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INTRODUCTION

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialised division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, all interests and organization to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 31 December 2009.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in October 1992 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The key services of the PRC are:

- Issuing daily status reports on piracy and armed robbery to ships via broadcasts on the Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service
- Reporting piracy and armed robbery at sea incidents to law enforcement and the IMO
- Helping local law enforcement apprehend pirates and assist in bringing them to justice
- Assisting shipowners whose vessels have been attacked or hijacked
- Assisting crewmembers whose vessels have been attacked
- Providing updates on pirate activity via the Internet
- Publishing comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing piracy statistics

The services of the PRC are provided free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The IMB also locates ships seized by pirates and recovers stolen cargos on a chargeable basis.

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Piracy report on the Internet: The IMB posts updates of attacks on the Internet at www.icc-ccs.org. By posting the information on the Internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access these updates regularly and make informed decisions on the risks associated with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as at 31 December 2009, received reports of 406 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Because of the recent debate concerning Malacca Straits, narrations of incidents in this area are shown as separate categories. Similarly because of the increasing serious incidents off Somalia, incidents in this area are also shown as separate categories.

Attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the east coast of Somalia have been grouped together in the narrations for easy reading.

COMMENTS OF DEFINITIONS AND FIGURES

For *statistical purposes*, the IMB defines Piracy and Armed Robbery as;

“An act of boarding or attempting to board any ship with the apparent intent to commit theft or any other crime and with the apparent intent or capability to use force in the furtherance of that act”.

This definition thus covers actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea. Petty thefts are excluded unless the thieves are armed.

The above definition has been adopted by the IMB as the majority of attacks against ships take place within the jurisdictions of States and piracy as defined under United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (1982) does not address this aspect.

The IMB is pleased to record that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 74th meeting of MSC addressed this matter in the draft Code of practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) article (2.2) (The Code of Practice).

The Code of Practice defines “Piracy” and “Armed Robbery against Ships” as follows;

- Piracy means unlawful acts as defined in article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

ARTICLE 101

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-

(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;

(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

- *“Armed Robbery against Ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of “piracy”, directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State’s jurisdiction over such offences”*

The above definitions now cover actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea.

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- Japan P&I Club, Japan
- SKULD
- The North of England P&I Association Ltd
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**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks.
January – December: 2005 – 2009**

Locations	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
S E ASIA Indonesia	79	50	43	28	15
Malacca Straits	12	11	7	2	2
Malaysia	3	10	9	10	16
Myanmar (Burma)				1	1
Philippines		6	6	7	1
Singapore Straits	7	5	3	6	9
Thailand	1	1	2		1
FAR EAST China	4	1			1
Papua New Guinea			1		
Solomon Islands			1		
South China Sea	6	1	3		13
Vietnam	10	3	5	11	9
INDIAN SUB Bangladesh	21	47	15	12	17
CONTINENT India	15	5	11	10	12
Sri Lanka		1	4	1	
SOUTH Argentina		1			
AMERICA Brazil	2	7	4	1	5
Colombia	2	2		1	5
Costa Rica					3
Dominican Republic	1				
Ecuador		1		2	2
Guyana	1	1	5		
Haiti	2		2	2	4
Jamaica	8	3	1		
Peru	6	9	6	5	13
Salvador	1				
Suriname			2		
Trinidad & Tobago		1			
Venezuela	2	4	1	3	5
AFRICA Angola		4	1	2	
Benin					1
Cameroon	2	1		2	3
Congo				1	
Dem. Congo Republic		3	4	1	2
Egypt			2		
Equatorial Guinea				1	
Eritrea			1		
Ghana	3	3	1	7	3
Guinea	1	4	2		5
Guinea Bissau					1
Gulf of Aden *	10	10	13	92	116
Ivory Coast	3	1		3	2
Kenya			4	2	1
Liberia			1	1	
Madagascar	1		1		
Mauritania	1	1			
Morocco	1		1	1	
Mozambique			3	2	
Nigeria	16	12	42	40	28
Red Sea**					15
Sierra Leone		2	2		
Somalia	35	10	31	19	80
Tanzania	7	9	11	14	5

Togo		1		1	2
REST OF Arabian Sea***	2	2	4		1
WORLD Belgium		1			
Caspian Sea					1
France				1	
Gulf of Oman					1
Indian Ocean****	1				1
Iran		2	2		
Iraq	10	2	2		
Oman*****			3		4
Saudi Arabia		1			
Seychelles				1	
United Kingdom			1		
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	406

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

**Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman

All of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following locations shared more than two thirds of the total reported incidents, i.e. 287 from a total of 406 reported attacks for the period.

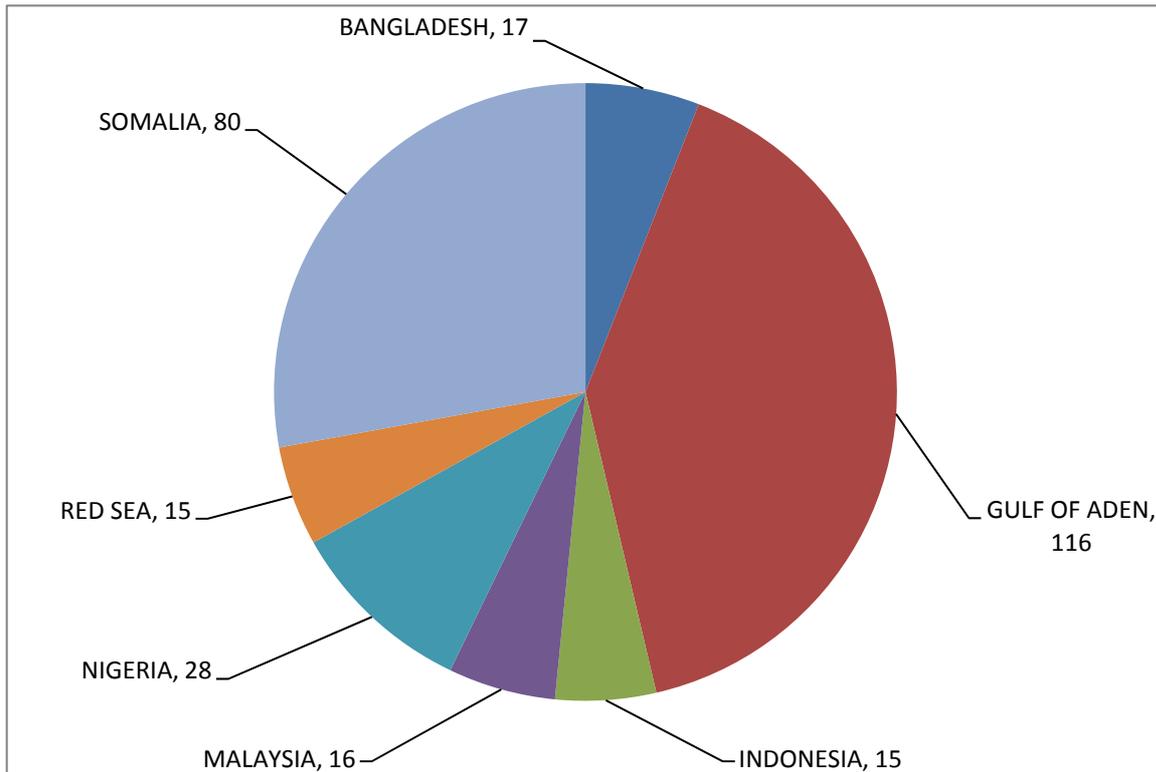


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2009

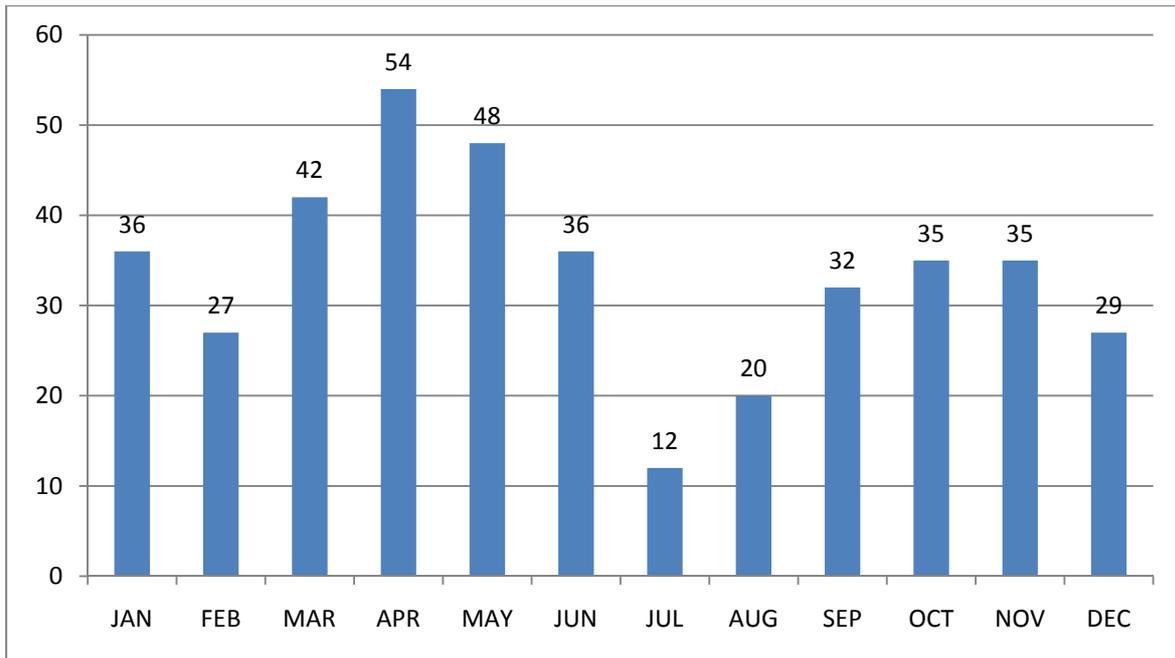


Chart C: Total Incidents as per region of the world January – December 2009

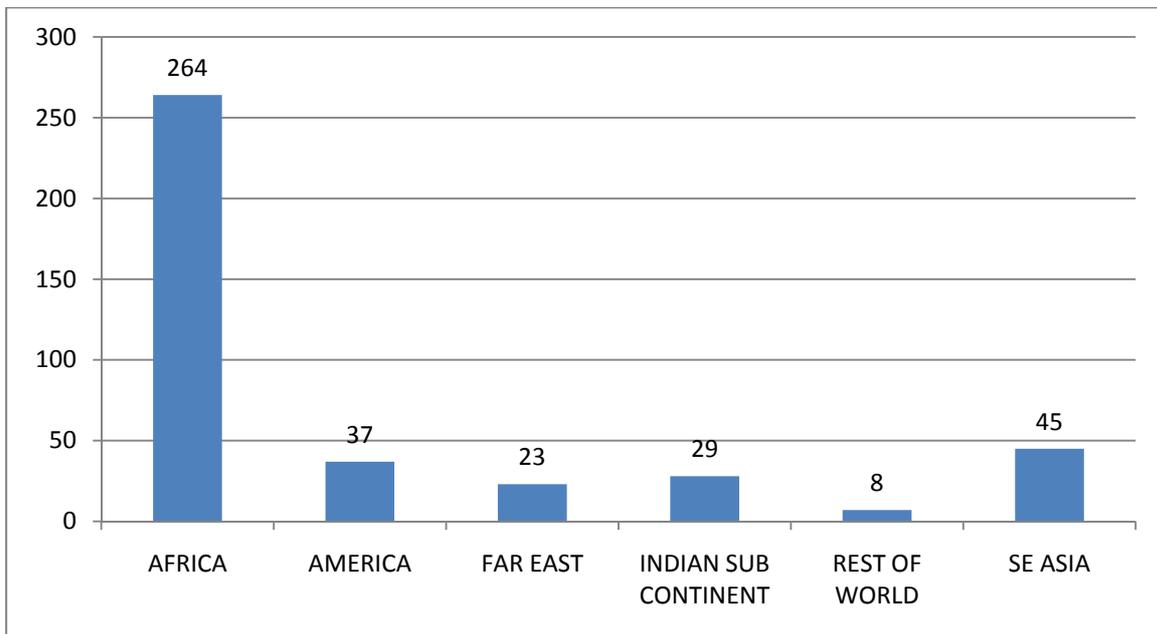


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – December 2009

Location		ACTUAL ATTACKS				ATTEMPTED ATTACKS		
		Boarded	Hijacked	Detained	Missing	Fired Upon	Attempted Boarding	
S E ASIA	Indonesia	10					5	
	Malacca Straits	2						
	Malaysia	13					3	
	Myanmar	1						
	Philippines	1						
	Singapore Straits	6					3	
	Thailand	1						
FAR EAST	China	1						
	South China Sea	11	1			1		
	Vietnam	9						
INDIAN	Bangladesh	14					3	
SUB CONT	India	10					2	
SOUTH	Brazil	5						
AMERICA	Colombia	5						
	Costa Rica	3						
	Ecuador	2						
	Haiti	3					1	
	Peru	12					1	
	Venezuela	4					1	
	AFRICA	Benin	1					
		Cameroon	2					1
Dem. Republic Congo		2						
Ghana		3						
Guinea		2				2	1	
Guinea Bissau							1	
Gulf of Aden*			20			64	32	
Ivory Coast		2						
Kenya		1						
Nigeria		21	1			3	3	
Red Sea**						3	12	
Somalia	1	26			45	8		
Tanzania	4					1		
Togo						2		
REST OF	Arabian Sea						1	
WORLD	Caspian Sea	1						
	Gulf of Oman						1	
	Indian Ocean						1	
	Oman*****		1			2	1	
	Sub total	153	49	-	-	120	84	
Total	406							

*Gulf of Aden

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**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents.
January - December 2009**

Country	Location	1.1.2009 to 31.12.2009
Bangladesh	Chittagong	17
Cameroon	Douala	3
Guinea	Conakry	4
Haiti	Port Au Prince	4
India	Kakinada	3
India	Kochin	3
Indonesia	Balongan	3
Indonesia	Belawan	3
Malaysia	Sandakan	4
Nigeria	Lagos	15
Peru	Callao	12
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	5
Venezuela	Puerta la Cruz	4
Vietnam	Vung Tau	3

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January - December 2009

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA Indonesia	2	8		
Malacca Straits			2	
Malaysia	2	5	6	
Myanmar (Burma)		1		
Philippines			1	
Singapore Straits		4	2	
Thailand/Gulf of Thailand				1
FAR EAST China		1		
South China Sea			12	
Vietnam	1	7	1	
INDIAN Bangladesh		12	2	
SUB CONT India	2	8		
SOUTH AMERICA Brazil	1	4		
Colombia		5		
Costa Rica		3		
Ecuador			2	
Haiti		3		
Peru	2	10		
Venezuela	1	3		
AFRICA Benin		1		
Cameroon		2		
Dem. Republic Congo		2		
Ghana		3		
Guinea		1	1	
Gulf Aden*			20	
Ivory coast		2		
Kenya		1		
Nigeria	5	11	6	
Somalia			27	
Tanzania		4		
REST OF Caspian Sea			1	
WORLD Oman			1	
Sub Total	16	101	84	1
Total	202			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

**Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December 2009

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA Indonesia		3	2	
Malaysia		1	2	
Singapore Straits		2	1	
FAR EAST South China Sea			1	
INDIAN Bangladesh		2	1	
SUB CONT India		2		
AMERICA Haiti		1		
Peru		1		
Venezuela		1		
AFRICA Cameroon			1	
Guinea			3	
Guinea Bissau			1	
Gulf of Aden*			96	
Nigeria	1	2	3	
Red Sea**			15	
Somalia			53	
Tanzania		1		
Togo		2		
REST OF Arabian Sea***			1	
WORLD Gulf of Oman			1	
Indian Ocean****			1	
Oman*****			3	
Sub Total	1	18	185	
Total	204			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

**Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman

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TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January - December 2005 - 2009

Types of Arms	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Guns	80	53	72	139	240
Knives	80	76	67	68	70
Not stated	103	100	110	80	90
Other weapons	13	10	14	6	6
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	406

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January - December 2005 – 2009

Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Attempted	52	56	62	47	84
Boarded	182	162	169	151	153
Fired upon	19	7	14	46	120
Hijack	23	14	18	49	49
Total	276	239	263	293	406

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2005 – 2009

Types of Violence	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Assaulted	6	2	29	7	4
Hostage	440	188	292	889	1052
Injured	24	15	35	32	68
Kidnap/Ransom	13	77	63	42	12
Killed	-	15	5	11	8
Missing	12	3	3	21	8
Threatened	14	17	6	9	14
Total	509	317	2440	3019	1166

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January - December 2009

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assault	Injured	Killed	Missing	Kidnap
S E ASIA Indonesia	3	1		1			
Malacca Straits							2
Malaysia	38	2					
Singapore Straits	13						
Thailand				1	1		
FAR South China Sea	31		2	1			
EAST Vietnam	4	1				7	
INDIAN Bangladesh	4	3					
SUB CONT India	1						
AMERICA Brazil	1				1		
Colombia		1					

	Peru	4	1	2	2		
AFRICA	Benin				4	1	
	Cameroon				5		
	Dem. Congo Rep.		1				
	Ghana	3					
	Guinea	20					
	Gulf of Aden*	351			4	3	1
	Kenya						3
	Nigeria	61	4		44		7
	Red Sea**						-
	Somalia	506			6	1	
	Tanzania	2					
REST	Caspian Sea					1	
OF WORLD	Oman	10					
	Sub total	1052	14	4	68	8	8
	Total	1166					

