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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 5 March–2 April 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 2025-005: Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels.**

Issued on 28 March 2025. This advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2025-001. On 15 March, U. S. forces commenced strikes against targets used by Houthi terrorists in Yemen to launch attacks against commercial and military vessels operating within international shipping lanes. Houthi forces have subsequently threatened to strike U.S. assets, including commercial vessels, and are at high risk until further notice. For maritime industry questions about this advisory, contact the Global Maritime Operational Threat Response Coordination Center at GMCC@uscg.mil. Supplemental information about U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, including subscription details, may be found at: <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci>. This message will automatically expire on 24 September 2025.

(U) Summary:

1. (U) HAITI: On 2 April, perpetrators boarded a Panama-flagged bulk carrier while near the port of Port-au-Prince.
2. (U) RED SEA: On 2 April, several vessels experienced electronic interference in the central region, with disruptions lasting several hours.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 March, three perpetrators boarded a Singapore-flagged container ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
4. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 March, one perpetrator boarded a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
5. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 March, one perpetrator boarded a Malta-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 March, four perpetrators boarded a Singapore-flagged container ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.

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7. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 March, five perpetrators boarded a Liberia-flagged tanker while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 March, four robbers boarded an Indonesia-flagged container ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
9. (U) NIGERIA: On 28 March, armed persons attacked a passenger boat while underway from Bonny to Port Harcourt in the Bonny River, Rivers State.
10. (U) GHANA: On 27 March, five armed pirates boarded a Ghana-flagged fishing vessel approximately 16 NM south of Accra and abducted three crew members of Chinese nationality.
11. (U) INDONESIA: On 26 March, four perpetrators boarded a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
12. (U) NIGERIA: On 26 March, armed men in a speedboat attacked a passenger boat while underway from Elem Kalabari to Port Harcourt in the Calabar River, Rivers State.
13. (U) INDONESIA: On 22 March, four perpetrators attempted to board a tanker while anchored at Tarahan Anchorage in the Sunda Strait.

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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

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

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(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in the Caribbean



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1. **(U) HAITI:** On 2 April, perpetrators boarded a Panama-flagged bulk carrier while near the port of Port-au-Prince. Six crew members were safe in the engine room with two crew members taken hostage by the perpetrators. The status of the remaining crew was not confirmed. (Clearwater Dynamics; lenouvelliste.com)
2. (U) COLOMBIA: On 13 March at 2217 local time, eight perpetrators in two speedboats boarded a Portugal-flagged container ship while underway approximately 36 NM northwest of Santa Marta, near position 11:49N – 074:25W. The bridge raised the alarm and notified the authorities which resulted in a patrol boat being dispatched to investigate the incident. The crew mustered in the citadel until it was observed that the perpetrators had made their escape. The container ship diverted to Santa Marta under direction of the coast guard in order to be inspected. The master confirmed that the crew was safe and that nothing had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)
3. (U) ECUADOR: On 8 March at 0030 local time, robbers in two unlit speedboats approached a container ship while underway approximately 14 NM west of Isla Puna Island, near position 02:53S – 080:30W. As the speedboats approached the vessel, the master alerted local authorities, and when the perpetrators attempted to board the ship, the master increased speed and conducted evasive maneuvers, which resulted in the perpetrators aborting their attempt. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

(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

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(U) Figure 2. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Gulf of Guinea

