ASSESS RISKS:
- Review threat characteristics
- Consider ship's size, speed, freeboard, access points
- Consider defensive measures
- Evaluate crew size, experience and training level
- Consider route, weather, navigation
- Check navy presence, group transits/convoy

MITIGATE WHERE POSSIBLE!

PREPARE YOUR TRANSIT:
- Report to authorities
- Develop emergency communication plan
- Avoid areas of recent piracy activity
- Use weather as an anti-piracy measure
- If possible, transit during night
- Review Ship's Security Plan
- Limit access to key compartments and equipment
- Employ obstacles (razor wire, water spray etc.)
- Consider personal protection gear
- Establish alarm procedures
- Intensify watchkeeping, extra security personnel
- Review latest advice on Safe Muster Points/Citadels
- Drill the crew
- Equip citadel/safe muster points: communications and provisions

PLAN FOR WORST CASE!

TRANSIT WITH CARE:
- Intensify watchkeeping – employ extra lookouts
- Keep large CPA to potential threats
- Treat every contact with suspicion
- Heightened readiness – engines, power supply and steering gear
- Darken ship – navlights on
- Have alarm procedures in place
- Have search lights ready
- Have self defence measures ready

STAY VIGILANT THROUGHOUT!

IF UNDER ATTACK:
- Raise Ship's Alarm
- Muster according to ship's contingency plan
- Activate SSAS, send distress call and ensure AIS is 'on'
- Set full speed up wind
- ZigZag to force pirates to cross stern wave
- Activate self defence: water spray, obstacles in water etc.
- Keep your head down in case of shots fired!

KEEP THE INITIATIVE!

IF BOARDED:
- Alert the company and authorities
- Go to safe muster point – offer no resistance
- If using citadel, make sure entire crew is inside!
- Maintain communication with authorities
- Leave any CCTV running

REMAIN CALM!