Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 6-12 Nov 18, the ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of piracy or armed robbery against ships that occurred in Asia. However, an attempted incident of piracy outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The attempted incident occurred while the ship was sailing in the Gulf of Aden on 2 Nov 18. The detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to reroute from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the Centres as shown in map below.
RECOMMENDATION

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.
### Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships

#### 6-12 November 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? Which one?</th>
<th>Reporting State or International Organization</th>
<th>Coastal State Action Taken</th>
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<tr>
<td>Po Yang Hu</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>42010</td>
<td>9284374</td>
<td>2/11/18</td>
<td>1240 hrs</td>
<td>13°27.75'S 50°12.24'E Gulf of Aden</td>
<td>While sailing, the duty officer noticed a suspicious mother boat with unknown number of people on board and two skiffs with two men on board each skiff. The duty officer informed the master who activated security measures by activating the deck water spray, broadcasted the security situation through VHF Ch 16 and stationed three guards at the bridge. He commenced the lock down procedure and informed company's CSO, operator and UKMTO of the situation. When the tanker manoeuvres and increased speed, the mother boat and its two skiffs stopped chasing the tanker.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.</td>
<td>The master activated some preventive measures, made broadcast through VHF Ch 16 and commenced procedure to lock down the ship.</td>
<td>Yes Flag State (Singapore)</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
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