and informed the Singapore Police Coast Guard, Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), MRCC (Jakarta) and MRCC (Kuala Lumpur) about the incident.

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the first incident of hijacking reported off Pulau Tioman since February 2010, the last reported incident involved tug boat *Asta* towing barge *Callista* on 6 Feb 10. The crew and barge were later recovered by the Malaysian authorities while the tugboat *Asta*,



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renamed *Roxy-1*, was later recovered in southern Philippines.

The ReCAAP ISC encourages all ships to look out for tugboat *Marina 26* and barge *Marine Power 3301* and report sightings to Singapore's POCC, or the nearest MRCC. Please refer to pictures of the vessels below.



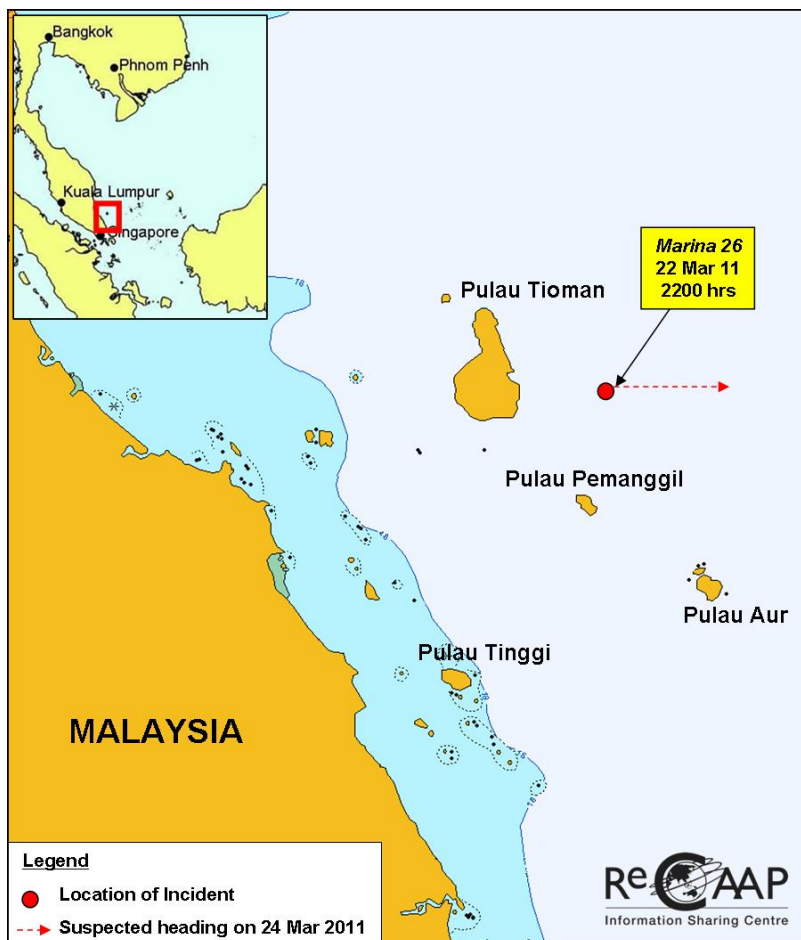
Tug boat *Marina 26*



Barge *Marine Power 3301*

Photographs: Courtesy of Shipping Company





Approximate Location of the Incident

Ship masters and crew operating in the area are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the area especially during hours of darkness. Ship masters are encouraged to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.

