

# **Piracy & Robbery At Sea**

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## Summary

### *Asian September*

South East Asia saw a rise in incidents during September whilst the monsoon-hit East Africa remained relatively incident free until the latter part of the month. West Africa was low in activity, but included a hijack. South America (Caribbean) had a single incident.

As the southwest monsoon approached its end, East Africa saw the first reported attack in 3 months on an Omani dhow. The attack was reported via Omani authorities after the dhow had evaded hijack.

Suspicious activity was reported in the Southern Red Sea and Bab El Mandeb strait. An unusual incident occurred in the Mozambique Channel which saw a mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU) approached by 3 skiffs and another ship. The MODU security ships in the vicinity acted to intercept the vessels, which subsequently moved away.

West Africa continues to see cases of short-term hijacking for fuel cargo. A drifting chemical tanker was boarded by armed pirates. The crew shut down/disabled machinery and retreated to the citadel. Nigerian navy dispatched a helicopter to locate the ship. Nigerian navy and a foreign warship followed up distress alert resulting in the rescue of the vessel

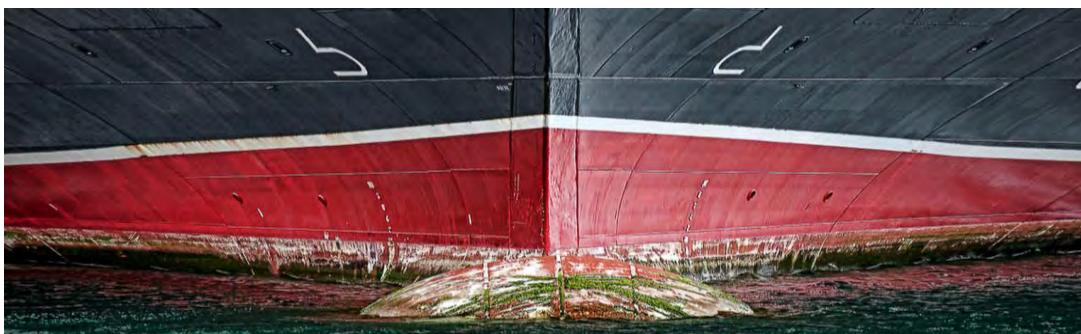
and 23 crew. Pirates were not reported to have been captured.

In Asia, 15 incidents took place with the hijack of MT Scorpio the most prominent. The tanker had been hijacked. Robbers were noticed descending into a speed boat tied alongside the tanker. The speed boat departed from the tanker and headed towards Karimun Island, Indonesia. There was another ship (MT Sea Jade) tied alongside the tanker suspected to be stealing cargo. The Coast Guard boarded the tanker and found and freed the 12 crew members with their hands tied up. The majority of other incidents were cases of robbery; a definite rise in incidents from 9 reported in August.

South America saw one robbery incident in Port Au Prince, Haiti in September.

Situational mapping in the following pages indicate the approximated positions of recorded incidents, wherever possible. (Note: NS = Not Shown).

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## Horn of Africa/IOR



Fig 1: Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean Region

### HoA/IOR Piracy and Robbery At Sea – September 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	15 Sep	Harvest Festival	Marshall Islands Bulk Carrier	Anchorage IPL, Alexandria, Egypt (Robbery)
2	24 Sep	Hussain 1	Oman Dhow	Off Salalah Port, Oman (Pirate Attack)
NS	25 Sep	Dhirubhai Deepwater KG2	Marshall Islands Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit	Mozambique Channel



