Incident Report: 09/2012

Name and Type of Ship: Bulk Neptune / bulk carrier

Date/Time of Incident: 16 October 2012 at or about 0405 hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 00° 15.67' N, 117° 35.65' E

Area Description: Muara Berau Anchorage at Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Detail of Incidents

On 16 Oct 12 at or about 0405 hrs (local time), a Panama-registered bulk carrier, Bulk Neptune was anchored at Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia (00° 15.67’ N, 117° 35.65’) when two A/B crew while conducting security deck patrol onboard the vessel saw three unknown men at the forecastle.

The crew reported the presence of the men to the duty officer, and approached the men to inquire what they were doing at the forecastle. One of the men armed with a knife, kicked and punched one of the A/B crew who sustained minor injuries on his back, lips and knees. The two A/B crew then returned to the accommodation. The men also took a wrist watch from one of the A/B crew. The general alarm was raised and crew mustered on the bridge.

Subsequent checks by the crew revealed that the three men broke the padlock from the anchor hawse pipe cover to board the bulk carrier. The ship master reported that prior to arrival at Samarinda, the ship’s security level was raised to Level 2 as per USCG “Port Advisory (4-11)” and the security watch was conducted in accordance with the ship’s security plan.

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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

There has been an increase in the number of incidents off East Kalimantan since January 2012 with a total of five incidents reported there so far. See map on the approximate location of the incidents.

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