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2009

LOCATIONS		Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA	Indonesia	1	7		7
	Malacca Straits	2			
	Malaysia	2	5		9
	Myanmar				1
	Philippines				1
	Singapore Straits	2	4		3
	Thailand		1		
FAR EAST	China				1
	South China Sea	2	11		
	Vietnam	1	2	1	5
INDIAN	Bangladesh		13	1	3
SUB CONT	India		3	1	8
AMERICA	Brazil	1	2		2
	Colombia		3		2
	Costa Rica				3
	Ecuador	2			
	Haiti		1		3
	Peru	1	5		7
	Venezuela		1		4
AFRICA	Benin	1			
	Cameroon	3			
	Dem. Republic Congo		1	1	
	Ghana		3		
	Guinea	5			
	Guinea Bissau	1			
	Gulf of Aden*	105			11

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Ivory Coast		2		
Kenya	1			
Nigeria	22	2	2	2
Red Sea**	8			7
Somalia	76			4
Tanzania		2		3
Togo		2		
REST OF Arabian Sea***				1
WORLD Caspian Sea	1			
Gulf of Oman				1
Indian Ocean****				1
Oman*****	3			1
Sub total	240	70	6	90
Total	406			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

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TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2005 – 2009

Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Barge / Barge carrier	2	2	1	1	
Bulk carrier	81	57	32	48	109
Cable Layer	1				
Catamaran	1				2
Cement Carrier				2	
Container	30	49	53	49	63
Crew boat				1	1
Diving Support Vessel					
Dhow		2	3	1	3
General cargo	46	30	36	38	53
Heavy Load Carrier				1	
Hopper Dredger		1			
Landing Craft		2			
Lift Barge				1	
Livestock carrier				1	
OBO					1
Offshore Processing	1	1	1	2	
Passenger	1	2	1	3	1
Pollution Control		1			
Refrigerated	3	3	7	8	4
Research ship			2	1	1
Rig / Platform			3		
RORO	5	2	3	1	8
Supply Ship	2	1		5	1
Support ship			1	1	
Tanker Bitumen			1		2
Tanker Chem / Product	43	35	52	55	68
Tanker Crude Oil	22	9	25	30	41
Tanker LNG			1		1

Tanker LPG	5	4	5	6	5
Trawler/Fishing	7	18	16	9	16
Tug	13	9	7	16	16
Vehicle carrier	2	1	1	3	4
Yacht	7	10	8	9	6
Not stated	4	-	4	1	
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	406

CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – December 2009

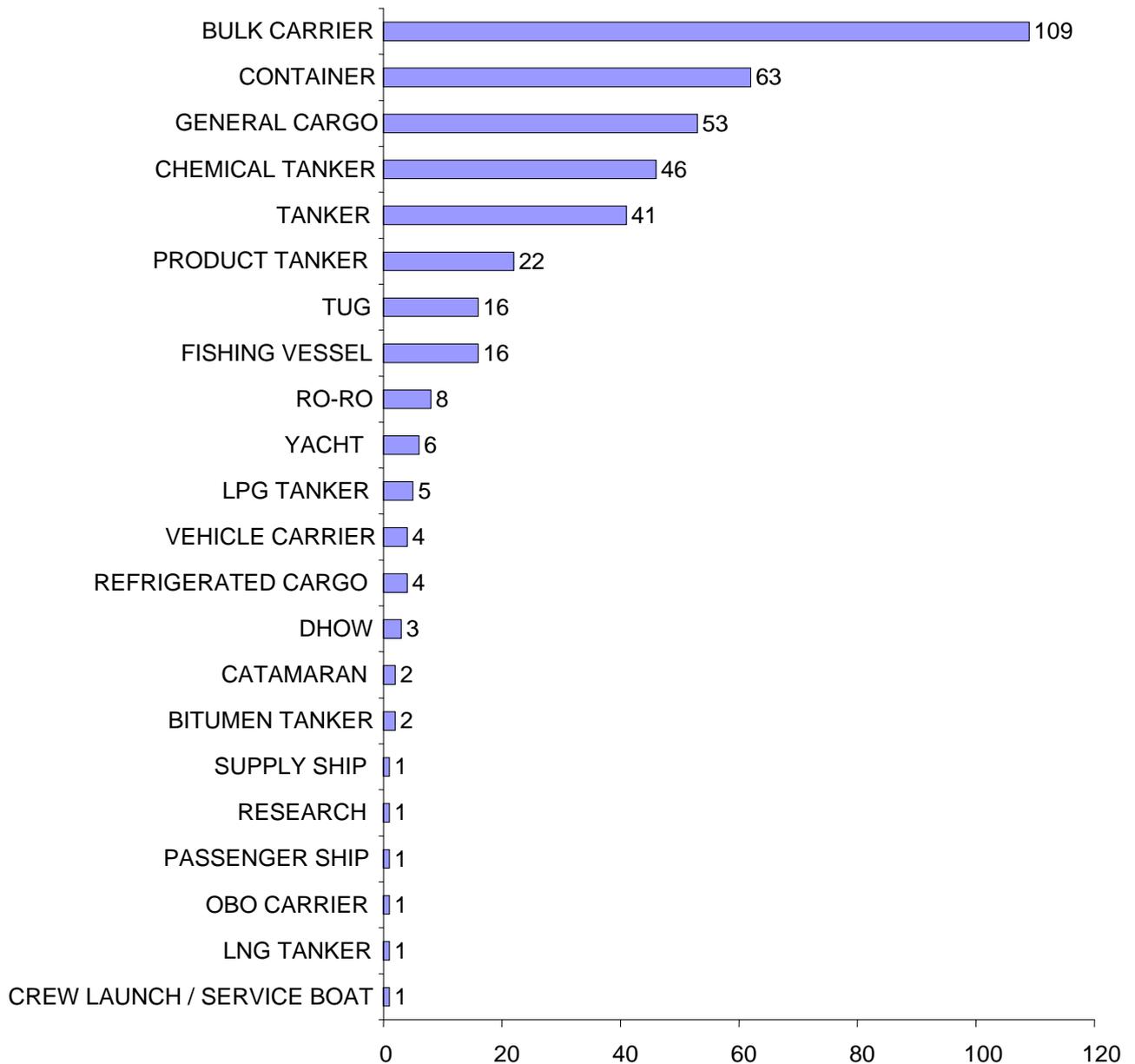


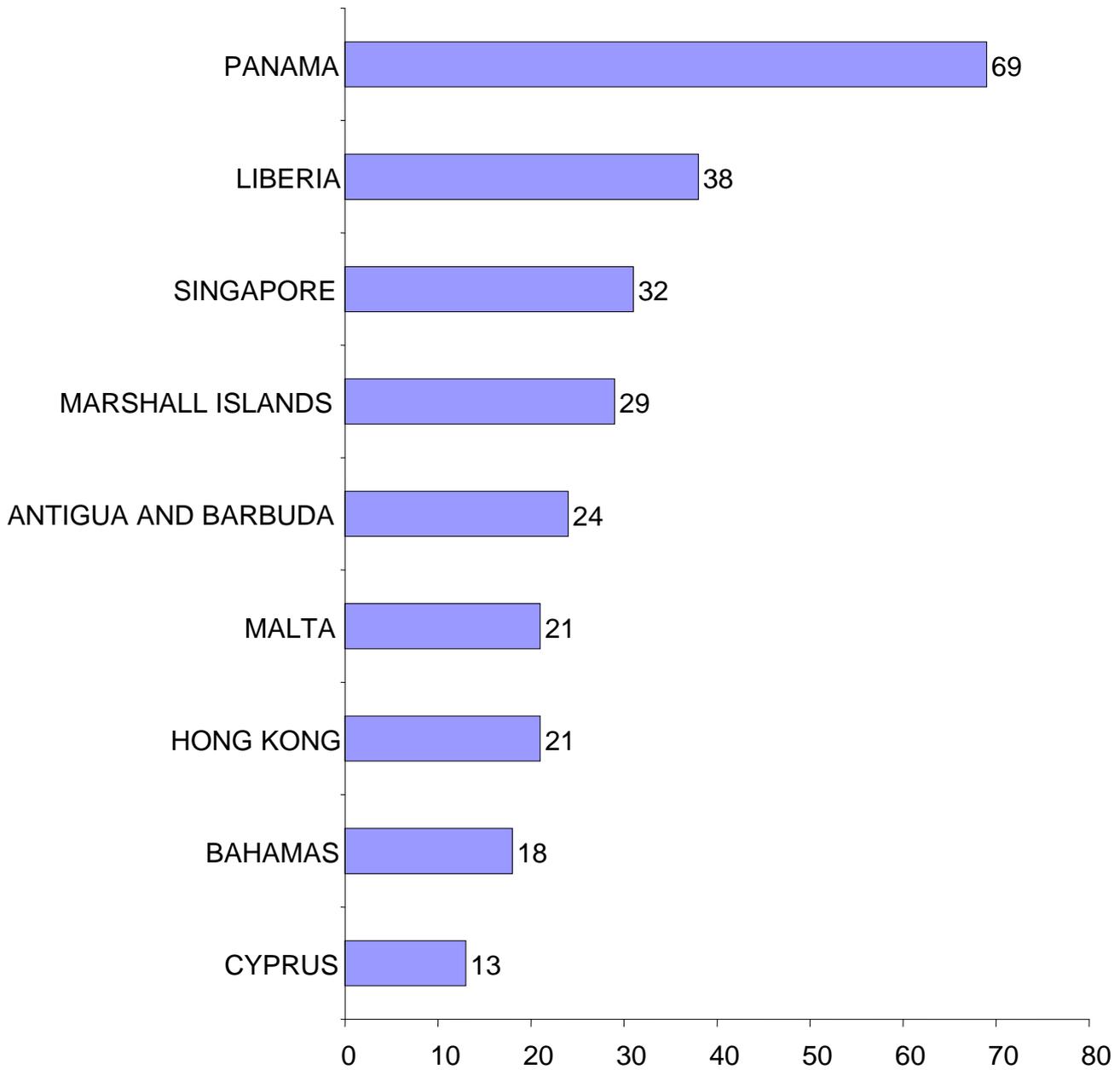
TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - December 2005 – 2009

Flag State	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Algeria	1				
Antigua Barbuda	8	10	13	14	24
Antilles Netherlands	2	2			
Argentina					1
Australia		1			
Austria		2			
Bahamas	9	5	7	12	18
Bahrain				1	
Bangladesh		1	1		
Barbados				2	
Belgium					1
Belize	1			2	1
Bermuda				2	
Brazil	1		1		1
British Virgin Islands	1				
Cambodia	1		1		
Canada			1		
Canary Islands				1	
Cayman Island	3	1	1	1	1
China	1	1	2	5	2
Comoros			3		
Croatia			1	1	1
Cyprus	13	5	10	14	13
Denmark	1	1	3	3	3
Dominica	1				
Ecuador					1
Egypt	1		1	1	3
Ethiopia					1
France		1		7	2
Gambia			1		
Georgia	2				
Germany		1	1	5	5
Gibraltar	1		6	2	2
Greece	1	1	1	2	9
Guyana			6		
Honduras	1		1		1
Hong Kong (SAR)	12	10	7	14	21
India	10	7	6	4	8
Indonesia	6	6	3	2	1
Iran	7	2		1	
Isle Of Man		4	2	5	2
Italy	3		1	3	10
Japan	2		1	2	
Jordan		3	1	1	
Kiribati				1	1
Korea North		1	1		5
Korea South		4		3	1
Kuwait					2
Liberia	18	24	28	19	38

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Libya					1
Lithuania			2		1
Luxemburg			1		
Madeira		1			
Malaysia	13	11	5	10	2
Maldives	2				
Malta	11	14	6	10	21
Marshall Islands	9	7	16	15	29
Mongolia	1		1		
Monrovia	1				
Myanmar	2	1	1		
Netherlands	3	3	4	3	9
Nigeria			2	1	
Norway	3	3	8	7	5
Oman		1			
Pakistan	2		1		3
Panama	50	42	42	52	69
Paraguay		1			
Philippines	3	3	1	5	1
Portugal			2	1	
Qatar			2		
Russia		1			1
Saudi Arabia		1		1	2
Seychelles				2	2
Singapore	24	20	23	25	32
Spain					2
St. Kitts & Nevis	1	1	3		3
St. Vincent & Grenadines	7	6	4	8	7
Sri Lanka	2				
Suriname			1		
Switzerland		2			1
Taiwan	4		2	1	2
Tanzania			2		1
Thailand	6	2	3	3	3
Togo					2
Trinidad & Tobago		1			
Turkey	1	2	2	2	8
Tuvalu		5	2		
UAE		1	3	1	
Ukraine				1	
United Kingdom	4	3	3	6	5
USA	7	6	1	5	4
Vanuatu	1	2	1	2	
Venezuela					
Vietnam	3	1	1		4
Yemen				2	6
Not Stated	9	5	7		1
Total year end	276	239	263	293	406

CHART E: Flag States whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2009

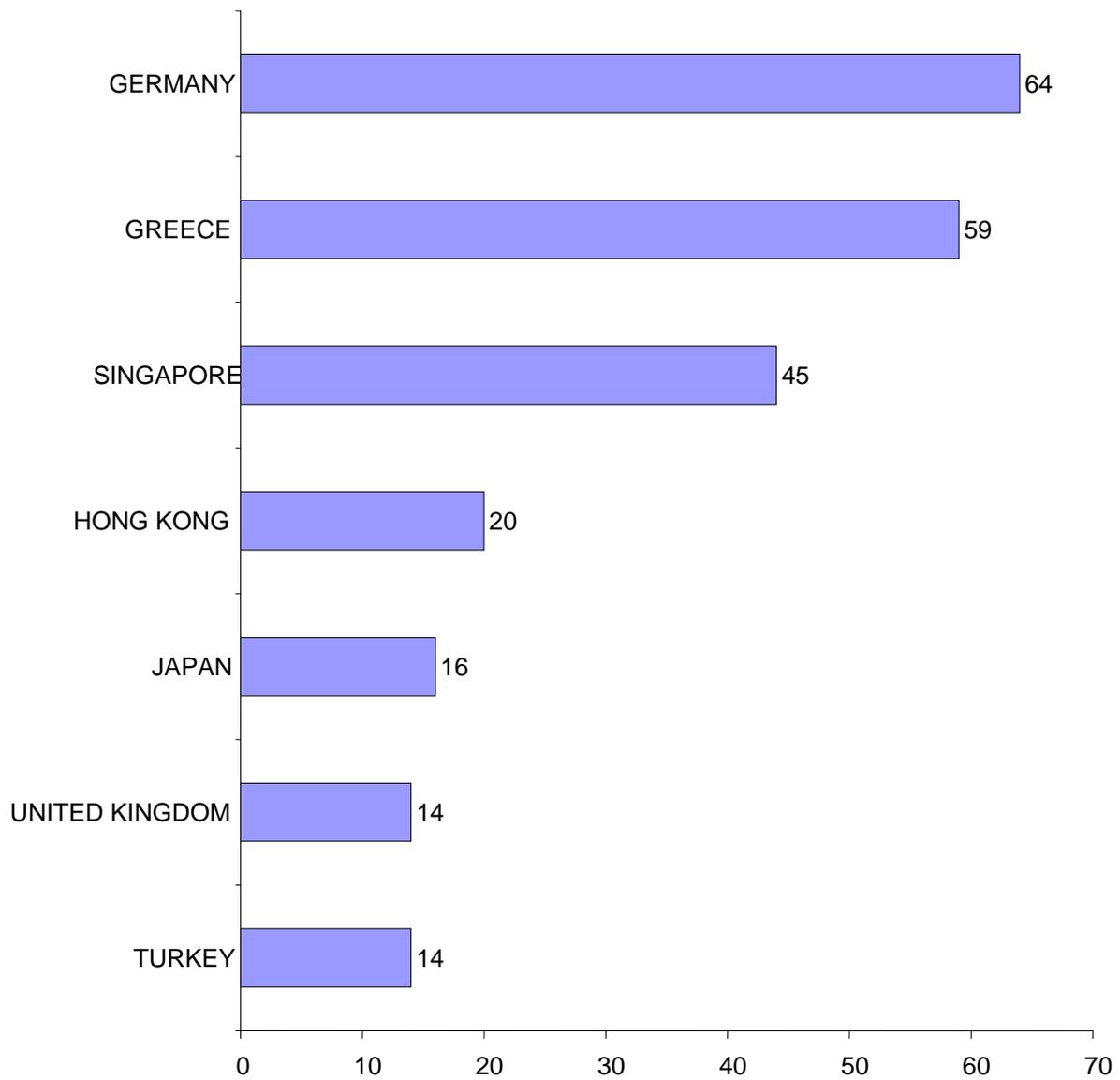


**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed,
January – December 2009**

Country	No of Ships
Argentina	1
Bahamas	1
Belgium	2
Brazil	1
Canada	1
China	8
Croatia	3
Cyprus	6
Denmark	9
Ecuador	1
Egypt	5
Estonia	1
Ethiopia	1
France	4
Germany	64
Greece	59
Hong Kong	20
India	11
Indonesia	1
Iran	5
Isle of Man	1
Israel	1
Italy	8
Japan	16
Kenya	1
Korea North	5
Korea South	6
Kuwait	1
Latvia	1
Lebanon	2
Libya	1
Lithuania	2
Malaysia	2
Monaco	4
Netherlands	7
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	1
Norway	10
Oman	1
Pakistan	3
Philippines	3
Portugal	2
Romania	2
Russia	4
Saudi Arabia	1
Seychelles	2
Singapore	45
Spain	3
St. Vincent and Grenadines	1
Switzerland	2

Taiwan	4
Thailand	1
Turkey	14
UAE	9
Ukraine	2
United Kingdom	14
USA	8
Vietnam	4
Yemen	5
Not Stated	2
	406

CHART F: Managing countries whose ships attacked 12 times or more January – December 2009



SOMALIA/GULF OF ADEN ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

Since January to December 2009, the IMB PRC received reports of 217 incidents carried out by suspected Somali pirates. The incidents varied in geographical location encompassing the waters off the east and south coast of Somalia including the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Southern Red Sea, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, off east coast Oman and the Arabian Sea. 867 crewmembers have been taken hostage. A further 10 have been injured, four killed and one missing. There have been 80 attacks off the east and south coast of Somalia, 116 attacks in the Gulf of Aden, 15 attacks in the southern Red Sea, four attacks off Oman and one reported in the Arabian Sea and 1 in the Indian Ocean. 47 vessels have been reported hijacked in this period.