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1. **(U) NIGERIA:** On 28 March at 1420 local time, armed persons attacked a passenger boat while underway from Bonny to Port Harcourt in an inland waterway, the Bonny River, Rivers State, near position 04:36N – 007:10E. The Nigerian Navy received a distress call while on routine patrol and responded to the incident. The four perpetrators armed with a rifle fled the area and the 15 passengers were reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) GHANA:** On 27 March at 1753 local time, five armed pirates boarded the Ghana-flagged fishing vessel *Meng Xin 1* approximately 16 NM south of Accra, near position 05:16N – 000:11W. The pirates kidnapped the vessel's captain, chief mate, and chief engineer, all of Chinese nationality. After the incident, the fishing vessel headed to Tema harbor for further investigations. (MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; vesseltracker.com)
3. **(U) NIGERIA:** On 26 March, armed men in a speedboat attacked a passenger boat while underway from Elem Kalabari to Port Harcourt in the Calabar River, Rivers State (time and exact location not specified). The perpetrators who kidnapped three passengers were demanding 10 million Naira for their release. (Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) GULF OF GUINEA:** On 17 March at 2100 UTC, 10 pirates in one speedboat boarded the Panama-flagged asphalt tanker *Bitu River* while underway approximately 40 NM southeast of Santo Antonio on the island of Principe, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, near position 01:16N –

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007:59E. After the boarding, the crew retreated to the citadel. Reports stated that shots had been fired but that no crew injuries had been reported. On 18 March at 0719 UTC, the company security officer reported that the pirates had disembarked the tanker with 10 kidnapped crew, including the captain and the chief engineer. The ten abducted crew members were specifically chosen and comprise of seven Indian nationals and three Romanian nationals. The vessel had then headed to Libreville, Gabon, for a safe port. (MDAT-GoG; IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; vesseltracker.com)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

1. (U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ: On 10 March at 1830 UTC, vessels experienced GPS interference, with disruptions lasting several hours, affecting navigation systems and requiring vessels to rely on backup methods. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

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(U) Figure 3. Suspicious Activity in the Red Sea



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1. (U) RED SEA: On 2 April at 0700 UTC, vessels experienced electronic interference in the central region, near position 21:00N – 038:10E, with disruptions lasting several hours,

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affecting navigation systems and requiring vessels to rely on backup methods. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

- (U) SOMALIA: On 16 March at 1300 UTC, eight armed pirates boarded, took the crew hostage, and hijacked the Yemen-flagged fishing dhow *Al Hidayah* while operating off the coast of Durdura in the Indian Ocean (exact position not specified). The Yemen Coast Guard Headquarters in Aden confirmed the incident and stated that the dhow is crewed by eight Somali nationals. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) Figure 4. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia



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- (U) INDONESIA: On 30 March at 0255 local time, three perpetrators boarded the Singapore-flagged container ship *Kota Halus* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The duty crew sighted the perpetrators on the port poop deck moving toward the aft station. After being spotted, the perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped in a small boat. The master raised the alarm and the crew conducted a search. During the search, the crew discovered that a portable welding machine was missing. All crew members were reported safe and not injured. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

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2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 30 March at 0145 local time, one perpetrator boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Junior* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:09N – 103:47E. After the perpetrator was sighted at the starboard quarter of the ship, the master raised the alarm and a search was conducted. Seeing the crew's alertness, the perpetrator jumped overboard. All crew were reported as safe and nothing was reported stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 30 March at 0125 local time, one perpetrator boarded the Malta-flagged bulk carrier *Andreas Petrakis* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. The duty engineer sighted the perpetrator with a gun-like object in the engine room. The bridge was informed and the master raised the alarm. The crew conducted a search with no further sighting of perpetrators. All crew were reported as not injured and that nothing was stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
4. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 29 March at 0515 local time, four perpetrators boarded the Singapore-flagged container ship *Wan Hai 327* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. The duty crew sighted the perpetrators on the starboard quarter of the ship and notified the bridge. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew to search the ship. The crew reported no further sighting of the perpetrators, nothing was stolen and that no crew members were injured. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
5. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 29 March at 0408 local time, five perpetrators boarded the Liberia-flagged tanker *Agneta Pallas III* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:07N – 103:44E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators at the starboard quarter of the ship's stern area and notified the bridge. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew to search the ship. After the search, the crew reported that no perpetrators were found onboard, that nothing was stolen, and that no crew were injured. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
6. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 28 March at 0630 local time, four robbers boarded the Indonesia-flagged container ship *Selatan Damai* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:09N – 103:47E. The duty crew spotted the robbers moving to the engine room from the portside main deck and notified the bridge. The master raised the alarm and the crew mustered to search the ship. Seeing the alertness of the crew, the robbers escaped. During the search, the crew discovered that engine spare parts were stolen. The crew were reported safe and uninjured. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
7. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 26 March at 0118 local time, four perpetrators boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Su May* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:46E. The perpetrators attempted to board the ship on the

