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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 6 August–3 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.

1. **(U) U.S. Maritime Advisory (2025-011: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations)** Issued on 29 August 2025. This advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2025-004. Since February 2022, commercial vessels have reportedly been struck by projectiles and experienced explosions in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov. There have also been reports of moored and drifting naval mines. While some past actions may have targeted specific commercial vessels due to their association with certain countries or their activity, the potential remains for miscalculation or misidentification, resulting in a high risk of damage to commercial vessels in the region. For more information about U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, including subscription details, please visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci>. This advisory will automatically expire on 28 February 2026.

(U) Summary:

1. (U) RED SEA: On 31 August, a Liberia-flagged tanker was attacked while underway approximately 40 NM Southwest of Yanbu, Saudi Arabia.
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 August, four perpetrators boarded a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).

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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)
2. (U) MEXICO: On 9 August at an unspecified time, six robbers armed with pistols and rifles boarded an offshore supply vessel while operating off Dos Bocas in the Bay of Campeche, near position 18:39N – 093:18W. After threatening the crew, the robbers stole a number of breathing apparatuses, and then escaped. The crew and vessel were reported safe following the incident. (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.

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(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 12 August at an unspecified time, a number of perpetrators attacked a passenger boat while underway from Bille to Port Harcourt, Rivers State waterways (exact position not specified). It was also reported that the same perpetrators were associated with other attacks within the area. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

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(U) Figure 1. Merchant Vessel Attacked in the Red Sea



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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 reported safe with no injuries. (UKMTO, Clearwater Dynamic, VesselTracker.com)

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) Figure 2. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia



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1. (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 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

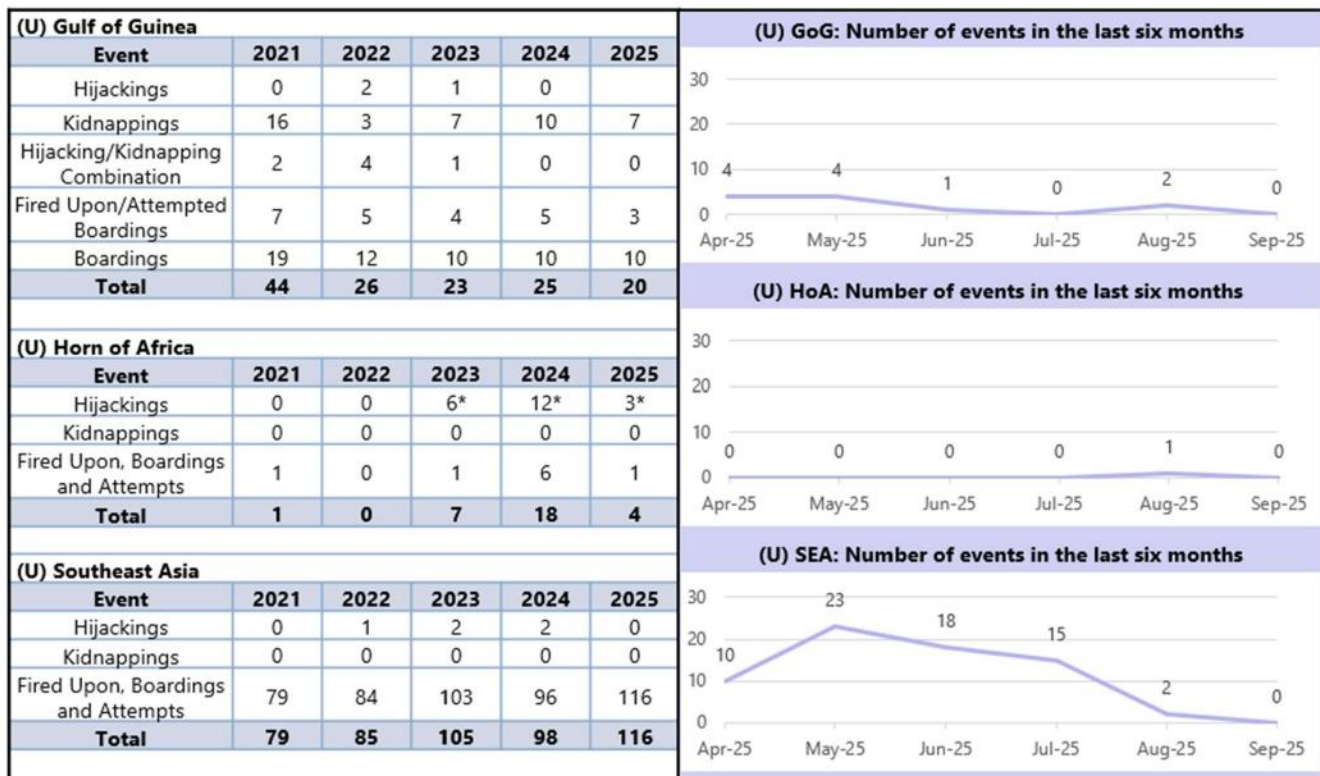
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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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