As on 31 December 2009, suspected Somali pirates held 12 vessels for ransom with 263 crewmembers of various nationalities as hostages.

Somali pirates have attacked all types of vessels; General cargo, Bulk carrier, all types of Tanker, Ro Ro, Container, Fishing vessel, Sailing yacht and Tugboat.

Pirate attacks are continuing with serious concerns as Somali pirates are firing their RPG and automatic weapons indiscriminately to intimidate the Master to stop the vessel. Pirates are now more desperate to hijack ships.

Recent attacks, at distances of over 1000 nautical miles from Mogadishu, indicate the increased capability of the Somali pirate. Somali pirates are now attacking vessels off Kenya / off Tanzania/ off Seychelles, off Madagascar and in the Indian Ocean.

PIRACY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Bangladesh : Attacks are continuing. The area is still listed as high risk. Pirates are targeting ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches.

Indonesia : Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands area, Belawan. Pirates normally armed with guns / knives and/or machetes. Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported.

Malacca Straits : Although the number of attacks have dropped due to the increased aggressive patrols by the littoral states authorities, since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining a strict anti piracy watch when transiting the straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce.

Malaysia : Off Tioman Island / Pulau Aur / South China Sea, Sandakan.

Singapore Straits : Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and to maintain anti piracy watch. Pirates also attacking ships while underway or while anchored at Eastern OPL.

South China Sea : There has been an increased in attacks in the triangle area formed by off Tioman/Pulau Aur, Eastern Singapore Straits including Eastern OPL and Anambas / off Mangkai islands. Armed pirates have attacked vessels during the hours of darkness.

Vietnam : Vung Tau / Ho Chi Minh

AFRICA AND RED SEA.

Africa : - Lagos & Bonny River (Nigeria) : Pirates are violent and have attacked and robbed vessels and kidnapped crews along the coast and rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. Most attacks occurred in Lagos. Vessels advised to be also vigilant in other parts in Nigeria.

- Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) : Pirates continue to target ships in ports, anchorage and surrounding waters.

- Conakry (Guinea) : Pirates armed with automatic weapons. The attacks are violent and aggressive. Some attacks, pirates dressed in military uniforms.

Gulf of Aden/Red Sea : In spite of the increased presence of warships the Somali pirates continue to attack vessels along the northern Somali coast in the Gulf of Aden and southern Red Sea in the Bab El Mandeb TSS. These pirates are firing automatic weapons and Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG) in an attempt to board and hijack vessels. Once the attack is successful and the vessel hijacked, the pirates sail the vessel towards the Somali coast and thereafter demand a ransom for the release of the vessel and crew. All vessels transiting the area are advised to take additional precautionary measures and maintain strict 24 hours visual and radar anti piracy watch using all available means. Watch keeping crews should lookout for small suspicious boats converging to own vessel. Early sightings/detection and accurate assessment will allow Master to increase speed and take evasive manoeuvres to escape from

the pirates and at the same time request for assistance from various Authorities/Agencies including the IMB PRC.

Since 1 February 2009, MSCHOA (www.mschoa.org) has established the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC). Military assets (Naval and Air) are strategically deployed within the area to best provide protection and support to merchant ships.

Masters using the IRTC are not relieved of their obligation to secure their vessel and should continue to maintain a strict 24-hour lookout using all available means to get an early warning of an approaching threat. Some vessels have been attacked / hijacked in the corridor.

Ships and shipowners are advised to register their details on the MSCHOA website www.mschoa.org and obtain further information regarding the close support protection details for ships transiting the Gulf of Aden. Ships are encouraged to conduct their passage through the IRTC in groups based on their transit speed of 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 kts.

Master are also advised to maintain a listening watch on recommended VHF channels in order to hear the Maritime Advisory Calls from the warships in the area. Masters are also strongly advise to monitor the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) broadcast and Warnings via Inmarsat C EGC Safety Net.

Somalia : Somali pirates continue aggressively to attack vessels along the northern, eastern and southern coast of Somalia. The attacks have spread and taken place very far reaching up to off Kenya, off Tanzania, off Seychelles, off Madagascar and in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea / off Oman. Somali pirates are dangerous and are prepared to fire their automatic weapons and RPG at vessels in order to stop them. Pirates use “mother vessels” to proceed very far out to sea. The “mother vessels” are used to launch smaller boats or skiffs to attack and hijack passing vessels. Some of these attacks have taken place more than 1000 nm from Mogadishu, Somalia. The IMB PRC in cooperation with the MSCHOA advises that vessels not making scheduled calls to ports in Somalia should keep as far away as possible from the Somali coast, preferably more than 600 nautical miles from the coastline and when routing north / south consider keeping east of 60 E longitude until east of Seychelles. In view of recent attacks, all vessels are advised when proceeding to and from ports in South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya and Somalia should consider routing south of 10 S and east of 60 E, avoiding the area between the Somali coast and north and west of Seychelles. Mariners are advised to report any suspicious boats to the PRC. A 24-hour visual and radar watch must be maintained as early sightings / detection and accurate assessment will allow Masters to take evasive actions and increase speed and at the same time request for assistance and escape.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS.

Brazil : Although the number of reported attacks has dropped in Santos, ships are advised to continue to be vigilant.

Peru : Callao : most attacks occurred at anchor despite vessel employing security watchmen.

REST OF THE WORLD

Arabian Sea/ – Sightings and calls from suspicious small boats. In some cases, boats Off Oman chased ships with unknown intent.

Attacks also reported off Oman and Arabian Sea where vessels were attacked and hijacked. Pirates are believed to be Somali pirates extending their attack areas.

Indian Ocean (West) / Off Seychelles Off Madagascar / Suspected Somali pirates attacking and hijacking vessels in these areas. Pirates use ocean going fishing vessels / “mother vessels” to sail far from Somali coast to attack passing vessels with intent to hijack them. Smaller skiffs are launched from the pirate “mother vessel” to attack merchant vessels. Pirates are heavily armed with automatic weapons and RPG

Reporting of incidents

Masters are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and encouraged to report all piratical attacks actual, attempted and suspicious sightings to the IMB PRC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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The Centre’s 24 Hours Anti Piracy HELPLINE is : + 60 3 2031 0014.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has also launched a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc relating to maritime Crime and Security including stowaways, terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities.

All information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime Crime and Security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours everyday at :

Tel: + 60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769

E-mail : imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org Telex: MA 34199

REMEMBER: Your information may save lives. All information will be treated in strict confidence.

TRENDS

A total of 406 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships have been reported to the ICC International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) in 2009.

The last time piracy figures crossed 400 incidents was in 2003.

2009 is also the third successive year that the number of reported incidents have increased with 239, 263 and 293 incidents reported in 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively.

Worldwide in 2009, 153 vessels were boarded, 49 vessels were hijacked, 84 attempted attacks and 120 vessels fired upon – compared to 46 ships fired upon in 2008. A total of 1052 crew were taken hostage. Sixty eight crew were injured in the various incidents and eight crew killed. The level of violence towards the crew has increased along with the number of crew injuries.

The total number of incidents attributed to the Somali pirates stands at 217 with 47 vessels hijacked and 867 crewmembers taken hostage. Somalia accounts for more than half of the 2009 figures, with the attacks continuing to remain opportunistic in nature.

In 2008, 111 vessels were targeted by Somali pirates resulting in 42 hijackings. Whilst the number of 2009 incidents has almost doubled, the number of successful hijackings is proportionately less. This can be directly attributed to the increased presence and coordination of the international navies along with heightened awareness and robust action by the Masters in transiting these waters. The international navies play a critical role in the prevention of piracy in Somalia and it is vital that they remain.

2009 has however seen a significant shift in the area of attacks off Somalia. While the 2008 attacks were predominantly focused in the Gulf of Aden, 2009 has witnessed more vessels also being targeted along the east coast of Somalia. Since October increased activity has been observed in the Indian Ocean with 33 incidents reported, including 13 hijackings. Thirteen of these last quarter incidents occurred east of the recommended east of 60° east – including four hijacked vessels. Many of these attacks have occurred at distances of approximately 1000 nautical miles off Mogadishu. Motherships have traditionally posed as fishing vessels or dhows to avoid detection. Reports of such crafts so far from the coast should be questioned and investigated.

Twenty eight incidents were reported for Nigeria in 2009. Of these 21 vessels were boarded, three vessels were fired upon, one vessel was hijacked and three Masters reported an attempted attack on their vessel. One crew was reported killed as the robbers tried to escape after looting the vessel. Vessels attacked include, general cargo, bulk carriers, reefers, and all types of tankers. The majority of incidents related to the oil industry and fishing vessels go unreported. The Nigerian attacks are however much more violent in nature than Somalia, localised but with the capacity to attack vessels / installations further from the coast. The incidence of violent attacks against ships has spilled over into neighbouring states.

IMB PRC has also received over 30 Nigerian incidents from Denmark based Risk Intelligence. Most of these attacks are on vessels supporting the oil industries. Unfortunately the IMB PRC has been unable to verify these incidents and therefore these attacks are not included in these statistics.

Indonesia is again applauded for their tireless efforts in curbing piracy and armed robbery in its waters. There continues to be a year on year decline in the number of incidents, with 15

incidents for 2009, the majority opportunistic in nature. Only two incidents were reported in the Malacca Straits – the same as in 2008.

This is the second year in a row where incidents in the Singapore Straits have increased. Nine incidents were reported in 2009 as compared to six in 2008. Of these six vessels were boarded and three reported attempted attacks.

Thirteen incidents were reported by ships steaming in the South China Seas. This is the highest number of incidents in the previous five years. Of these eleven were boarded, one vessel was hijacked and one reported an attempted attack. In some attacks the bridge crew was physically removed from the bridge for a short period of time –leaving the vessel effectively Not Under Command.

Even though there has been significant improvement in the safety and security of the SE Asian and Far East waters there still remains an underlying potential for incidents to increase without any prior warning. The pressure on the pirates and the robbers has to be maintained by the littoral states and the constant physical presence in the waters.

Bangladesh (Chittagong) has shown a slight increase in the number of attacks as compared to 2008. Most of these have been opportunistic. Of the 17 vessels attacked, 14 were boarded and ship stores stolen. Most of the incidents have taken place within the Chittagong anchorage.

Thirty seven incidents have been reported from countries in the South American continent as compared to 14 in 2008.

Twelve incidents have occurred in the anchorage of Callao in Peru in 2009 compared to five the previous year. Other countries affected are Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti and Venezuela. Most of these attacks were successful and were carried out while the vessels were berthed in port or while at anchor. This is a similar trend as in 2008.

The IMB strongly urges all Shipmasters and Owners, to report all incidents of actual and attempted piracy and armed robbery to the IMB PRC This is the first step in the response chain and vital in ensuring that adequate resources are allocated by governments to deal with the problem. A set of transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organisation such as the IMB PRC acts as an effective catalyst to achieve this goal.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 406 attacks for January to December 2009 are listed on pages 45 to 103. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Benin:

On 24 November 2009, a Liberian flagged, Tanker, MT Cancale Star was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 06:08.1 North and Longitude 002:40.6 East about 18.5 nm off Cotonou, Benin at approximately 0120 UTC. About eight to nine robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker. The robbers boarded via the poop deck and attacked the poop deck watchman and forced him to the bridge. The Second Officer was also taken hostage at gunpoint. The robbers were very aggressive and violent, beat the Master and other crewmembers, and demanded ship's cash, crew cash and personal belongings. A few crewmember hands were tied with ropes and forced to lie on the deck. The Third Officer managed to activate the ship's alarm and SSAS alert. On hearing the alarm, the robbers panicked and while escaping shot and killed the Chief Officer. The crew caught one of the robbers and handed him over to the Benin Police. Most of the money was recovered from the apprehended robber.

Brazil:

On 08 February 2009, armed pirates attacked a Brazilian flagged Catamaran, Pico Alto, while anchored at position Latitude 12:53.18 South and Longitude 038:40.43 West, off Itaparica Marina, Brazil in the early hours. Two robbers armed with guns, in a small rowboat, attacked and boarded the sailing vessel at anchor. The Captain of the vessel confronted the robbers who shot and killed him. The robbers then jumped overboard leaving their rowboat behind. Nothing was stolen. Later, local police detained two suspects.

Ghana:

On 15 December 2009, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged, Container ship MV Connorth was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 05:38.8 North and Longitude 000:02.9 East Tema Roads, Ghana at approximately 0001UTC. Ten robbers armed with machetes boarded the ship via the anchor chain. They held three duty crewmembers, threatened them with machetes at their throats, and tied them to the bollards. The robbers stole ship's property and stores and escaped. The Port Control was informed and a patrol boat was sent to the location.

Gulf of Aden:

On 1 January 2009, a St Kitts & Nevis flagged, General cargo ship MV Blue Star was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:55 North and Longitude 047:58 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0747 LT. Pirates onboard high speed craft armed with automatic weapons and RPG attacked and hijacked the cargo ship. About 15-armed pirates came onboard, took hostage all 28 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. On 04 March 2009, the ship and crew were released. It is believed that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.

On 3 January 2009, a Panamanian flagged, Product tanker MT Sea Princess II was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:55 North and Longitude 045:10 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0500 LT. Armed pirates in four boats attacked and hijacked the tanker. They took hostage all 15 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crew and vessel were released on 26 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 29 January 2009, a Bahamas flagged, LPG Tanker MT Longchamp was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 14:10 North and Longitude 049:58 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0340 UTC. Heavily armed pirates in a speedboat chased and fired at the tanker. The pirates managed to board the tanker and took hostage all 13 crewmembers. They sailed the tanker to Eyl and demanded a ransom from the Owners. On 28 March 2009, the crew and vessel were released safely. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 22 February 2009, a Malta flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Saldanha was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:33 North and Longitude 047:01 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0400 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the Bulk Carrier. They took hostage all 22 crewmembers and sailed the bulk carrier to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crew and vessel were released on 25 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release. .

On 19 March 2009, a St Vincent and Grenadines flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Titan was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:35 North and Longitude 047:21 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1430 UTC. Six pirates armed with AK47 rifles and pistols attacked and hijacked the Bulk Carrier. They took hostage all 24 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crew and vessel were released on 15 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 05 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged, Fishing Vessel Al Shahir was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All 14 crewmembers were taken hostage. Later, the Puntland Coast Guard have succeeded setting free the fishing dhow and rescued all the crewmembers. Two pirates were captured while twelve others managed to escape in the rescue operation.

On 06 April 2009, a Panamanian flagged, General cargo ship MV Malaspina Castle was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:33 North and Longitude 049:02 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0622 UTC. Pirates in two high-speedboats chased, attacked and fired upon the ship. They managed to successfully board the ship and took hostage all crewmembers. The hijacked ship proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crewmembers and ship were released on 09 May 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 10 April 2009, an Egyptian flagged, Fishing Vessel Samarah Ahmed was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway near Ras Kampomi, off Bossaso, in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All 18 crewmembers were taken hostage. It is suspected that the pirates may have used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to launch attacks on passing ships. The fishing vessel managed to escape from the pirates on 15 August 2009.

On 10 April 2009, an Egyptian flagged, Fishing Vessel Momtaz 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the vicinity of Ras Kampomi, off Bossaso in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All 18 crewmembers were taken hostage. It is suspected that the pirates may have used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to launch attacks on passing ships. The fishing vessel managed to escape from the pirates on 15 August 2009.

On 11 April 2009, an Italian flagged, tug Buccaneer was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:24 North and Longitude 046:19 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1104 UTC. Pirates chased, attacked and fired upon the tug towing two barges. They managed to board the tug and took hostage all crewmembers. The

hijacked tug proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crewmembers and ship were released on 09 August 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 13 April 2009, a St.Vincent and Grenadines flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Irene E.M. was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:54 North and Longitude 048:15 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 2220 UTC. Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased, attacked and fired upon the ship. The pirates managed to board the ship and took hostage all 21 crewmembers. The hijacked ship then proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl. The crewmembers and ship were released on 14 September 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 18 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged, Fishing Vessel Afraaf was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in international waters in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All nine crewmembers were taken hostage. The pirates then used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack other passing vessels. A warship intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel, rescued all the crewmembers in the fishing vessel, and detained the pirates.

On 18 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged, Fishing Vessel Farei Ali was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in international waters in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All nine crewmembers were taken hostage. The pirates then used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack other passing vessels. A warship intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel and rescued all the crewmembers in the fishing vessel and the pirates were taken to the Somali coast.

On 25 April 2009, a Malta flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Patriot was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 14:01 North and Longitude 051:34 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0335 UTC. Pirates in skiffs armed with guns chased and attacked the ship. They managed to board the ship and took hostage all crewmembers. The hijacked ship proceeded towards the Somali coast where a ransom was demanded. All the crewmembers and ship were released on 15 May 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 26 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged, product tanker MT GNA was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:25.5 North and Longitude 047:24.4 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1130 UTC. Pirates attacked and successfully managed to board the tanker and took hostage all crewmembers. On 27 April 2009, the Yemeni Navy intercepted to rescue the crewmembers and tanker. One crew was killed and another missing. Two pirates were killed.

On 05 May 2009, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged, General cargo ship MV Victoria was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:22 North and Longitude 049:23 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1304 UTC. The pirates attacked the ship, managed to board her, and took hostage all 11 crewmembers. The hijacked ship then proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl. The crewmembers and ship were released on 18 July 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 07 May 2009, an Antilles Netherlands flagged, General Cargo ship MV Marathon was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:43 North and Longitude 050:35 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0605 UTC. Pirates in skiffs attacked the ship and managed to board her. They took hostage all the crewmembers. One crewmember was killed and another injured when the pirates attacked and boarded the ship. The hijacked ship proceeded towards Somali coast and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crewmembers and ship were released on 23 June 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their release.

