Incident Report: 12/2011

Name and Type of Ship: Dong Jiang / Tanker

Date/Time of Incident: 30 May 11 at or about 0129 hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 01° 19.30' N, 104° 54.50' E

Area Description: Approximately 30 nm east of Horsburgh Lighthouse

Details of Incident

On 30 May 11 at or about 0129 hrs, a Singapore-registered tanker Dong Jiang was underway at approximately 30 nm east of Horsburgh Lighthouse (01° 19.30' N, 104° 54.50’ E) when six robbers boarded the vessel. The robbers stole cash and other valuables before they escaped. The vessel was enroute from Tanjung Pelapas, Malaysia to Balongan, Indonesia at the time of the incident. The crew was not injured.

The Singapore’s Port Operations Control Centre (POCC), which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), received a distress alert on VHF DSC, INMARSAT-C and VHF 16 from the tanker. The Singapore POCC promulgated a broadcast on NAVTEX to warn all vessels about the incident and urge them to maintain anti-piracy watch when in the vicinity.

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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the second incident reported in the area since January 2011. Please refer to map on the approximate location of the incidents. The first incident occurred on 3 Apr 11 at or about 1022 hrs when an unknown number of pirates boarded the Indonesian-registered tanker, Tirta Samudra XVII while she was underway at approximately 27.46 nm northeast of Pulau Bintan. The pirates stole ship property and the crew’s personal belongings before they escaped.
Ship masters and crew are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around lookout, and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the area. Ship masters are encouraged to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.