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port quarter from a wooden boat. The alarm was raised, and a searchlight was shined at the perpetrators who then escaped. The crew mustered and conducted a search. Nothing was stolen except that a small section of razor wire on the port quarter had been cut. All crew were reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

8. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 22 March at 0415 local time, four perpetrators attempted to board a tanker while anchored at Tarahan Anchorage, near position 05:33S – 105:18E. The alarm was raised as one perpetrator made the attempt, which resulted in the perpetrators escaping empty-handed. The incident was reported to the Vessel Traffic Service. (Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 23 March at 1210 local time, three perpetrators boarded the barge *Jin Hwa 44* under tow by the Malaysia-flagged tugboat *Jin Hwa 43* while underway at the eastern approaches to the Singapore Strait in the South China Sea, near position 01:24N – 104:31E. The perpetrators had boarded the barge from a small boat and departed after about 20 minutes. The crew was unable to determine any loss of property. All crew members were reported safe, the vessels did not require assistance and proceeded to their next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
10. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 23 March at 0138 local time, two perpetrators armed with gun-like objects boarded the Bangladesh-flagged bulk carrier *Fatema Jahan I* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:46E. After the duty crew sighted the perpetrators in the engine room, the master was notified and the alarm was raised. The crew conducted a search for the perpetrators, with no perpetrators found onboard. The master reported that all crew members were safe and nothing was stolen. The ship did not require assistance and has continued its transit to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
11. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 19 March at 0330 local time, two robbers armed with knives boarded the Singapore-flagged container ship *CNC Leopard* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The duty crew observed the robbers on deck and notified the master. The alarm was raised and a PA announcement was made resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores. After the incident, the captain reported that the crew was safe, that the vessel did not require assistance, and it was proceeding to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; ReCAAP)
12. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 17 March at 0532 local time, robbers from three sampans boarded the barge *POE 2502* under tow by the Malaysia-flagged tugboat *Bonspeed 10* while underway in the westbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:12N – 103:34E. After the robbers were spotted boarding the barge, the master raised the alarm. Before departing the

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barge, the robbers stole scrap metal. Crew members were not injured. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

13. (U) MALAYSIA: On 16 March at 0856 local time, robbers from two sampans boarded the barge *POE 2502* under tow by the Malaysia-flagged tugboat *Bonspeed 10* while underway in the approaches to the westbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS. The master had the crew conduct a search but no perpetrators were found onboard the barge. The crew was not injured and scrap metal had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
14. (U) MALAYSIA: On 16 March at 001 local time, robbers boarded the container barge *Linau 135* under tow by the Malaysia-flagged tugboat *Danum 70* while underway in the westbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:17N – 104:10E. A search conducted after the vessels reached the Western Anchorage Area of Singapore revealed that containers had been pried open and seals cut. Items missing included a gangway ladder from the barge and items from containers on the barge. All crew were safe with no injuries reported. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
15. (U) INDONESIA: ON 13 March at 0330 local time, four robbers armed with knives and guns boarded a container ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. After boarding, the robbers entered the engine room, restrained the duty oiler crew, and locked them in a side room. The second engineer discovered the duty oiler crew and released them. The alarm was raised and the ship's crew mustered to search the vessel which confirmed that the robbers had made their escape with stolen engine spare parts. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
16. (U) INDONESIA: On 11 March at 0240 local time, six robbers armed with guns boarded the Panama-flagged crude oil tanker *Prisma* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The robbers entered the engine room and took the chief and third engineers hostage and tied them up. The two crew managed to escape and notify the bridge of the unauthorized persons onboard. The bridge raised the alarm and activated the ship's horn, and the crew mustered. The perpetrators, seeing the ship's crew in an alerted state, escaped empty-handed. The master reported all crew members were safe, that the vessel did not require assistance and was continuing to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB)
17. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 March at 0145 local time, six robbers boarded the Panama-flagged general cargo ship *Mito* while berthed at port in Jakarta, near position 06:05S – 106:53E. The robbers damaged the entrance door to the wheelhouse and the anti-piracy grating, and stole generator spare parts before departing the ship. The master reported that no crew members were injured. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)