On 08 July 2009, a Turkish flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Horizon 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:44 North and Longitude 050:43 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0530 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff attacked and managed to board the bulk carrier. They took hostage all the 23 crewmembers including the Master and sailed the ship to Eyl where she was anchored. The crewmembers and ship were released on 05 October 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 03 August 2009, a Togo flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Rimar was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:46.50 North and Longitude 050:42.30 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1500 UTC. Ten heavily armed pirates in two speedboats attacked and fired at the ship underway. The pirates failed to board the ship due to evasive action taken by the Master.

On 04 August 2009, a Bahamas flagged General Cargo ship MV Notos Scan was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:32 North and Longitude 048:50 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1310 UTC. Eight pirates armed with automatic weapons in a 7-8 meter long, blue coloured wooden boat attacked the ship at 15-17 knots. The pirates fired at the ship and attempted to board her several times. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated SSAS and contacted coalition warship. The pirates aborted the attempt due to the ship's effective anti-piracy measures. A coalition helicopter later arrived at the location.

On 14 August 2009, a Turkish flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Elgiznur Cebi was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:35 North and Longitude 047:25 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0320 UTC. Five pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a speedboat attacked and fired their weapons at the Bulk Carrier. Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the pirates from boarding. A coalition helicopter arrived at the scene and chased the pirates. The Master of the Bulk Carrier was then instructed to rendezvous with a coalition warship. The warship had sent some military troops and also a doctor to treat the injured crew.

On 26 August 2009, an Italian flagged, General Cargo ship MV Southern Cross was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:08 North and Longitude 048:45 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0829 UTC. About five pirates in a fast white craft with a blue stripe chased and fired at the ship. The pirates tried to board the ship by using an aluminium ladder with hooks. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, evasive manoeuvres made and distress signal activated and sent via CH 16. A warship responded and a military helicopter arrived at the location to render assistance. The pirates aborted the attempted attack. The ship continued her passage to destination port.

On 26 September 2009, a Panamanian flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Gem of Cochin was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:11.95 North and Longitude 049:19.14 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0115 UTC. About four armed pirates in a five-meter speedboat chased and fired at the ship. Pirates opened fire several times at the ship to try to intimidate the Master to stop the ship. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted warship for assistance. Master fired pyrotechnic flares as advised by the warship. The warship came to assist and the pirates aborted the attack on sighting the warship. The ship proceeded on her voyage.

On 18 December 2009, a Yemeni flagged, Fishing Vessel Almahmoud 2 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and managed to board the fishing vessel. They took 15 crewmembers as hostage and sailed the vessel to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 28 December 2009, a United Kingdom flagged, Chemical Tanker MT St James Park was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:58 North and Longitude 048:34 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1449 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the tanker. The pirates took hostage all 26 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

Malacca Straits:

On 19 February 2009, a Singapore flagged, tug MLC Nancy 5 and Barge Miclyn 3316 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:10.5 North and Longitude 099:06.03 East at approximately 1430 Hrs LT. Twelve pirates armed with rifles attacked and boarded the tug towing a barge. They stole all the navigational and communication equipment and crew personal belongings. They then kidnapped the Master and the Chief Officer before leaving the tug. The Second Officer sailed the tug to the nearest port and the Authorities were informed. The two kidnapped crewmembers were released several days later. It is believed that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the two crewmembers.

Nigeria:

On 17 January 2009, a Bahamas flagged, Crude Oil Tanker MT Front Chief was attacked by armed robbers at position Latitude 04:10 North and Longitude 007:14 East, Bonny Offshore Terminal, SPM-1, Nigeria at approximately 2200 Hrs LT . Robbers armed with automatic weapons and explosives, from motor boats, attacked the tanker and the line tug that was being used by the tanker undergoing loading operations. The line tug Captain was killed in the attack. The robber later approached the tanker and threw grenades that luckily missed the tanker. The robbers gained entry into the accommodation by firing at one of the accommodation doors. The crew had locked themselves in the engine room for safety. The ship's SSAS was activated and the Terminal officials were notified but no action was taken. The ship's property and crew personal belongings were stolen during the one-hour attack.

On 11 March 2009, a Singapore Chemical Tanker MT Emirates Swan was attacked by armed robbers while anchored in position 06:19.8 North and Longitude 003:25.75 East, Lagos anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 0252 UTC. Robbers armed with guns, knives and iron rods attacked and boarded the tanker. The pirates went to the bridge and disconnected the ship's telephone and public address system. They assaulted the crew and the Captain and an A/B were seriously injured. Later, the pirates left the tanker. The Captain received medical treatment onboard while the A/B was sent ashore for medical treatment. The tanker weighed anchor and proceeded away from the port.

On 20 April 2009, a Marshall Islands flagged, Chemical Tanker MT Aleyna Mercan was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00.00 North and Longitude 006:07.50 East, 30 NM off Onne, Nigeria at approximately 2030 LT. About eight pirates in a speedboat wearing masks and armed with guns fired upon the tanker. They successfully managed to board the tanker, shut down the Inmarsat system and took hostage the Chief Officer. The pirates stopped the tanker's main engine under armed threat. Later another boat came alongside with two more additional pirates. The pirates told the crew that their intention was to get the ship's cash and not to harm the crew. Master then gave all the cash to the pirates. Pirates kidnapped the Master and the Second Engineer and escaped with the ship's cash and crew personal belongings. On 22 April 2009, the pirates released both the kidnapped crewmembers.

On 27 June 2009, a Turkish flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Duden was attacked by armed pirates while at anchor at position Latitude 06:16 North and Longitude 003:23 East, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2200 UTC. About 11 robbers attempted to board the ship at anchor using hooks and ropes. Ship's crewmembers noticed the robbers and tried to prevent them from boarding the ship. One of the robbers managed to board but was forced

back. In the attempt to board the ship, the robbers fired automatic weapons at the ship injuring three crewmembers. The injured crewmembers were later sent ashore for medical treatment.

On 03 August 2009, a Lithuanian flagged, Refrigerated Cargo ship MV Saturnas was attacked by armed pirates while at anchor at position Latitude 05:28.44 North and Longitude 005:04.41 East at Escravos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2245 UTC. Five robbers wearing masks and in blue coloured clothes and armed with automatic guns in a speedboat attacked the ship and open fire. They successfully boarded the ship, kidnapped fire crewmembers, and escaped. The remaining nine crewmembers were not injured and quickly sailed the ship to open sea.

On 07 September 2009, a St Vincent and Grenadines flagged, tug boat Jascon 40 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:53.50 North and Longitude 006:47.50 East Bonny River, Nigeria at approximately 0600 UTC. About nine pirates heavily armed with automatic weapons in a speedboat that looked like a fishing boat, attacked and hijacked the off shore tugboat. The violent pirates fired at the tugboat, boarded the tug, and thereafter used the tug to attack another vessel in the vicinity. The pirates also robbed the crew of personal belongings. The pirates later left the tugboat and headed towards the Nigerian coast.

On 16 October 2009, a Panamanian flagged, Chemical Tanker MT Union Grace was attacked by armed pirates while at anchor at position Latitude 06:20.6 North and Longitude 003:26.4 East at Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 0300 LT. Six robbers armed with guns boarded the tanker and stole / transferred the ship's gas oil into the robber's boat and escaped. The robbers were aggressive and the tanker's crew were afraid for their own safety.

On 30 October 2009, a Swiss flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Silvretta was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 06:08.16 North and Longitude 003:27.68 East about 20 nm off Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 2125 UTC. About nine heavily armed pirates in a speedboat attacked, boarded the ship and opened fire. The pirates stole ship's cash and all crew cash and valuable. The pirates were very violent. Nine crewmembers were injured with three in serious condition. The Master's two fingers were broken in order to force Master to open ship's safe. Pirates also open fire near the head of crewmembers. Five crewmembers were hit by pirate's rifles. After approximately two hours, the pirates escaped. Nigerian Authorities informed but no action taken.

On 30 October 2009, a Malta flagged, Chemical Tanker MT Mykines was attacked by armed pirates while drifting at position Latitude 06:10 North and Longitude 003:33 East Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 2015 LT. Six pirates heavily armed with guns and knives in a speedboat attacked and boarded the tanker. Master raised the alarm, activated SSAS, contacted Lagos Port Control and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates then started firing from deck to the bridge windows and accommodation doors. The pirates managed to enter via the bridge and took hostage all crewmembers. The pirates beat the crew and pointed their guns at the crewmembers head. The pirates damaged the tanker's communication equipment. Under guns threat, the pirates stole ship's cash, crew cash and personal belongings. Pirates then locked all the crew in a cabin and escaped.

On 15 November 2009, a Marshall Islands flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Amyntor was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 06:12.8 North and Longitude 003:23.7 East at Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2100 LT. About eight robbers armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded the ship using bamboo sticks with hooks. They fired warning shots when the crew tried to remove the bamboo sticks. The pirates were very violent towards the crewmembers. Eleven crewmembers were injured when they were hit with cable wires, kicked and punched. The robbers also opened fire at the messroom windows and bridge door. They then destroyed the tanker's navigational equipment, stole ship and crew's

cash, personal properties, and escaped. The robbers were onboard for more than two hours. When the Lagos port control was contacted, they told the crew that nobody would assist.

On 28 December 2009, a Panamanian flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Nikolis was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 06:20.5 North and Longitude 003:26.0 East at Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 0020 LT. About ten robbers attacked the ship from a boat. Six to seven of them boarded the ship and the rest remained in the boat. The robbers were armed with automatic weapons. The robbers were very aggressive and assaulted and fired at the crew. Three crewmembers were injured, one seriously. The robbers stole crew personal properties, ship's stores and equipment. They were onboard for more than 30 minutes and then escaped. The IMB PRC received the distress message from the ship and relayed to the Nigerian Authorities requesting to render assistance for the injured crewmembers. At dawn, a boat was sent to evacuate the injured crews' to shore for medical treatment.

Oman:

On 12 June 2009, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged, General Cargo ship MV Charelle was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 21:55 North and Longitude 059:51 East off Oman at approximately 1334 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast and anchored at Garacad, Somalia. The crew and vessel were release on 3 December 2009. It is believed a ransom had been paid for their safe release.

Somalia:

On 25 March 2009, a Panamanian flagged, Chemical Tanker MT Nipayia was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:42.53 North and Longitude 053:41.92 East, about 370 nm ESE of Hobyo, Somalia at approximately 1316 UTC. Pirates in a speedboat attacked and hijacked the tanker and took hostage all 19 crewmembers. Pirates then sailed the tanker towards eastern Somali coast. The crew and vessel were release on 9 May 2009. It is believed a ransom had been paid for their safe release.

On 26 March 2009, a Bahamas flagged, Chemical Tanker MT Bow Asir was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:26 South and Longitude 048:11 East, about 310 nm SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0754 UTC. Pirates in two speedboats attacked and hijacked the tanker. About 16 to 18 pirates armed with automatic weapons boarded the vessel and sailed it towards the east coast of Somalia. The crew and vessel were release on 10 April 2009. It is believed a ransom had been paid for their safe release.

March 2009, a Seychelles flagged, Catamaran was also attacked and hijacked while enroute to Madagascar. The yacht with two crewmembers while underway and enroute to Madagascar failed to arrive at their destination. The Owners reported to the Authorities who initiated a search to locate the yacht but failed to find her. On 24 March 2009, the Owners received a phone call from Somalia that the two crewmembers are held hostage in Somalia. On 06 September 2009, the Catamaran was reported sunk.

On 04 April 2009, a German flagged, container ship MV Hansa Stavanger was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:40 South and Longitude 048:03 East about 315 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0530 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast near Eyl where she was anchored. The crew and vessel were release on 03 August 2009. It is believed a ransom had been paid for their safe release

On 04 April 2009, a French flagged, yacht Tanit was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 09:36 North and Longitude 058:35 East off Somalia. Pirates armed with guns attacked and hijacked the yacht with her four crewmembers and one child. The pirates then sailed the yacht into an undisclosed location and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and yacht. On 10 April 2009, fearing that the pirates may take the crewmembers and hold them hostage on land, the Authorities launched a rescue operation in which three crewmembers and the child was rescued. However, the skipper was killed in the incident. Two pirates were killed and the Authorities detained three others.

On 06 April 2009, a Taiwanese Fishing Vessel Win Far 161 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:51 South and Longitude 055:25 East, about 630NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0300 LT. Armed pirates chased, attacked and boarded the fishing trawler. Later, information received suggested that pirates had used the fishing boat to try to hijack other fishing boats in the vicinity. When this failed, the pirates then sailed the fishing boat to the Somali coast where she was anchored. Negotiations are currently in progress.

On 07 April 2009, a US flagged, container ship MV Maersk Alabama was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 06:27 North and Longitude 054:31 East off Somalia at approximately 1140 UTC. Pirates in skiffs and armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship. The pirates eventually managed to board the ship and hijacked her. On 08 April 2008, the crew managed to release the ship but the pirates managed to take the Master hostage and escaped in the life boat. On the 12 April 2009, naval forces rescued the Master. One pirate was detained and the rest were killed.

On 14 April 2009, a Togo flagged, General Cargo ship MV Sea Horse was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:16 North and Longitude 047:38 East about 100 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 1117 UTC. Pirates in three skiffs chased, attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They took hostage all 20 crewmembers, sailed the ship to the Somali coast, and demanded a ransom. All the crewmembers and ship were released on 20 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 18 April 2009, a Belgium flagged General Cargo ship MV Pompei was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:45 South and Longitude 056:48 East off Southern Somalia at approximately 0327 UTC. Pirates in skiffs armed with RPG and automatic weapons chased, attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They took hostage all 10 crewmembers, sailed the ship to the Somali coast, and demanded a ransom. All the crewmembers and ship were released on the 28 June 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 02 May 2009, a Malta flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Ariana was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 07:19 South and Longitude 052:11 East off Southern Somalia at approximately 0230 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast near Eyl where she was anchored. All the crewmembers and ship were released on the 10 December 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 02 May 2009, a Panamanian flagged, General Cargo ship MV Almezaan was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:12 North and Longitude 047:58 East off Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0600 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast and a ransom was demanded. All the 17 crewmembers and ship were released on the 06 May 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 16 August 2009, a Panamanian flagged, General Cargo ship MV Tian Wang Xing was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 06:17.3 North and Longitude 054:41.2 East off Somalia at approximately 1250 UTC. About 30 pirates in two skiffs launched from a pirate mother vessel chased and open fire with automatic weapons and RPG. The ship enforced anti-piracy measures and contacted the Authorities for assistance. After about one hour thirty minutes and due to the effective anti-piracy measures, the ship managed to escape from the pirates.

On 05 September 2009, a North Korean General Cargo ship MV An San was attacked by armed pirates while drifting at position Latitude 02:03.8 North and Longitude 045:30.05 East about 10 NM off Mogadishu anchorage, Somalia at approximately 1610 UTC. About 10 heavily armed pirates in two speedboats attacked and opened fire at the ship drifting carrying out repairs to her engine. The ship Master quickly raised the alarm, managed to start the ship's engine and increased speed. The crewmembers threw Molotov cocktails and fired rocket flares at the pirate speedboats. The pirates fired at the ship using their machine guns and RPG. The Master immediately sent a distress message to the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC contacted the military for assistance and a warship was dispatched to the ship's location. The pirates later aborted their attempt and a US warship arrived at the location. One crew was wounded by machine gun fire. The ship also sustained damages due to RPG and gunfire.

On 02 October 2009, a Spanish flagged Fishing Vessel Alakrana was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:36 South and Longitude 048:34 East about 335 nm SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0345 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and managed to board the fishing vessel. They then sailed the fishing vessel to Somalia. Negotiations followed and the fishing vessel and crew were released on 17 November 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 15 October 2009, a Singapore flagged, Container ship MV Kota Wajar was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:33 South and Longitude 054:52 East off Somalia at approximately 0237 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and managed to board the container ship. They then sailed the ship to Somalia. Negotiations followed and the ship and crew were released on 28 December 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 19 October 2009, a Chinese flagged, Bulk Carrier MV De Xin Hai was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:53 South and Longitude 060:05 East off Somalia at approximately 0815 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and managed to board the container ship. They took hostage all 25 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Somalia. Negotiations followed and the ship and crew were released on 28 December 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 22 October 2009, a Panamanian flagged Bulk Carrier MV Al Khaliq was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:09 South and Longitude 052:35 East off Somalia at approximately 0555 UTC. Heavily armed pirates with automatic weapons and RPG, in skiffs, opened fire at the ship underway. The pirates managed to board the ship, took hostage all 26 crewmembers, and sailed the ship to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 23 October 2009, a United Kingdom flagged, yacht Lynn Rival was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while enroute to Tanzania from Seychelles, off Somalia at approximately 2300 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the yacht underway. The pirates sailed the yacht towards Somalia and later abandoned the yacht and the two crewmembers were transferred to another hijacked vessel held along the coast of Somalia.

