ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report
17-23 April 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 17-23 Apr 18, one incident of armed robbery against ship in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia.
The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:

**Contact details of the reporting centres**

- **Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao Operation Centre**
  - Tel: +63 928686 4125
  - +63 916626 0689
  - VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign "ENVY"
  - Email: hgdtswm@yahoo.com

- **Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS)**
  - Bongao, Tawi-Tawi
  - Tel: +63 917774 2293
  - VHF: Channel 16
  - Email: jointtaskgrouptt@gmail.com

- **Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)**
  - Tel: +60 89863181/016
  - Fax: +60 89863182
  - VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign "ESSCOM"
  - Email: bilikgerakanesscom@jpm.gov.my
Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
17-23 April 2018

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<tr>
<th>Ship Name</th>
<th>Type of Ship</th>
<th>Flag</th>
<th>Gross Tonnage</th>
<th>IMO Number</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Local time of Incident (LT)</th>
<th>Position of the Incident</th>
<th>Details of the Incident</th>
<th>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</th>
<th>Action taken by the master and crew</th>
<th>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority?</th>
<th>Which one?</th>
<th>Reporting State or International Organization</th>
<th>Coastal State Action Taken</th>
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<td>1. Katerina</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Cyprus</td>
<td>40002</td>
<td>9256884</td>
<td>22/4/18 0001 hrs</td>
<td>1°15.9' N, 104° 8.6' E</td>
<td>Approximately 4.7 nm northeast of Nongsa Point, Batam Island, Indonesia (eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) of Singapore Straits)</td>
<td>While underway, the duty officer sighted four perpetrators in the engine room. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Realising that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped immediately. A search was conducted and there was no further sighting of the perpetrators and no item was reported lost. The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. No item was stolen.</td>
<td>Master reported incident via VHF to Singapore Vessel Traffic Management. Raised the alarm and mustered crew.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Republic of Singapore, Singapore Police Coast Guard and Indonesian authority</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
<td>Initiated safety navigational broadcast to warn ships in the vicinity.</td>
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