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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 13 August– 10 September 2025

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(U) Executive Summary

(U) Scope

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) report provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

(U) Warnings, Advisories and Alerts: See Appendix C for active advisories.

(U) Summary:

1. (U) MALAYSIA: On 09 September, one perpetrator boarded a Malaysia-flagged tanker while anchored at Sepangar Bay anchorage.

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(U) Monthly Incidents by Region

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the past 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event that double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

(U) NORTH AMERICA

1. (U) MEXICO: On 18 August at 2230 local time, an unspecified number of robbers armed with rifles boarded an oil platform approximately 58 NM northwest of Ciudad del Carmen in the Bay of Campeche, near position 19:33N – 092:16W. After boarding the platform, the robbers approached the accommodation complex, firing their weapons into the air to scare personnel onboard. The perpetrators stole a number of self-contained breathing apparatus before fleeing the area. No injuries to the crew or personnel onboard were reported. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. **(U) RED SEA:** On 31 August at 1730 UTC, the Liberia-flagged tanker *Scarlet Ray* was attacked while approximately 40 NM southwest of Yanbu, Saudi Arabia near position 23:37N – 037:34E. The tanker did not report any damage. The crew were safe with no injuries reported. (UKMTO, Clearwater Dynamic, VesselTracker.com)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Attempted Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia

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1. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 09 September at 0248 local time, one robber was observed on the port side of the main deck on a Malaysia-flagged tanker while anchored at Sepang Bay anchorage. Upon being spotted, the perpetrator jumped overboard and escaped with an accomplice in a small boat. Nothing was reported stolen. The incident was reported to Port control. (Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 28 August at 2242 local time, four unarmed perpetrators were sighted onboard the Marshall Island-flagged bulk carrier *Georgitsi* while in the eastbound lane of the

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Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:38E. Nothing was stolen. No crew were injured and the vessel did not require any assistance. (ReCAAP, Clearwater Dynamics, IMB)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

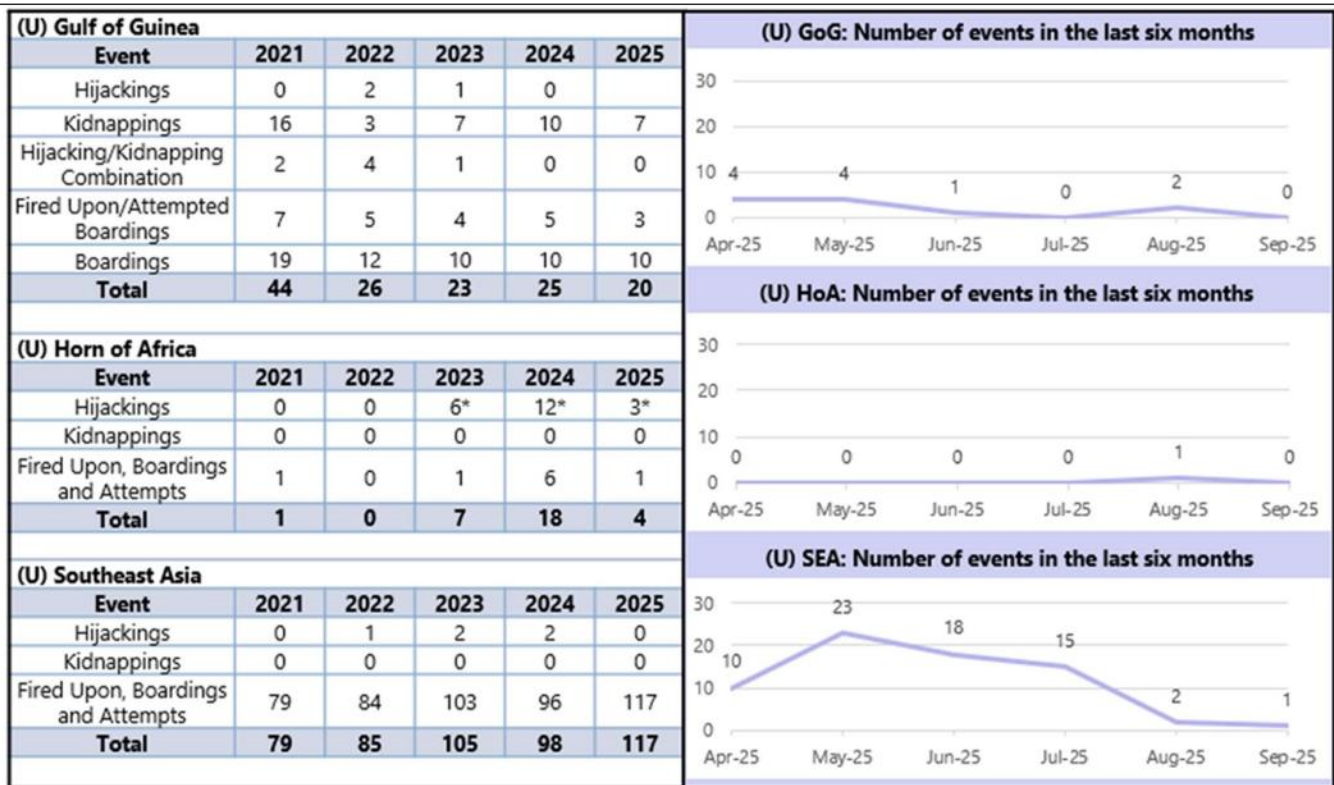
(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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(U) * HORN OF AFRICA HIJACKING NUMBERS INCLUDE DHOWS AND FISHING VESSELS

(U) Appendix B: Definitions

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis.

- > (U) **Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- > (U) **Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- > (U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized embarkation of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- > (U) **Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- > (U) **Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- > (U) **Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- > (U) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- > (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- > (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

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(U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

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(U) Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
2025-11: Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations	29 Aug 2025	28 Feb 2026
2025-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean –Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom	13 Aug 2025	9 Feb 2026
2025-009: Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding / Detention / Seizure	13 Aug 2025	9 Feb 2026
2025-008: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom	18 Jun 2025	15 Dec 2025
2025-007: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
2025-006: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
2025-005: Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	28 Mar 2025	24 Sep 2025

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