On 29 October 2009, a Thai flagged, Fishing Vessel Thai Union 3 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:55 South and Longitude 055:53 East

off Somalia at approximately 0247 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons in two skiffs attacked the vessel from both sides. The vessel took evasive actions and sent a distress message that was received by the IMB PRC, which immediately contacted the naval forces for assistance. A warship was dispatched to the location. However, the pirates managed to board the fishing vessel before the arrival of the warship. They took hostage all 25 crewmembers and then sailed the fishing vessel to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 05 November 2009, a Marshall Islands flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Delvina was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 09:40.71 South and Longitude 045:05.48 East off Somalia at approximately 0430 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and managed to board the ship. They took 21 crewmembers as hostage and sailed the ship to Somalia. Negotiations followed and the ship and crew were released on 17 December 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 11 November 2009, a Marshall Islands flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Filitsa was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 00:35 South and Longitude 062:40 East about 1050 nm east of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0105 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates managed to board the ship, took hostage all 22 crewmembers, and sailed the ship to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 16 November 2009, a Kiribati flagged, Chemical Tanker MT Theresa VIII was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 08:00.11 South and Longitude 045:58.44 East off Somalia at approximately 0942 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the tanker. The pirates took hostage all 28 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 29 November 2009, a Greek flagged, Tanker MT Maran Centaurus was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:09.39 North and Longitude 061:30.3 East off Somalia at approximately 1212 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked the VLCC and boarded her. They took hostage all 28 crewmembers and then sailed the VLCC to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 06 December 2009, a Pakistani flagged Fishing Vessel Shahzaib was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 10:50 North and Longitude 060:00 East off Somalia at approximately 0624 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and managed to board the fishing vessel. They took 29 crewmembers as hostage and sailed the vessel to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 16 December 2009, an Indian flagged, Dhow Nafeya was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:45.70 South and Longitude 042:37.11 East off Somalia at approximately 1700 LT. About nine armed pirates attacked and hijacked the dhow underway. The pirates managed to board the dhow, took hostage all 13 crewmembers, and sailed the dhow to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

On 28 December 2009, a Panamanian flagged, Bulk Carrier MV Navios Apollon was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:22 South and Longitude 059:44 East off Somalia at approximately 1610 UTC. Armed pirates in two skiffs attacked and boarded the ship. The pirates took hostage all 19 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Somalia. Negotiation is currently in progress.

South China Sea:

On 07 April 2009, a Singapore flagged tug Prospaq T1 and barge Prospaq B1 were attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway enroute from Singapore to Vietnam in the

South China Sea at approximately 2035 LT. Twelve armed pirates managed to board and hijacked the tug. The pirates were armed with small firearms and long knives. The pirates took hostage all 10 crewmembers, blindfolded them, and tied with masking tape. After several days, on 13 April 2009, the pirates ordered the crewmembers to lower a liferaft and instructed them to board the raft. The pirates then sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location. On 14 April 2009, a passing ship rescued the crewmembers and reported the matter to the Philippine Authorities. On 16 April 2009, the ship arrived at Manila port and the Philippine Authorities boarded and took the crewmembers ashore for medical examination and investigation.

On 14 October 2009, a Taiwanese flagged Fishing Vessel Win Lai Far was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 06:29 North and Longitude 107:43 East in South China Sea at approximately 1030 LT. Pirates armed with machine guns in a boat chased the fishing vessel and opened fire at her. The fishing vessel increased speed, enforced anti piracy preventive measures, and contacted the IMB PRC, which immediately contacted the Authorities for assistance. Due to the fishing vessel's speed, evasive actions and preventive measures, the vessel escaped from the pirates.

Thailand:

On 24 March 2009, a United Kingdom flagged, Yacht Mr. Bean was attacked by armed robbers at position Latitude 06:40 North and Longitude 099:14 East, off Koh Tong (Tong Island), Satun Province, Thailand at approximately 1000 LT. Three robbers armed with knives and a hammer attacked and boarded the yacht. They assaulted and killed the skipper with the hammer, cut his throat and threw his body overboard. The skipper's wife was also injured. The Satun Marine Police was notified and sent patrol boats to search for the dead body. The police detained three Burmese men in a liferaft. They indicated that the three Burmese suspects had earlier escaped from a fishing boat by jumping off the boat and headed to the yacht. The body of the skipper was later recovered and sent to the Forensic department for further investigation.

Vietnam:

On 06 April 2009, a Malaysian flagged, tug Astaka and barge Astaka 5 were attacked by armed pirates while underway off Can Tho, Vietnam before midnight. Three pirates wearing hoods and armed with guns boarded the tug. The tug had eleven crewmembers onboard including the Master and the barge was loaded with sand. The pirates took hostage four crewmembers, tied their hands and locked them in the Master's cabin. They could hear the sound of the main engines and footsteps outside the cabin. After some time, they felt the tugboat jolt and could smell burning in the cabin. The main engine of the tug had stopped. The crew managed to free themselves and later launched and abandoned the tugboat in a liferaft. They did not see the rest of the crewmembers. Once the four crewmembers reached ashore, they complained to the Vietnamese Authorities who investigated the matter. The tug was later found in the coastal waters of Can Tho and the barge was found with the cargo off Con Dao Island. The other seven crewmembers are still missing.

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PIRACY NEWS

ShipLoc

There are a number of reliable ship tracking devices available on the market today based upon Inmarsat and other satellite systems.

The IMB endorses ShipLoc, an inexpensive satellite tracking system, which allows shipping companies, with Internet access, to monitor the exact location of their vessels. In addition to its anti-hijacking role, ShipLoc facilitates independent and precise location of ships at regular intervals. ShipLoc is fully compliant with the IMO Regulation SOLAS XI-2/6 adopted during the diplomatic conference in December 2002, concerning a Ship Security Alert System. The ship security alert system regulation that came into force in July 2004 requires ships of over 500 GT to be equipped with an alarm system in order to reinforce ship security. The system allows the crew, in case of danger, to activate an alarm button that automatically sends a message to the ship owner and to competent authorities. The message is sent without being able to be detected by someone on-board or by other ships in the vicinity. ShipLoc is contained in a small, discrete waterproof unit, which includes: an Argos transmitter, a GPS receiver, a battery pack in case of main power failure, and a flat antenna. ShipLoc is one of the most reliable systems available today. For more information, please visit www.shiploc.com

Secure-Ship

Secure-Ship is an effective innovation in the fight against piracy. It is a non-lethal, electrifying fence surrounding the whole ship, which has been specially adapted for maritime use. The fence uses 9,000-volt pulse to deter boarding attempts. An intruder coming in contact with the fence will receive an unpleasant non-lethal shock that will result in the intruder abandoning the attempted boarding. At the same time an alarm will go off, activating floodlights and a very loud siren. The IMB strongly recommends ship owners to install this device on board their ships. For safety reasons it cannot be deployed on vessels carrying inflammable cargoes. Further details can be obtained at www.secure-ship.com

IMB views: Somali hijackings in the Indian Ocean:

After a lull during the summer months, there has been a substantial increase in attacks against ships by Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean since 01 October 2009.

Intelligence received by the IMB PRC indicated that groups of pirates had set out from small villages in southern Somalia at the end of September 2009.

On 15 October, the pirates successfully hijacked a container vessel 600nm from Mogadishu in Somalia. On 19 October, a bulk carrier was seized around 900nm from Mogadishu. On 22 October, another bulk carrier was seized further south.

The IMB PRC and EU NAVFOR recommend vessels to sail at least 600nm off the Somali coast. These attacks have occurred beyond that limit.

A cluster of successful attacks took place east of 60 E between 900 and 1100 nm from Mogadishu. On 9 November, a ULCC was fired upon but boarding was averted. On 10 November, a container vessel was fired upon and on 11 November, a handy sized bulk carrier was successfully hijacked in this cluster.

There are simply not enough naval vessels in the Indian Ocean to protect shipping in the way it can in the Gulf of Aden. Given the vast ocean areas to be patrolled, we may never have enough.

The recommended route is driven by the consideration that sailing further away from the Somali coast would force the pirates to operate further away from their comfort zone. This would result in increasing the amount of time and fuel spent in sailing out, and reduces the time the pirates would wait for a potential target – keeping in mind limited fuel and water supplies carried.

Does it add value to consider increasing the recommended route beyond the 600 nm? On reflection, this may be unnecessary. There are many owners already routing their vessels beyond 1000 nm off the Somali coast. The current thinking is to maintain the recommendation of at least 600 nm but to inform all shipping of the cluster of attacks that take place beyond this limit. This information is broadcast regularly by the IMB PRC in its broadcast to shipping or as soon as a cluster is identified.

The location of attacks in this cluster would indicate that the pirates were operating from the same “mothervessel”. Without the “mothervessel”, the pirates would not be able to operate so far out to sea. The IMB has previously led the call for robust naval action against pirate “mothervessel”. In a situation where there are few other realistic options, this needs to be re-emphasized.

Somalia is not a country with a sophisticated fishing fleet, which has the capability to fish economically 600 nm away from its bases in Somalia. A Somali fishing vessel operating 1000 nm off its coast in an area known to be the scene of pirate attacks has to be treated with suspicion. A genuine fishing vessel operating so far off the coast will need refrigerating equipment and holds, in working order to store their catch. Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) Launchers and seven-meter boarding ladders are not legitimate fishing equipment. The time may have come to be more serious in dealing with these criminal vessels. We should not forget that on 09 November the subject of their attentions was a ULCC. Pursuant to Article 2 of UNSCR 1851, vessels weapons and equipment suspected of being used for piracy may be seized or disposed of. It is a pity that this UNSC Resolution, which was obtained after so much effort and promulgated to deal with precisely such situations is not being applied by the governments as a basis for the Rules of Engagement to their naval commanders with vessels off the Horn of Africa.

Could the last cluster of attacks between, 09-11 November culminating in the hijackings of the bulk carrier 1000 nm off Mogadishu have been prevented? Arguably, they could have been if there was an available naval vessel within a day’s sailing distance. More importantly, the pirate mother vessel should have been identified and dealt with, imposing a serious cost and risk upon those controlling and financing the pirate operations.

IMB: Violent attacks off Nigeria surge:

The violent attacks off Nigeria have increased with serious concerns. Pirates normally armed with knives and automatic weapons use violence against crewmembers during the attacks.

On 24 November 2009, an oil tanker anchored off the coast of Benin, by the Nigerian border was boarded by eight or nine robbers, all armed with guns and knives. The robbers managed to gain excess to the bridge where they demanded ship’s cash and crew personal belongings before beating the Master and tying several other crewmembers. Another Officer was able to raise the ship’s alarm causing the pirates to panic. As they tried to escape, the Chief Officer of the vessel was shot and killed. The crew apprehended one of the robbers and handed him over to the Authorities in Benin.

In another incident, on 30 October 2009, a product tanker was attacked off Lagos by six pirates armed with knives and guns. The crew took evasive measures and contacted Lagos Port Control. The pirates opened fire at the bridge windows and accommodation. Eventually gaining entry to the bridge, the pirates took hostage all crewmembers. The crewmembers

were threatened and several assaulted. The pirates eventually made off with ship's cash, crew cash and personal belongings not before damaging the communication equipment and locking all crew in a cabin.

The Nigerian Authorities were informed, in many of the cases, but the attacked vessels received no assistance. During an attack on 15 November 2009, the crew of a bulker contacted Lagos Port Control and were informed that 'nobody would assist'.

In 2009, there have been 28 attacks against vessels in Nigerian waters, the vast majority being cases of robbery rather than hostage taking. This compares to 40 incidents in 2008. The IMB PRC is aware that many more incidents may be unreported as many operators are reluctant to report attacks on their vessels due to commercial pressures or fear of reprisals upon their next visit.

IMB Director Pottengal Mukundan commented, "Unlike Somalia, Nigeria has an effective central government and the strongest Navy in the region. What is worrying is that there appears to be no political will to combat the problem of piracy off their waters and coast, despite the country being a major oil exporter and the country's economy being heavily reliant on imports of other goods."

INTERTANKO concern on piracy off West Africa:

INTERTANKO is deeply concern on the increasing violence in piracy incidents in the Gulf of Guinea particularly off Nigeria and Benin. It calls on governments to take steps to ensure protection to seafarers and shipping. Intertanko Chairman Capt Graham Westgarth said, "The world as we know it depends on ability of ship and seafarer to provide ongoing safe transport for global trade. Our greatest assets are our seafarers whose safety is paramount and without whom world trade would grind to a halt. Seafarers need to be able to ply their trade safely without fear of violent acts by pirates."

Puntland jails Somali Pirates:

A court in Somalia's Puntland region is cracking down on suspected pirates with jail sentences of up to eight years.

Media report in mid October 2009 said that the Bossaso court had sentenced five pirates handed over by French Authorities to five years in prison each, while eight others turned in by Egypt each received eight years jail terms. The crew of an Egyptian fishing boat they had attacked last August had overpowered the latter eight pirates. Reports added that a further four or five pirates caught by local coastal forces each received jail terms of three years.

Somalia's Garowe Online said that over 120 pirates had been jailed in Puntland since January 2009.

UN Security Council debate on Somalia piracy (18/11/2009):

Statement by HE Mark Lyall Grant, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations

"I would like to thank the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ould Abdullah, for his realistic briefing and the report by the Secretary-General. The United Kingdom expresses its appreciation of the contribution of the UN and its Agencies to this effort, including the SRSG and his team.

The United Kingdom also welcomes the achievements of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia in coordinating the efforts of the international community to address piracy

in the region and the constructive contribution being made to these efforts by the Transitional Federal Government and the regional authorities of Somalia. We are pleased to lead work in the Contact Group on operational coordination and regional capacity development.

The level of coordination being achieved in the region by naval forces from a wide range of States is unprecedented and impressive. Close cooperation between these forces, in particular the establishment of patrolling of the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor in the Gulf of Aden, has managed to ensure that only one ship following this route and adhering to agreed best practice has been hijacked in the Gulf since December 2008. The statistics in the Secretary-General's report on the protection of World Food Programme aid and AMISOM supplies underline a successful role of the military operations in safeguarding essential shipping.

But, Mr President, we cannot underestimate the significant challenge that we face. Even though the proportion of successful attacks continues to fall, the overall number of pirate attacks continues to increase and currently 11 ships and 254 crewmembers are currently hijacked. Pirates are now willing to venture further out to sea in search of targets and to counter this we need a different type of military response, led by intelligence. The Military Commanders know what they need in terms of military capability, and the international community must help to deliver this.

But one message from the Military Commanders remains consistent. They are shocked by the lack of adherence by sectors of merchant shipping community to the guidance which is given by the International Maritime Organisation and industry bodies. Estimates suggest that a quarter of merchant shipping fails to follow this guidance. This failure makes them much easier targets. We have joined other major Flag States in signing the New York Declaration on Best Management Practice to avoid and deter acts of piracy and are pressing all United Kingdom ships to adopt these practices when in the region and we urge all Flag States to do the same.

The release of the Spanish fishing boat *Alakrana* earlier this week is obviously a welcome development and we hope that all other hostages will soon be free, including the British Nationals, Paul and Rachel Chandler, who were seized from their yacht on 23 October.

Mr President,

We pay tribute to Kenya for its leadership within the region in taking forward the detention and prosecution of pirates. The UK also welcomes the agreement by the Republic of Seychelles to accept pirate suspects for trial and detention. We stand ready with other partners to provide assistance to signatories of the Djibouti Code of Conduct who have undertaken to enact national legislation to enable the prosecution of pirates. We strongly support the work being taken forward by the UN Office of Drugs and Crime to help the Transitional Federal Government and regional authorities of Puntland and Somaliland to deal with suspects within Somalia.

Mr President, the Secretary-General's report clearly highlights the need to address the situation on land in Somalia. The Contact Group decided on a number of measures at the meeting of its Working Group in London this week. Donors now need to commit themselves to providing financial and technical support to Somalia and to States throughout the region - including work on governance, rule of law, justice, alternative livelihoods and strategic communications. The implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct remains at the heart of regional capacity development, transforming regional political will into action.

Mr President, piracy is only one of the symptoms of instability in Somalia and, as the Special Representative has said, we must also address the root causes of that instability. I pay tribute

to the efforts led by the SRSG to support the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia in developing effective political and security structures. And I should like to thank AMISOM and Uganda and Burundi in particular, its two troop contributing countries, for their outstanding efforts to support the Government against insurgents. I hope that others will join them to bring the mission up to full strength.

The international community has shown unity and resolve in taking action to contain the threat of piracy. But we now need to show more of the same determination and unity on shore if we are to address its roots causes.

Thank you”.

ICS search for new anti piracy plan:

The International Chamber of Shipping Chairman Spyros Polemis told the IMO that the search for a new approach to anti piracy would start with an “in depth review “of lessons learned.

He said, “Whilst the current levels of military protection must be sustained, or better still increased, we fear there is a danger that the current exceptional arrangements may be viewed increasingly as normal business.”

Mr Polemis added, “While such protection is without doubt vital, it is also essential that this deterrence is supported by the political will of governments taking action to facilitate the arrest and prosecution of those engaged in piracy.”

He said the ICS reaffirmed its opposition to the use of armed security guards and said that they can only escalate the great dangers to which seafarers are already exposed.”

ITF statement on Piracy:

“The ITF Seafarers Section having assessed the growing problem of piracy in the Gulf of Aden, off the coast of Somalia and now in the wider Indian Ocean has determined that save in exceptional circumstances ships should not transit the area. The risk of attack is now so great that putting seafarers in harms way amounts to a breach of the shipowner’s duty of care.

The exceptional circumstances relate to:

- having close active protection from naval forces or being in a convoy which has an adequate naval escort; or
- the ship can be classified as low risk and has a proven level of protection measures in place.

The ITF also considers that seafarers should suffer no detriment from refusing to take ships into these high risk areas. Seafarers have a right to refuse to put themselves in harms way and the right to be relieved before the ship enters a high risk area. The ITF calls on flag States and shipowners to uphold seafarers’ rights in this regard.

The ITF re-affirmed the position that seafarers should not be armed.

The ITF call’s on the wider shipping industry to support this position and to take all measures to ensure the protection of seafarers by not putting them in harms way.”

Indian deploy patrol vessel in Indian Ocean:

It was reported that India has sent an offshore patrol vessel equipped with a helicopter to help patrol the area off Seychelles and Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. India Defence Ministry said that INS Savitri have been deployed to patrol the area in view of the rising piracy attacks in the area. They will coordinate with the Seychelles Coast Guard and the Mauritian National Coast Guard.

EU commander – anti piracy operation may extend range:

The Commander of the EU anti piracy operation Rear Admiral Peter Hudson said that the current anti piracy operation may be expanded as Somali pirates have started to attack ships over 1000 nautical miles from shore. He said, “We are looking at extending the area of our mandate. We are looking at whether we have the assets to do it, whether it would provide more security.” Hudson said that extending the area of operation would require the agreement of all leaders of the EU’s 27 member states. He added, “There is no fleet commander in the world who wouldn’t want more assets, but you have to be pragmatic about what member states are willing to contribute.”