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18. (U) MALAYSIA: On 7 March at 2022 local time, three robbers boarded the barge *LKH 7887* under tow by the Singapore-flagged tugboat *HK Tug 9* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:17N – 104:20E. The master confirmed that the robbers had disembarked from the barge, the crew was not injured and there was no damage to the vessel. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

1. (U) INDIA: On 21 March at 2359 local time, as many as seven robbers boarded the Panama-flagged container ship *Xin Long Yun 58* while anchored at Kandla Anchorage, near position 22:45N – 070:02E. After the duty crew spotted the robbers on the forecastle, the alarm was raised which resulted in the perpetrators escaping with stolen ship's property. The crew was not injured. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; ReCAAP)
2. (U) INDIA: On 7 March at 2023 local time, three robbers armed with knives boarded an offshore supply vessel while anchored at Kakinada Anchorage, near position 17:00N – 082:19E. The duty crew spotted the robbers cutting mooring lines. After the alarm was raised, the perpetrators escaped into a small boat with the stolen mooring lines. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

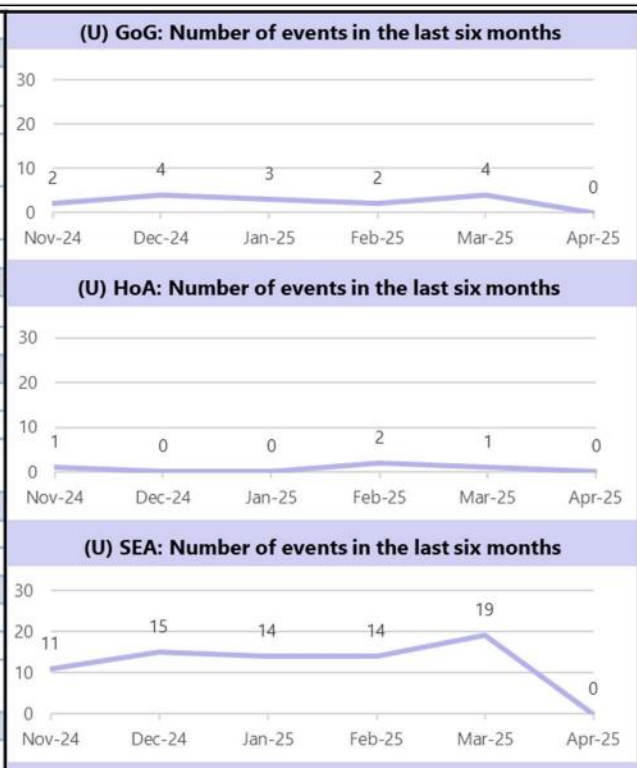
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(U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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(U) Gulf of Guinea					
Event	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hijackings	0	2	1	0	0
Kidnappings	16	3	7	10	4
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	2	4	1	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings	7	5	4	5	1
Boardings	19	12	10	10	4
Total	44	26	23	25	9
(U) Horn of Africa					
Event	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hijackings	0	0	6*	12*	3*
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	1	0	1	6	0
Total	1	0	7	18	3
(U) Southeast Asia					
Event	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hijackings	0	1	2	1	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	79	84	103	97	47
Total	79	85	105	98	47



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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
2025-005: 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
2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations	5 Mar 2025	1 Sep 2025
2025-003: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2025-002: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/Detention/Seizure	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2024-014: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	20 Dec 2024	17 Jun 2025
2024-013: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	11 Oct 2024	11 Apr 2025
2024-011: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	9 Oct 2024	7 Apr 2025

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