## West Africa

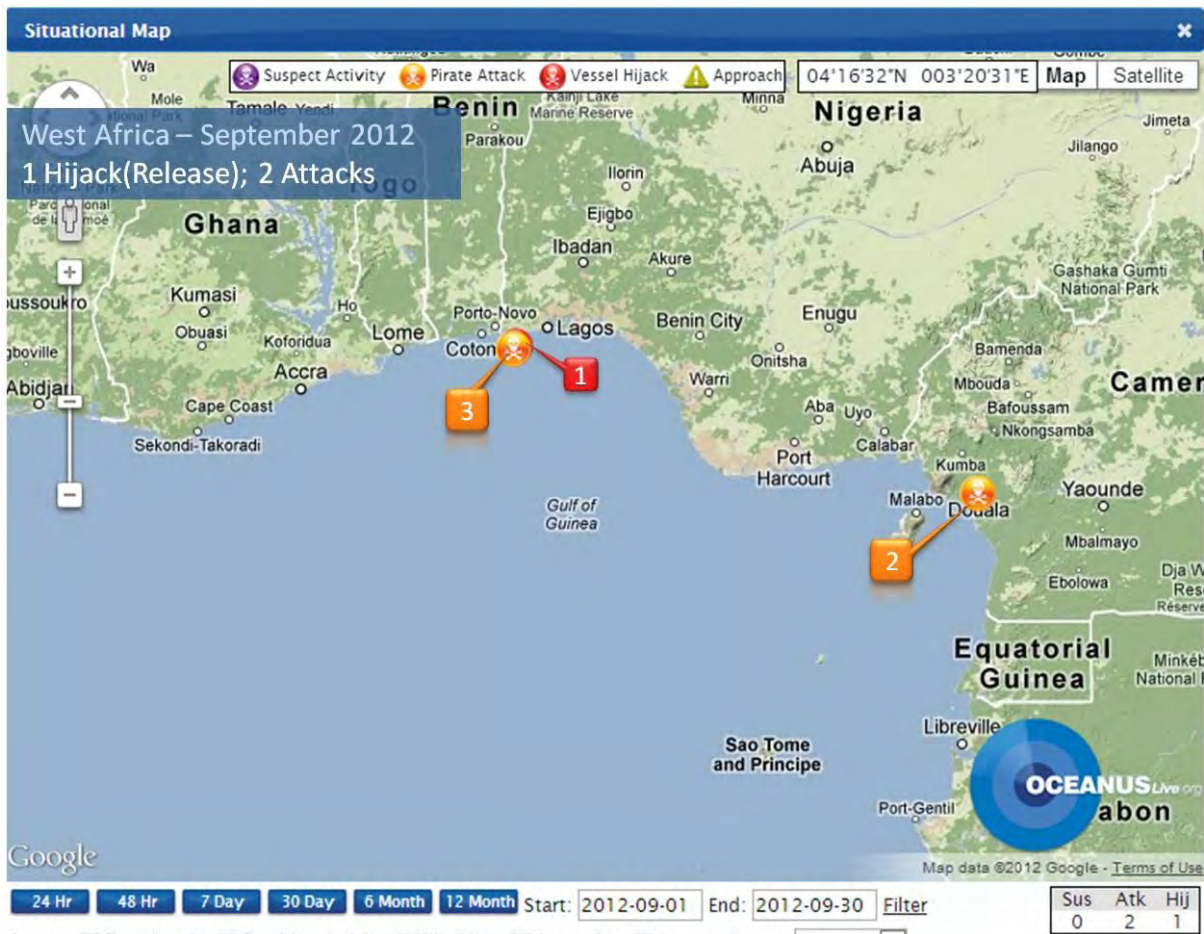


Fig 2: West Africa

### West Africa Piracy and Robbery At Sea – September 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	5 Sep	Abu Dhabi Star	Singapore Tanker	Off Lagos, Nigeria (Hijacked/Rescued)
2	8 Sep	Emmanuel	Panama LPG Tanker	Douala Port, Cameroon (Robbery)
3	9 Sep	Torm Gertrud	Denmark Tanker	SW of Lagos, Nigeria (Attempted Boarding)







## Southeast Asia



Fig 3: South East Asia

### South East Asia Piracy and Robbery At Sea – September 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	2 Sep	Unknown	Unknown Bulk Carrier	Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia (Robbery)
2	3 Sep	Rudolf Schulte	Singapore Tanker	Belawan anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery – AB held hostage/freed)
3	4 Sep	Bum Chin	Hong Kong China Chemical Tanker	Kabil Port, Batam, Indonesia (Robbery)
4	6 Sep	Pacific Installer	Barge Carrier	Buffalo Rock Lt, Malacca Strait/Singapore Strait (Robbery)
5	7 Sep	Malhari	India Chemical Tanker	NW of Sagar Lt, India (Robbery)
6	8 Sep	BW Broker	Liberia LPG Tanker	Teluk, Semangka, Indonesia (Failed Robbery)
7	8 Sep	Kiel	Singapore Product Tanker	Off Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia (Robbery)
8	11 Sep	Sinar Baten	Panama Container Ship	Belawan anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)
9	14 Sep	<b>Scorpio</b>	<b>Tuvalu Tanker</b>	<b>Off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (Hijack/Released – 12 crew tied up)</b>
10	16 Sep	E R Copenhagen	German Container Ship	Jakarta Lt House, Jakarta anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)





11	19 Sep	Liberty Prrudencia	Hong Kong China Bulk Carrier	Chittagong anchorage, Bangladesh (Robbery – AB threatened w/ knife/tied)
12	22 Sep	Bintang	Mongolai Chemical Tanker	Off Tanjung Piai (Robbery)
13	24 Sep	E Elephant	Marshall Islands Tanker	Nipah anchorage, Indonesia (Attempt Borading/Robbery)
14	25 Sep	Go Canopus	Singapore Tug	NW of Bintan Island, Indonesia (Robbery)
15	29 Sep	Fairchem Colt	Panama Chemical Tanker	Belawan anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery – AB knife-held/tied up)





## South America



Fig 4. – South America

### South America Piracy and Robbery At Sea – September 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	21 Sep	Western Cruiser	Antigua & Barbuda General Cargo Ship	Port Au Prince anchorage, Haiti (Robbery)






### Guidelines for tug boats and barges against Piracy and Sea Robbery

The ReCAAP ISC urges masters and crew of tug boats to maintain vigilance and exercise enhanced anti-piracy watch when manoeuvring their tugs and barges in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Tug masters are strongly encouraged to adhere to the “Guidelines for Tug Boats and Barges against Piracy and Sea Robbery” which was jointly produced by the ReCAAP ISC and the Information Fusion Centre (IFC), as shown below. A copy of the poster can be downloaded from the ReCAAP ISC website at [www.recaap.org](http://www.recaap.org), or click on the image.

# Guidelines for Tug Boats and Barges

## Against Piracy and Sea Robbery

### Pre-Sailing Checklist

- Ensure physical security of tug/barge in place
- Verify information on contact points and test emergency communication devices

- Brief crew on transit areas and risk assessment
- Update on knowledge on recent piracy and robbery areas, and reporting procedure

### Advice for Master and Crew During Sailing

- T** Total vigilance and situation awareness
- U** Undertake evasive manoeuvres
- G** Gather all crew and inform about the situation
- S** Ship's security plan to be briefed and tested

- B** Block all possible access and entry points
- A** Activate alarm to notify owner/authorities/ships in vicinity
- R** Remain in continuous communication with owner/authorities
- G** Go to safe muster point; offer no resistance
- E** Endeavour to provide physical description of pirates/robbers
- S** Share information and experience with investigators/seafarers

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