INTERPOL says Somali pirates controlled by crime syndicates:

Interpol said that the Somali pirates are controlled by crime syndicates, which include foreigners outside Somalia. The pirates have managed to extend their range by acquiring tracking devices and sophisticated weapons. Jean-Michel Louboutin, the Executive Director of Police Services at Interpol said, “It is organized crime.” He said that the international naval presence in the Gulf of Aden is not sufficient to solve the problem, which has policing, social and economic dimensions.

Local Authorities launched operation in Sabah waters:

The Malaysian Authorities launched a security operation in Sabah waters recently. The operation involved the Malaysian Police, Malaysian Armed Forces and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). The objective of the operation is to ensure the local residents feel more secure with the presence of the Authorities. At the same time, all the agencies involved in the operation will have a better understanding and cooperation between each other to curb illegal activities like piracy and armed robbery, smuggling and encroachment by foreigners.

Malaysian Authorities arrest pirates:

It was reported recently that the MMEA has managed to arrest a gang of six pirates off Tanjung Tohor. The pirates believed to be fishermen were detained and weapons were seized. The weapons were hidden in the boat and used for sea robberies. MMEA southern region commander First Admiral Che Hassan Jusoh said that a MMEA patrol vessel noticed a suspicious boat at about 4 am and investigated. Initial investigations also showed that the boat Captain possessed both Malaysian and Indonesian Identity cards and the others possessed doubtful documentation and some did not have any identification on them.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

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ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.02.2009 - Steaming Boarded	Majullah Jasmine Tanker St. Kitts /Nevis 577 7331707	Malacca Straits	Pirates armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded the tanker underway. They stole ships and crew cash and escaped.
2.	19.02.2009 1430 LT Steaming Boarded	MLC Nancy 5 Tug Singapore 247 9257539 Miclyn 3316 Barge Singapore 4953 -	05:10.5N – 099:06.03E, Malacca Straits	12 pirates in a boat boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They stole ship's navigational, radio, personal belongings and kidnapped the master and the chief officer before leaving the vessel. The 2 nd officer is navigating the vessels to a nearest port. The two crew were released several days later. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	29.01.2009 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Elka Athina Chemical Tanker Greece 59486 9249116	06:10.4S – 108:25.5E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. They tried to enter into the accommodation but were noticed by the duty crew who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers climbed down into their boat and escaped. Master broadcast a security alert message to all ships in the vicinity and tried to call Balongan radio but received no response.
2.	12.02.2009 0448 LT Anchored Boarded	Arya Payam Bulk Carrier Cyprus 32474 9328522	01:18.86N – 104:14.42E, Off Tanjung Bulat, Malaysia	Five robbers in a wooden boat approached the ship at anchor. One of the robbers boarded the ship and attempted to steal ship's stores. Duty crew noticed the robber and informed bridge who raised the alarm, sounded ship's horn and informed ships in the vicinity via vhf ch.16. The robber jumped overboard and escaped empty handed with his accomplices.
3.	15.02.2009	Mandakini	01:17.7N –	Duty 3rd engineer onboard the ship

	0315 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Carrier India 28739 8321058	104:10.1E, 3 NM Off Tanjung Penyusup, Malaysia	noticed robbers escaping from the engine room. He informed duty officer on bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. After a search, it was revealed that five robbers boarded the ship and entered the engine room. They threatened the engine room crew with knives, tied them up and took the storeroom keys from them. They then stole engine spares and escaped. Later authorities arrived and investigated the incident.
4.	24.03.2009 1000 LT Not Stated Boarded	Mr. Bean Yacht United Kingdom 22.83 -	06:40N – 099:14E, Off Koh Tong (Tong Island), Satun Province, Thailand	Three robbers armed with knives and a hammer attacked and boarded the yacht. They assaulted and killed the skipper and threw his body overboard. The skipper's wife was also injured. The Satun Marine Police was notified and sent patrol boats to search for the dead body. When the police arrived at the yacht area, three men were on the life raft. The police detained three Burmese men. The police said that the three suspects had earlier escaped from a fishing boat by jumping off the boat and headed to the yacht. The body of the skipper was later recovered and sent to the forensic department for further investigation.
5.	31.03.2009 2120 LT Steaming Boarded	PU 2414 Tug Singapore 248 9512800	02:17.72N – 104:49.22E, 13 NM South of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Seven pirates in a speedboat, wearing masks and armed with long knives and guns approached the tug towing a barge underway. Six pirates boarded the tug while the other pirate remained on the boat. They took hostage nine crewmembers, threatened them and tied their hands. They stole the vessel's cash, crew personal belongings, damaged the communication equipment and escaped. MPA Singapore and coast guard informed.
6.	01.04.2009 0510 LT Steaming Boarded	Terus Daya 23 Tug Indonesia 259 -	02:30.10N – 104:24.20E, 6NM NW Off Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Five masked pirates armed with knives boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped.
7	12.04.2009 1625 UTC Steaming Boarded	Olympian Racer Container Cyprus 9910 9319557	14:36.2N – 120:53.1E, MICT Pilot Boarding Ground, Manila North Harbour, Philippines	While waiting for pilot, A/B on routine rounds noticed robbers on the forecandle of the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered and proceeded to forecandle to prevent any theft. Noticing the alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's properties.
8.	21.04.2009 0345 LT Berthed Boarded	MCP Rotterdam General Cargo Netherlands 5272 9372004	Sandakan Port, Malaysia	While at berth, two robbers boarded the ship from a small boat during heavy rain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped into their boat. An inspection showed three container seals were tampered with but nothing stolen.
9.	03.05.2009 0001 – 0400	Jbu Opal Chemical Tanker	05:48.7N – 118:05.9E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. Robbers broke the lock of the

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	LT Anchored Boarded	Hong Kong 11500 9400409	Sandakan Inner Anchorage, Malaysia	paint store and stole ship's stores. The master and the crew only realized the theft in the morning. Local agent was informed.
10.	03.05.2009 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Jbu Opal Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 11500 9400409	Karamunting Palm Oil Terminal, Sandakan Port, Malaysia	Four robbers in a fishing boat approached the tanker at berth. While crewmembers were busy at the manifold, the robbers boarded the tanker using hook attached to a rope. Several crewmembers saw unidentified persons on forecastle deck and approached them. The robbers escaped in their boat upon seeing the crew alertness. Nothing stolen.
11.	28.05.2009 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Topniche 5 Tug Singapore 255 9256547	02:24N – 104:24E, Off Aur Island, Malaysia	Five pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the tug underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped.
12.	28.05.2009 2340 LT Anchored Boarded	Sinar Bangka Container Panama 12563 9220304	16:38.88N – 096:15.53E, MITT Anchorage, Yangon, Myanmar	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a small wooden boat with two other accomplices. Nothing stolen.
13.	01.06.2009 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Garnet Bulk Carrier Panama 15392 7702516	01:19.23N – 104:15.89E, East OPL Anchorage, Singapore Straits	About eight robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor from stern. They entered into the engine room and tied-up the oiler. Robbers stole engine spares and escaped. The oiler managed to escape and reported to captain. No injuries to crew.
14.	22.06.2009 1600 LT Steaming Boarded	Salvicero Tug Singapore 2658 9351830	01:08.0N – 103:35.8E, Off Nipa Shoal, Singapore Straits	Seven pirates in a small wooden boat armed with automatic weapons approached the tug underway. The crew immediately retreated into the accommodation, locked themselves and raised alarm. Three pirates boarded the tug and tried to enter the accommodation but gave up after 10 minutes. They left the tug and were reported to have headed south. Crew safe and nothing stolen.
15.	28.06.2009 0115 LT Steaming Boarded	White Tokio General Cargo Panama 7514 9445241	01:57.83N – 104:47.83E, 32 NM Off Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Eight pirates armed with long knives and steel bars in a boat approached the ship underway. Six pirates boarded the ship and took hostage master, 2/O and 3/O and threatened them with knives on their necks. They stole ship's cash, properties and crew personal belongings and escaped at 0130 LT.
16.	06.07.2009 1110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kamishima Bulk Carrier Panama 53935 9057018	00:00N – 117:36E, Bontang Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers gained access onto an anchored ship via the anchor chain and through the hawse pipe which had been secured by the crew. They stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed.
17.	12.07.2009 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Kenryo Tug Singapore 370 9511624	01:08.91N – 103:45.11E, Off Raffles Light House, Singapore Straits	Five pirates armed with long knives and swords in a five meter long wooden boat approached the tug towing a barge underway. Four pirates boarded the tug and tied up the crew. They stole ship's properties, crew personal belongings and cash and escaped. No

				injuries to crew. VTIS and coast guard Singapore informed.
18.	21.07.2009 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	PNG Express Product Tanker Honduras 1490 7724643	01:17.94N – 104:09.24E, Off Tanjong Stapa, Malaysia	Six robbers armed with long knives in a boat came alongside and boarded the tanker at anchor. The robbers tied-up master and crewmembers. They stole ship's and crew properties. During the incident the Malaysian Marine Police boarded the tanker and arrested five robbers. One of the robbers who jumped overboard and escaped, was "picked" up by a passing merchant vessel and handed over to the police.
19.	15.08.2009 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Kirana Tritya Product Tanker Singapore 13203 9279678	01:18.9N – 104:16.18E, 2.6 NM Off Tanjung Ramunia, Malaysia	Three robbers in a small fast wooden boat boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew sighted the robbers and informed D/O who raised the alarm. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm. Nothing stolen. VTIS Singapore informed.
20.	18.08.2009 0450 LT Berthed Boarded	Koombana Bay Bulk Carrier Panama 17018 9515735	Port Merak, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at berth. They broke into the steering gear room, entered the engine room and stole ship's spare parts. While trying to escape, the robbers attacked a duty crew and escaped in a boat. The crew was slightly injured. Port authority informed.
21.	28.08.2009 1950 UTC Berthed Boarded	Darling River Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20418 9378008	Berth No.5, Ciwandan Port, Indonesia	While berthed, four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from a motor boat. They attempted to open the door to the engine room. Duty watchman noticed them and raised alarm. On seeing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Authorities informed.
22.	13.09.2009 2150 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Aberdeen Container Hong Kong 14063 9175793	03:56.7N – 098:46.1E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor. Duty watch keeper sighted the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised ship's alarm and mustered crew. On investigating, the crew saw the forecandle door open and a rope ladder rigged. The robbers had broken into the forecandle store and stolen ship's stores. No injuries to crew. The robbers escaped. Master reported to port authority.
23.	14.09.2009 0445 LT Anchored Boarded	MMM Kingston Chemical Tanker Malaysia 4355 8919972	01:18.30N – 104:12.56E, EOPL, Singapore Straits	Six robbers in a small boat came alongside the tanker at anchor. Two robbers, armed with knives boarded the tanker, whilst the remaining stayed in the boat. Duty A/B noticed the robbers, rushed into the accommodation and informed the duty officer who raised alarm, sounded foghorn, alerted crewmembers and warned all vessels by VHF radio. Upon seeing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Singapore VTIS informed.
24.	19.09.2009 0220 LT Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Jupiter Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 23342	03:55.2N – 098:45.8E, Belawan Outer Anchorage,	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker via the forecandle by using a rope and hook. The robbers threatened the forward duty A/B

		9383962	Indonesia	who raised the alarm and retreated into the accommodation. Crew mustered and went forward to check. Upon seeing the crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's equipment. Attempt to contact authorities were futile.
25.	12.10.2009 - Steaming Boarded	Intan T3501 Tug Singapore 441 9424338 Kreuz 331 Barge Singapore 4953 -	Enroute from Singapore to Kuantan, Malaysia	While the tug towing a barge was underway, pirates stole ship's stores and property and escaped unnoticed by crewmembers. The loss was only discovered later. A police report lodged.
26.	13.10.2009 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	Lantana Product Tanker Singapore 4629 9110444	01:17.0N – 104:10.5E, EOPL, Singapore Straits	A small boat with six robbers came alongside the tanker at anchor from stbd side aft. Two robbers boarded the ship and stole ship's properties. They were spotted by ship's crew who raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers escaped in their boat.
27.	19.10.2009 - Steaming Boarded	Intan T3501 Tug Singapore 441 9424338 Kreuz 331 Barge Singapore 4953 -	Enroute from Kuantan to Singapore, Malaysia	While the tug towing a barge was underway, unnoticed by crewmembers, pirates stole ship's stores and property and escaped unnoticed. The loss was only discovered when the tug arrived at destination. A police report lodged.
28.	05.11.2009 0320 LT Anchored Boarded	Tequila Sunrise Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19800 9402110	06:00.6S – 105:56.4E, Ciwandan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers in a small boat boarded the ship at anchor from the stern. The robbers tied up the duty A/B and took him to the engine room where they tied up the duty oiler at knifepoint. They stole engine spares and escaped. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to marine police.
29.	21.11.2009 0130 – 0600 LT Anchored Boarded	Gulf Jumeirah Chemical Tanker Bahamas 29508 46488	01:21.4S – 116:59.3E, Balikpapan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor using hooks attached to ropes. They stole ship's stores and escaped in a small boat. Local authorities informed.
30.	08.12.2009 0325 LT Anchored Boarded	Wafrah Tanker Kuwait 63440 9328170	06:13.62S – 108:28.29E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the tanker from poop deck. They were spotted by the duty watchman who immediately informed the bridge duty officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. On seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped in a waiting boat.
31.	20.12.2009 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Tempest Tug Netherlands 1368 7515377	01:18.3N – 104:11.6E, 2 NM South of Tanjung Ayam, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the tug and took hostage an oiler. Duty A/B saw the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised alarm. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped with stolen vessel's stores.

32.	22.12.2009 1710 UTC Anchored Boarded	MSC Calcutta Container Cyprus 17933 7811367	03:55.5N – 098:46.6E, Belawan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship unnoticed. They tied-up the hands and feet of the duty A/B and stole ship's properties and ship's stores. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Robbers escaped with stolen items. Incident reported to coastal authorities.
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FAR EAST

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1.	15.01.2009 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	Kakusho I Bitumen Tanker Singapore 3525 9279642	10:14.97N – 107:04.02E, Vungtau Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Two robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty A/B noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The ship's whistle was sounded and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, robbers jumped into the water and escaped with ship's stores in a small boat.
2.	01.02.2009 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Bossclip Trader Bulk Carrier Bahamas 19918 9320295	Ho Chi Minh City Mooring Buoys RQ2, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the ship moored to mooring buoys. They stole ship's stores, opened the hawse pipe cover and escaped through the hawse pipe. Incident reported to police.
3.	08.03.2009 1155 LT Anchored Boarded	Olympian Racer Container Cyprus 9910 9319557	10:15.9N – 107:07.7E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the ship unnoticed and gained access to the paint locker. The ship's crew returning to work on the forecastle noticed a boat leaving the ship's side. Upon checking, it was discovered the entrance to paint locker was broken, ship's stores stolen.
4.	30.03.2009 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Voyager Bulk carrier Cyprus 32474 9328522	10:42.42N – 106:44.73E, Mooring Buoy No.41, Port of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Six robbers in a wooden boat boarded the ship from the bow. They stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was reported to local authorities and police boarded the ship for investigation.
5.	06.04.2009 Before Midnight Hrs Steaming Boarded	Astaka Tug Malaysia 334 9443334 Astaka 5 Barge Malaysia 5248 -	Off Can Tho, Vietnam	Three pirates wearing hoods and armed with guns boarded the tug towing a barge. The pirates took hostage four crewmembers, tied their hands and locked them in master's cabin. The four crewmembers felt the vessel jolted and smelt burning in the cabin. They freed themselves and found that the other seven crewmembers were missing and later abandoned the vessel. The four crew reached ashore in a life raft after two hours and the Vietnam authorities took them in for investigation. The tug was later found at the coastal waters of Can Tho and the barge was found with the cargo off Con Dao island. The seven crew are still missing.
6.	07.04.2009 2035 LT	Prospaq T1 Tug	En Route Singapore to	Twelve pirates armed with small firearms and long knives boarded the tug towing

	Steaming Hijacked	Singapore 197 8967797 Prospaq B1 Barge Singapore 2459 -	Vietnam, South China Sea	an empty barge. They took hostage 10 crewmembers, blindfolded and tied them up using masking tape and hijacked the tug and barge. On 13 April, the pirates instructed the crewmembers to lower and board their life raft. Then, they sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location. A passing ship rescued the crewmembers on 14 April and reported to the Philippines authorities. The ship arrived at Manila port on 16 April and the authorities boarded the ship and took the crewmembers ashore for medical examination.
7.	20.04.2009 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Quds Chemical Tanker Saudi Arabia 28981 9203928	03:05.0N – 105:17.2E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Eight pirates armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage eight crewmembers, stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped.
8.	22.04.2009 2145 LT Steaming Boarded	Ellen S Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9374117	03:10.8N – 105:28.5E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Five pirates armed with long knives in a boat boarded the ship underway. They attacked the master and stole ship's cash and escaped. No injuries to crew.
9.	22.04.2009 2005 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sider Lion Bulk Carrier Malta 14770 9190004	03:13N – 105:29E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. No injuries to crew.
10.	25.06.2009 2140 LT Steaming Boarded	Sao Bien 09 Alci General Cargo Vietnam 1998 9449364	02:58.3N – 105:14.2E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped in a small boat.
11.	25.06.2009 1915 UTC Steaming Boarded	Galax General Cargo Malta 15670 9165798	02:58N – 105:11E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Eight pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They held hostage an A/B and 2/O on watch. Pirates stole cash and crew belongings and escaped in a small boat.
12.	27.06.2009 0040 LT Steaming Boarded	Sigloo Discovery LPG Tanker Singapore 7954 8511964	02:47.1N – 105:07.6E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Six pirates armed with knives, crowbars and batons boarded the tanker underway. Master, 2/O and duty A/B negotiated with the pirates not to harm anyone and gave everything as demanded by them. The pirates tied them up, stole their personal belongings and cash and escaped in a canoe craft. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and crew mustered. No injuries to crew.
13.	12.07.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Dagmar Container Antigua and Barbuda 5684 9064695	10:16.2N – 107:04.6E, Vung Tau Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores and properties and escaped.
14.	02.08.2009 0130 LT Steaming	Tahir Tug Singapore	02:51.65N – 105:06.12E, Off Pulau	Five pirates in a boat armed with knives boarded the tug underway. All the crew mustered and managed to chase the

	Boarded	249 9463798	Mangkai, South China Sea	pirates back into their boat. One crew slightly injured.
15.	23.08.2009 2215 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Container Panama 12598 -	20:38.6N – 106:51.7E, Haiphong Anchorage, Vietnam	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They broke open fore-castle store and stole ship's stores. Forward duty A/B was threatened with knives. Alarm raised and robbers jumped into the waters and escaped. Ship enforced tighter security onboard.
16.	26.08.2009 0015 LT Berthed Boarded	Beluga Federation General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 9611 9349289	Phu My Port, Vietnam	Whilst berthed, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed. Robbers broke open the fore-castle store and stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. Additional security measures enforced to prevent future incidents.
17.	18.09.2009 1720 UTC Steaming Boarded	Prospect LPG Tanker Singapore 47266 9387762	03:23.7N – 105:22.1E, Off Anambas Island, South China Sea	Six pirates armed with knives and machetes boarded the tanker underway from astern using ropes. They entered the accommodation, went to the bridge and took hostage duty officer, hit him on his head and tied up his hands. They then took him to master's cabin, where the pirates stole cash money and personal belongings of master and duty officer. They then went to chief officer's cabin and stole personal belongings. The pirates then took the captain on deck and held him hostage until they disembarked into their boat and escaped. No injuries to crew.
18.	19.09.2009 2230 LT Steaming Boarded	Normannia Bulk Carrier Liberia 24987 9142980	03:04N – 105:16E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Eight pirates armed with long knives and crowbars boarded the ship underway. They broke into 2/O cabin, tied up his hands and threatened him with a long knife at his throat. Pirates forced the 2/O to call the master. While the pirates were waiting next to the master's door, they seized C/E and tied up his hands. The pirates rushed inside the master's cabin once it was opened. They threatened the master with long knives and crowbars and demanded money. Master's hands were tied up and they forced him to the aft station. The pirates jumped into a long wooden skiff with ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. C/E and 2/O managed to free themselves and raised the alarm. No injuries to crew.
19.	24.10.2009 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ellen S Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9374117	20:38.5N – 106:52.8E, Haiphong Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship from the fore-castle and stole ship's stores before escaping. Local authorities informed.
20.	16.11.2009 0120 LT Steaming Boarded	Florinda Bulk Carrier Panama 32415 9423499	03:12.4N – 105:29.1E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Ten pirates armed with knives and crowbars boarded the ship underway. They entered the bridge, threatened the duty officer and an A/B, and ordered them not to sound the alarm. The pirates forced their way into the captain's cabin, tied his hands and threatened him with

				knives. The pirates stole ship's cash and personal belongings and escaped.
21.	19.11.2009 0120 LT Steaming Boarded	High Energy Product Tanker Panama 28245 9282510	03:09.7N – 105:27.0E, 9 NM West of Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Pirates armed with knives and swords in a small fishing boat boarded the tanker underway. They tried to enter into the accommodation but were unable as all doors were locked. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, they jumped overboard and escaped.
22.	30.12.2009 0645 LT Anchored Boarded	Gulf Elan Chemical Tanker Bahamas 29490 9335109	22:41.4N – 113:41.8E, Nansha Anchorage, China	Duty A/B on rounds noticed a robber on forecastle. He informed duty officer on bridge who raised alarm and alerted crew. Upon inspection, it was discovered ship's stores were stolen from store. Local authorities informed and later boarded for investigation.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.02.2009 2330 LT Anchored Boarded	Port Shanghai Bulk Carrier Panama 32415 9423528	17:01N – 082:22E, Kakinada Lightering Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship via the forecastle and stole ship's stores and escaped before being noticed by watch keepers.
2.	22.02.2009 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Janesia Asphalt I Bitumen Tanker Panama 2873 9020443	17:01.64N – 082:23.26E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Robbers in two small boats approached the tanker at anchor. They boarded the ship, stole ship's stores and escaped.
3.	27.02.2009 Night Hours Anchored Boarded	Ganda General Cargo Italy 1850 9298129	Cochin Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke forward lockers and stole ship's stores and escaped.
4.	07.03.2009 2230 LT Anchored Boarded	Magic Bulk Carrier Liberia 32379 9403073	16:59.5N – 082:21.5E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship by climbing thru the hawse pipe. When sighted by duty watchmen, robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Port control and agent informed.
5.	15.03.2009 0715 LT Anchored Boarded	OEL Singapore Container Singapore 9990 9345910	22:10.7N – 091:46.6E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the ship and broke open rope locker and stole ship's stores. They were not spotted by ship's crew.
6.	04.05.2009 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	United Ambassador Greece Product Tanker 42010 9307085	09:54.93N – 076:06.47E, Cochin Anchorage, India	Three robbers boarded the tanker at anchor using a rope and hook. Robbers stole and lowered ship's stores into a waiting boat. The 2nd Officer noticed the robbers and approached the robbers with other crewmembers. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores.
7.	23.05.2009 2054 LT	Martha Russ Container	Chittagong Anchorage 'C',	After dropping anchor, ship's crew spotted eight armed robbers on the poop

	Anchored Boarded	Antigua and Barbuda 9956 9346562	Bangladesh	deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Port control and coast guard notified.
8.	12.06.2009 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	Hong Kong Sun Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 15165 8208206	22:14N – 091:42E, Chittagong Alpha Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four pirates boarded the ship underway using hook attached to a rope. They threatened the duty crew with knives and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and the pirates escaped in a speedboat with four other accomplices.
9.	19.06.2009 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Appen Anita Container Liberia 9610 9363962	22:10N – 091:46E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Armed robbers boarded the ship using hooks and lines while another two remained in the boat. They threatened the OS with knives and tied him up with ropes. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.
10.	29.06.2009 2330 LT Berthed Boarded	Atlantic Eagle Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9332183	Cochin Oil Terminal, India	While discharging alongside at the oil terminal, in heavy rain, D/O noticed some movements on the forecastle deck. He ordered the deck watchmen to check. Upon arrival they noticed three robbers stealing ship's stores. Realising they have been noticed, robbers jumped overboard into a waiting boat and escaped with ship's stores.
11.	06.07.2009 1840 UTC Anchored Boarded	OEL Freedom Container Singapore 10676 8510362	22:11N – 091:46E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Duty officer detected some boats near the stern of the ship at anchor. Crew mustered and saw 15 robbers onboard. One duty watchman was tied up and was attacked with iron bars. Robbers had stolen ship's stores and properties and escaped. Master reported to port control.
12.	12.08.2009 During Midnight Hrs Berthed Boarded	Summer Fortune Bulk Carrier Panama 35885 9167368	Haldia Port, India	Whilst berthed, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed, stole ship's spares from the engine room spares locker, and escaped. The robbery was discovered the next day when the 2nd engineer went to look for spares and discovered the scattered empty boxes.
13.	09.09.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Sanne Container Antigua and Barbuda 12029 9126962	22:10.6N – 091:46.4E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Duty watchmen on an anchored ship noticed a speedboat come alongside. Two robbers armed with long knives boarded. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Authorities informed but no response.
14.	15.09.2009 2220 LT Anchored Boarded	Jin Hui Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 28707 9214082	22:09.4N – 091:47.2E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Twelve robbers armed with long knives in two boats boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage the stern duty crew, tied his hands and stole ship's stores. The other roving deck watchmen saw the robbers and raised alarm. All crew mustered with steel bars. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores upon seeing the crew running after them with iron bars. Port control informed and was told that a naval vessel will arrive in one hour. The naval vessel did not turn up until the ship sailed on 16 Sep at 1435 LT.
15.	18.09.2009 0440 LT Anchored	Kota Ratu Container Singapore	21:41.80N – 088:00.90E, Sagar	Whilst anchored, robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from the starboard side when the duty watchman

	Boarded	9422 9167435	Anchorage, Kolkata, India	was taking rounds on the port side. As the duty watchman came to the starboard side the robbers threatened him with knives. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Local authorities informed.
16.	22.09.2009 1555 UTC Anchored Boarded	Serasih Bulk Carrier Panama 25980 8324397	22:14.6N – 091:43.0E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor via the stern. Duty seaman doing routine rounds sensed suspicious activities astern and went to investigate. He encountered robbers and was threatened with knives but managed to escape. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped by jumping into the water. Upon investigation, it was discovered robbers managed to enter into the steering flat. Ship stores stolen.
17.	27.09.2009 0002 LT Anchored Boarded	Kirana Quartya Product Tanker Singapore 13203 9354545	22:11.22N – 091:43.24E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Eight robbers armed with long knives in a small wooden fishing boat boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty bosun sighted them and informed OOW who raised the alarm. Robbers threatened one watchman with long knives, cut off some mooring ropes and jumped into the water and escaped with the stolen stores. Port control informed.
18.	27.09.2009 1500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Wehr Elbe Container Marshall Islands 25703 9236688	22:15.4N – 091:43.5E, Chittagong Anchorage 'A', Bangladesh	D/O onboard the ship arrived at poop deck and spotted one robber near entrance to rope store. When D/O approached the robber, two other robbers armed with long knives began to chase him. He retreated to the main deck and alerted other crewmembers. Crew with crowbars arrived at poop deck but by then the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen ropes.
19.	29.09.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Yasa H. Mulla Bulk Carrier Turkey 30303 9238466	21:40N – 088:01E, Sagar Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship unnoticed, and stole ship's stores and escaped. The robbery was discovered later by duty officer and watchmen during rounds.
20.	13.10.2009 2105 UTC Anchored Boarded	Serasih Bulk Carrier Panama 25980 8324397	22:10.2N – 091:47.4E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	About ten robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship from stern, held hostage one crew at knifepoint and gained access into steering gear room. They stole ship's stores and equipment and escaped in their boat. Local authorities informed.
21.	19.10.2009 1406 UTC Anchored Boarded	Hansa Stralsund Container Liberia 9603 9063990	22:10.7N – 091:43.3E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	25 robbers, in three wooden boats armed with long knives approached the ship from astern. 15 robbers boarded the ship via the poop deck. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Local authorities informed. Coast guard personnel boarded for investigation.
22.	05.12.2009 1800 LT Anchored Boarded	Tropical Star Tug Belize 290 7047590	22:12.6N – 091:46.4E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	About 12 robbers armed with long metal bars in a small boat boarded an anchored tug. They stole the vessel's stores and escaped. Local authorities informed.
23.	17.12.2009 1929 UTC	Havildar Abdul Hamid PVC	09:57N – 076:02E,	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. The robbers broke

	Anchored Boarded	Tanker India 37855 8316625	Kochi Anchorage, India	open the forepeak store and stole ship's stores. Ship's crew noticed and chased them away. Seeing the crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped.
24.	19.12.2009 2345 LT	X-Press Dhaulagiri Container Singapore 18123 9357547	22:10.5'N – 091:43.8'E Chittagong Anchorage 'B'	Three pirates armed with long knives and in small unlit fishing boats boarded a container ship approaching the anchorage. Pirates stole ship's stores and escaped when ship raised alarm and mustered crew. Port control informed.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2009 0305 LT Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Dream Bulk Carrier Panama 16949 9364837	03:49.6N – 077:09.4W, Buenaventura Anchorage, Colombia	One robber was sighted near the forward cargo compartment on a bulk carrier at anchor. Master raised alarm and mustered ship's crew. Master reported to the coast guard. Later the man jumped overboard and escaped. Coast guard boarded for investigation.
2.	05.01.2009 1945 LT Anchored Boarded	Spar Topaz Bulk Carrier Norway 22155 8407280	12:01.5S – 077:13.1W, Callao Anchorage Area No.12, Peru	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew noticed the robbers trying to break the forepeak store hatch and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, robbers jumped into the water and escaped. Nothing stolen. Port control informed and a patrol boat came and searched the area.
3.	09.01.2009 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maruba Africa Container Liberia 22801 9357092	12:01.81S – 077:12.15W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Duty A/B onboard the ship at anchor spotted armed robbers lowering ship's stores. Two of the robbers tried to attack the duty A/B but he managed to run and inform the bridge. Robbers escaped in a motor boat upon hearing the alarm. Ship's properties stolen.
4.	10.01.2009 2300 LT Berthed Boarded	Challenge Pacific Product Tanker Singapore 26911 9347310	03:44S – 038:31W, Mucuripe Terminal, Fortaleza Port, Brazil	Four robbers in a boat approached the tanker at berth. One of the robbers boarded the tanker using a hook attached to a rope. Duty A/B noticed the robber and raised alarm. The robber jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices and ship's stores.
5.	11.01.2009 0255 LT Berthed Boarded	Ines Container Germany 9602 9122461	Guanta Port, Venezuela	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship during cargo operations. They broke open one reefer container and stole contents from it. Upon seeing the watchman, the robbers escaped. Port police informed.
6.	21.01.2009 2050 LT Berthed Boarded	Histria Coral Chemical Tanker Malta 25804 9301299	La Pampilla Port, Peru	The tanker at berth was boarded by six robbers while cargo operations were in progress. The deck security watchman was found to be beaten and tied up. Upon searching, no robbers were found onboard. Authorities were informed and a coast guard boat arrived and conducted

				an investigation. Ship's stores were stolen. Injured crew was sent ashore for medical treatment and later returned to the ship.
7.	21.01.2009 2303 LT Anchored Boarded	Avocet Arrow General Cargo Bahamas 27470 8324359	10:23N – 075:33W, Cartagena Anchorage 'D', Colombia	A robber boarded the ship at anchor. Master raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robber jumped overboard upon hearing the alarm and escaped in a motor boat.
8.	06.02.2009 2000 LT Anchored Boarded	CSAV Maresias Container Marshall Islands 16801 9105970	12:01.5S – 077:12.3W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Six masked robbers armed with long knives in black clothes boarded the ship at anchor. They attacked and seized two duty watchmen, broke into the bosun store and stole ship's stores. Other watchmen noticed the robbers and reported to bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm. Port control informed and a police patrol boat came but no investigation conducted.
9.	08.02.2009 Early Hours Anchored Boarded	Pico Alto Catamaran Brazil - -	12:53.18S – 038:40.43W, Off Itaparica Marina, Brazil	Two robbers armed with guns in a small row boat boarded a sailing vessel at anchor. The captain confronted the robbers and they shot and killed him. Robbers jumped overboard and swam off leaving their row boat. Nothing stolen.
10.	14.02.2009 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	CSAV Santos Container Liberia 25406 9311842	Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers boarded the ship at anchorage. They broke open the bosun store and stole ship's stores. Master informed local police but the authorities did not attend.
11.	18.02.2009 1955 LT Anchored Boarded	Norasia Polaris Container Liberia 35881 9237498	Callao Anchorage No.12, Peru	An anchored container ship, waiting for a bunker barge, was approached by two small boats. The two boats asked for heaving lines to assist securing the bunker barge. The OOW suspected them as robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. While the attention of the ship's crew was diverted, robbers gained access onto the ship probably via the anchor chain and stole ship's stores, which was only realized when an inspection was carried out.
12.	24.02.2009 2157 LT Anchored Boarded	CSCL Sao Paulo Container Hong Kong 26404 9385996	12:01.2S – 077:11.8W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Eight armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage two shore employed security watchmen and tied them up. They broke into the forecandle store and stole ship's stores and escaped. One of the watchman managed to inform the duty A/B who raised the alarm. Crew mustered, searched the area and released the other watchman. Tamar port control and coast guard informed. Three coast guard personnel came onboard for investigation.
13.	25.03.2009 0020 LT Anchored Boarded	Iver Prosperity Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 23421 9351921	18:34N – 072:31.3W, Port Au Prince Outer Anchorage S1, Haiti	Watchman on board the tanker spotted two robbers armed with knives on forecandle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon checking at forecandle, robbers had tried to steal ship's stores but failed due to vigilant anti piracy watch.

				Port control did not respond to calls.
14.	08.04.2009 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Genco Charger Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 16960 9324710	03:49.5N – 077:10.0W, Buenaventura No.5 Anchorage, Colombia	Seven robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor during heavy rain. Duty crew saw movements at bosun store and raised alarm. Crew mustered and rushed to the location. The robbers escaped with ship's properties.
15.	05.05.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Wesertor General Cargo Germany 4180 9156395	Port Au Prince, Haiti	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor via the forecandle. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised alarm. Robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm.
16.	09.05.2009 0001 – 0600 LT Berthed Boarded	Cap Vilano Container Antigua and Barbuda 28372 9311787	Pier 5D, Callao Port, Peru	Robbers boarded the ship at berth during cargo operations. Despite having four shore watchmen and extra lighting, the robbers managed to steal ship's rescue boat's engine and escape. Local authorities informed.
17.	21.05.2009 2100 – 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Pluto Container Marshall Islands 23722 9193680	10:02.0N – 083:05.8W, Puerto Moin Outer Roads, Costa Rica	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke padlock of paint locker, stole ship's stores, and escaped. Local authorities informed.
18.	23.05.2009 2045 LT Anchored Boarded	Jandavid S Container Antigua and Barbuda 27227 9259381	12:01.86S – 077:11.36W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Two boats with customs and health authorities were drifting on port and stbd side of the ship respectively. Duty crew reported sighting of robbers at forecandle. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was conducted and found ship's properties stolen. One deck watchman was tied up.
19.	03.06.2009 0245 UTC Anchored Boarded	BBC Alabama General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 9618 9384318	01:17.17S – 048:30.30W, Icoaraci Inner Anchorage, Brazil	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage a duty watchman, tied up his hands and stole ship's stores. D/O did not get a response from the watchman and raised alarm. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores. Port control informed.
20.	04.06.2009 2240 LT Anchored Boarded	Corona General Cargo Cyprus 4150 9118290	10:18.7N – 075:31.0W, Mamonal Anchorage, Cartagena, Colombia	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers attacked a safety watchman who rushed into the accommodation and requested the duty officer for assistance. Master informed coast guard who came onboard for investigation. Robbers escaped. No injuries to crew. Ship's stores stolen.
21.	23.07.2009 2015 UTC Anchored Boarded	APL Bogota Container Antigua and Barbuda 6704 9298612	09:58.5N – 083:00.5W, Puerto Limon Anchorage, Costa Rica	Two robbers in a boat boarded the ship at anchor. Crew noticed one robber trying to transfer ship's stores into the boat. The robber escaped with the stores by jumping into the water. The ship and crew are safe.
22.	27.07.2009 2355 LT Anchored Boarded	Laura Bulk Carrier Bahamas 17040 9123960	01:05.41S – 048:29.08W, Mosqueiro Anchorage, Brazil	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They tied up the watchmen's hands and stole ship's stores and escaped.
23.	09.08.2009 1340 LT Steaming	NA Crew Launch / Service Boat	Punta Arena Anchorage, Guayaquil,	Robbers approached and boarded a launch carrying six ship's (LPG tanker anchored) crew ashore. The 10 robbers

	Boarded	Ecuador - -	Ecuador	wearing masks and armed with guns fired warning shots and boarded the boat. They stole crew personal belongings, cash, seaman's book, extra gasoline, damaged communication equipment and escaped. Later, local fishermen assisted the crew and landed them ashore.
24.	26.08.2009 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	HS Liszt Container Liberia 16162 9368742	10:04.0N – 083:06.3W, Moin Anchorage, Costa Rica	Two robbers boarded the ship by using hooks. Duty watchman alerted the master and crew. On noticing the crew, robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything. Local authorities informed.
25.	04.09.2009 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Omega Emmanuel Product Tanker Liberia 42531 9314167	10:19.53N – 075:31.03W, Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded the tanker at anchor, unnoticed and stole ship's property and escaped. Duty crew observed the padlock of the forward store broken and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and searched the area and found wet footprints on deck. Coast guard informed and they came for investigation.
26.	28.09.2009 2350 LT Anchored Boarded	Baltic Soul Chemical Tanker Malta 23235 9228813	10:16.7N – 064:42.1W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers in a boat boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew spotted them and raised alarm. On seeing alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped.
27.	01.10.2009 Night Hrs Anchored Boarded	Iemanja Yacht Argentina - -	27:34.53S – 048:24.96W, Barra Da Lagoa, Ilha De Santa Catarina, Brazil	Robbers boarded the grounded yacht 20 meters from shore and stole some equipment. During the incident the single crewmember of the yacht was ashore for safety reasons.
28.	10.10.2009 1230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Baltic Commander I Tanker Cyprus 23235 9208112	10:15.48N – 064:41.5W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage No.10, Venezuela	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker and escaped with ship's stores. Bosun discovered the theft at 0810 LT, when he noticed the padlock of the forward store was damaged. Port authority informed.
29.	26.10.2009 2222 UTC Steaming Boarded	Madeleine Container Antigua and Barbuda 4454 9196943	02:30S – 080:04W, Guayaquil Anchorage, Ecuador	Five pirates armed with guns and knives in two fiberglass motorboats boarded the ship underway. They broke open containers, stole goods, and escaped in their boat. Coast guard informed. Two patrol boats responded and detained one of the pirate boats.
30.	13.11.2009 2347 LT Anchored Boarded	British Serenity Chemical Tanker Isle of Man 29214 9288837	Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers were seen at the forecandle of the tanker at anchor. Robbers were lowering ship stores into their boat when sighted. Master raised alarm. Robbers escaped with stolen stores. Port authorities informed.
31.	25.11.2009 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Gundulic Bulk Carrier Marshal Islands 27552 9137430	12:01S – 077:12W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	During routine radio communications with deck watchmen, on an anchored bulk carrier the chief officer did not get a response from the forward A/B. He instructed the bosun to check. The bosun found the forward A/B tied up with injuries to his head. The A/B informed that he had heard the noise of an approaching motor boat and when he

				went to check two masked men attacked him from behind and tied him up. Meanwhile another robber boarded the ship. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Port authority informed and a police boat was sent out for investigation.
32.	01.12.2009 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Marina 1 General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 7878 9369095	18.33N – 072:23W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Duty officer heard some noises on the poop deck and upon investigation found three robbers already in the process of leaving in their boat after lowering some ship's stores. Authorities informed and a coast guard boat arrived at location.
33.	14.12.2009 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Cap Castillo Container Liberia 28097 9374595	12:02.0S – 077:11.6W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship raised the alarm when he failed to get a response from the anti piracy duty A/B on deck. Crew went forward to investigate and found the A/B lying on deck with his hands and feet tied up and minor shoulder injuries. The robbers had broken into and stolen ship stores from the forecastle store. Upon hearing the alarm the robbers escaped.
34.	16.12.2009 1735 LT Anchored Boarded	Swan Ace Vehicle Carrier Bahamas 58685 9338826	Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain and by cutting the hawse pipe cover. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident was only discovered after the robbers had left the ship and when ship's crew went forward to heave up anchor. The incident may have occurred when all crew were assembled in the accommodation during port authorities inspection.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.03.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Serenity Catamaran Seychelles - -	Enroute from Seychelles to Madagascar, Off Southern Somalia	A yacht with two crew departed Seychelles on 28.02.2009 to be delivered in Madagascar. When the yacht failed to arrive at destination, the owners in Seychelles reported to local authorities. MRCC Seychelles initiated a search and rescue operation to locate the crewmembers and yacht. However, they failed to locate it. On 24.03.2009 the Seychelles authorities received a phone call from Somalia that the three crewmembers and yacht are held at Garassad. The crew were released on 06.09.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release. The authorities Informed that the Catamaran sunk due to bad weather and damage.
2.	21.03.2009 0500 UTC	Al Rafiquei Dhow	04:11N – 050:25E,	Pirates in speedboats / launched and chased a dhow underway. They boarded

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	Steaming Boarded	India 685 -	145 NM East of Somalia Coast	the vessel and assaulted the crew. Pirates stole dhow's property, crew personal belongings and escaped. The crew and dhow are safe and proceeding to a port in Somalia.
3.	25.03.2009 1316 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Nipayia Chemical Tanker Panama 5357 9162069	01:42.53N – 053:41.92E, About 370 NM ESE of Hoby, Somalia	Pirates in a speedboat attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. Pirates are in control of the tanker and have taken hostage 19 crew. The crew and ship was released on 09.05.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
4.	26.03.2009 0754 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Bow Asir Chemical Tanker Bahamas 14627 7926306	02:26S – 048:11E, About 310 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway along with its 27 crew. The tanker was anchored at Eyl. The crew and ship was released on 10.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
5.	28.03.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Indian Ocean Explorer Yacht Seychelles 148 -	Approx. 09S – 047E, Off Seychelles / Off Southern Somalia	A yacht with seven crew departed from Seychelles. Pirates boarded and hijacked it. On 01.04.2009 the master contacted the owners to inform that the yacht had been hijacked. The pirates sailed the yacht and anchored at Garassad. The crew were released on 22.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release. It is believed the pirates blew off the yacht.
6.	04.04.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Hansa Stavanger Container Germany 15988 9128465	02:40S – 048:03E, About 315 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates sailed the ship to Eyl where it is anchored. The crew and ship was released on 03.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
7.	04.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Tanit Yacht France - -	09:36N – 058:35E, Off Somalia	Pirates armed with guns hijacked the yacht with its four crewmembers and one child. They sailed the yacht to an undisclosed location and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and yacht. Fearing pirates may take the crew and hold them hostage on land the authorities launched a rescue operation in which three crewmembers and a child were rescued on 10.04.2009. However, the skipper was killed in the incident. Two pirates were killed and three others detained by the authorities.
8.	06.04.2009 0300 LT Steaming Hijacked	Win Far 161 Fishing Vessel Taiwan 696 -	01:51S – 055:25E, About 630 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates chased, boarded and hijacked the fishing trawler underway. Information available indicates that the fishing vessel was then used to try to hijack other fishing vessels in the vicinity. Pirates later directed the vessel towards the Somali coast where it is anchored. Negotiations in progress.
9.	07.04.2009 1140 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Maersk Alabama Container USA 14120 9164263	06:27N – 054:31E, Off Somalia	Pirates in skiffs, armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship underway. Pirates eventually managed to board and hijacked her. Later, crewmembers managed to release the ship 08.04.2009 but pirates managed to

				take hostage master and escaped in a lifeboat. On 12.04.2009, naval forces rescued the master. One pirate was detained and the rest were killed.
10.	14.04.2009 1117 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Sea Horse General Cargo Togo 4932 7315583	02:16N – 047:38E, About 100 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in three skiffs chased the ship underway and successfully boarded it. They took hostage 20 crew and hijacked the ship to an undisclosed location in Somalia. The crew and ship was released on 20.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
11.	18.04.2009 0327 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Pompei General Cargo Belgium 1482 8706583	02:45S – 056:48E, Off Southern Somalia	Pirates in skiffs armed with RPG and automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the ship underway. They took hostage ten crewmembers. The pirates sailed the ship to Eyl where it was anchored. The crew and ship were released on 28.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
12.	02.05.2009 0230 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Ariana Bulk Carrier Malta 37955 8014150	07:19S – 052:11E, Off Southern Somalia	Armed pirates attacked the ship underway. They took hostage 17 crewmembers, hijacked the ship and took it to Eyl. The crew and ship were released on 10.12.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
13.	02.05.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Almezaan General Cargo Panama 2086 7906710	04:12N – 047:58E, Off Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates attacked the ship underway. They took hostage 17 crewmembers and hijacked the ship. The crew and ship were released on 06.05.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
14.	03.06.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Vishwa Kalyan Dhow India - -	(Enroute from Somali Port to Sharjah,UAE.) Somalia	Pirates hijacked the dhow carrying coal, while enroute from Brava to Sharjah UAE. They assaulted the crewmembers, stole crew properties, damaged communication equipment and abandoned the vessel one day after the hijack. A coalition warship spotted the vessel on 13 June, which assisted to the crew and vessel.
15.	02.10.2009 0345 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Alakrana Fishing Vessel Spain 3719 9335745	02:36S – 048:34E, 335 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the fishing vessel underway. Vessel proceeded towards the Somali coast. The crew and ship were released on 17.11.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
16.	15.10.2009 0237 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Kota Wajar Container Singapore 16772 9157399	01:33S – 054:52E, Off Somalia	Armed pirates in a skiff boarded and hijacked the ship underway. They took the crew hostage and sailed the ship towards Somali coast where it was anchored. The crew and ship were released on 28.12.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
17.	19.10.2009 0815 UTC Steaming Hijacked	De Xin Hai Bulk Carrier China 40892 9364758	01:53S – 060:05E, Off Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway and took hostage 25 crewmembers. They sailed the ship to Somali coast where it was anchored. The crew and ship were released on 28.12.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
18.	22.10.2009	Al Khaliq	04:09S –	Pirates armed with automatic weapons

	0555 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Bulk Carrier Panama 22361 8307155	052:35E, Off Somalia	and RPG in skiffs opened fire on the ship underway. The pirates boarded, took hostage 26 crewmembers, hijacked her and sailed her to an undisclosed location.
19.	23.10.2009 2300 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Lynn Rival Yacht United Kingdom - -	Enroute to Tanzania from Seychelles, Off Somalia	Pirates boarded and hijacked the yacht underway. They sailed the yacht to Somali coast where the yacht was abandoned and two crewmembers transferred to another hijacked vessel held along the coast of Somalia.
20.	29.10.2009 0247 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Thai Union 3 Fishing Vessel Thailand 1948 8919415	01:55S – 055:53E, Off Somalia	Armed pirates in two skiffs approached the fishing vessel underway from both sides. The vessel took evasive manoeuvres and sent a distress message which was received by the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre and relayed to the coalition naval forces to render assistance. A warship was dispatched to the location. The pirates managed to board and hijack the vessel.
21.	05.11.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Delvina Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9384796	09:40.71S – 045:05.48E, Around 690 NM South of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates fired upon the ship underway. They successfully boarded, took hostage 21 crewmembers and hijacked the ship. The crew and ship were released on 17.12.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
22.	11.11.2009 0105 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Filitsa Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 14431 9136929	00:35S – 062:40E, Around 1050 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates boarded the ship underway and hijacked her. The pirates have taken hostage 22 crewmembers and sailed the ship to an undisclosed location.
23.	16.11.2009 0942 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Theresa VIII Chemical Tanker Kiribati 12726 8105923	08:00.11S – 045:58.44E, Off Somalia	Pirates armed with machine guns attacked, boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They took hostage 28 crewmembers and sailed the tanker into Somali coast.
24.	29.11.2009 1212 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Maran Centaurus Tanker Greece 156565 9073050	03:09.39N – 061:30.30E, Around 970 NM ExN of Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. They took hostage 28 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Somali coast. The tanker is anchored 30 NM South of Hobyo.
25.	06.12.2009 0624 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Shahzaib Fishing Vessel Pakistan 73.56 -	10:50N – 060:00E, Off Somalia	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the fishing vessel underway. They took hostage 29 crewmembers and hijacked the vessel.
26.	16.12.2009 1700 LT Steaming Hijacked	Nafeya Dhow Indian 732.89 -	02:45.70S – 042:37.11E, Off Somalia	About nine pirates armed with guns in a small boat attacked, boarded and hijacked the dhow underway along with its 13 crewmembers.
27.	28.12.2009 1610 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Navios Apollon Bulk Carrier Panama 29499 9211145	03:22S – 059:44E, Off Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The hijackers took hostage 19 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Somali coast.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2009 0747 LT Steaming Hijacked	Blue Star General Cargo St. Kitts /Nevis 6168 7706770	13:55N – 047:58E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. 28 crewmembers taken hostage. The pirates sailed the vessel to Eyl where it was anchored. The crew and ship was released on 04.03.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
2.	03.01.2009 0500 LT Steaming Hijacked	Sea Princess II Product Tanker Panama 1902 7718814	12:55N – 045:10E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in four boats attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. Information indicates the tanker has been taken to Eyl. 15 crewmembers taken hostage. The crew and ship was released on 26.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release. One crew died during the captivity period.
3.	29.01.2009 0340 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Longchamp LPG Tanker Bahamas 3415 9005106	14:10N – 049:58E, Gulf of Aden	Heavily armed pirates in a speedboat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. They hijacked the tanker, took hostage 13 crewmembers and sailed to Eyl where it was anchored. The crew and tanker were released on 28.03.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
4.	22.02.2009 0400 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Saldanha Bulk Carrier Malta 38886 9268992	12:33.98N 047:01.32E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates attacked the ship underway. They boarded the ship, took hostage crewmembers and hijacked it. The pirates sailed the vessel to Eyl where it is anchored. The crew and ship was released on 25.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
5.	19.03.2009 1430 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Titan Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 24843 8117146	12:35N – 047:21E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates, in a speedboat armed with AK47 rifles and pistols boarded and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates took control of the ship and sailed it to Eyl, Somalia. The crew and ship was released on 15.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
6.	05.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Al Shahir Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	Gulf of Aden	The Puntland coast guard have succeeded setting free the Yemeni fishing dhow and its 14 crew, which had been hijacked on 05 April 2009. Two pirates were captured while twelve escaped in the rescue. Reports indicate that the fishing dhow has returned to Yemen.

7.	06.04.2009 0622 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Malaspina Castle General Cargo Panama 21173 7915967	12:33N – 049:02E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two high speedboats chased the ship underway. They fired upon the ship, boarded, took hostage all crewmembers and hijacked her. The ship proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl. The crew and ship was released on 09.05.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
8.	10.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Samarah Ahmed Fishing Vessel Egypt - -	In the Vicinity of Ras Kampomi, Off Bossaso, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked a blue and white hull, length 36 meters, fishing vessel with 18 crewmembers. It is suspected the pirates may have used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack and hijack other vessels. The crew and vessel were released on 14.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
9.	10.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Momtaz 1 Fishing Vessel Egypt - -	In the Vicinity of Ras Kampomi, Off Bossaso, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked a blue and white hull, length 36 meters, fishing vessel with 18 crewmembers. It is suspected the pirates may have used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack and hijack other vessels. The crew and vessel was released on 14.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
10.	11.04.2009 1104 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Buccaneer Tug Italy 1672 8015831	12:24N – 046:19E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates fired upon and attacked an offshore tug towing two barges. They boarded, took hostage the crewmembers and hijacked it. The vessel was anchored at Eyl. The crew and vessel was released on 09.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
11.	13.04.2009 2220 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Irene E.M. Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 21947 7433593	12:54N – 048:15E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased the ship and opened fire on it. Pirates boarded and hijacked it with the 21 crewmembers as hostage and proceeded to Eyl, where it is anchored. The crew and ship was released on 14.09.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
12.	18.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Afraaf Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	International Waters of Gulf of Aden	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel with nine crewmembers and used it as a mother ship to attack vessels. A warship intercepted the fishing vessel, rescued the crew and vessel and detained the pirates.
13.	18.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Farei Ali Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	International Waters of Gulf of Aden	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel with nine crewmembers and used it as a mother ship to attack vessels. A warship intercepted the vessel, rescued the crew and vessel. The pirates were taken to Somali coast.
14.	25.04.2009 0335 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Patriot Bulk Carrier Malta 19795 9250567	14:01N – 051:34E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in skiffs armed with guns attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The hijacked ship proceeded towards the Somali coast where they demanded a ransom. The crew and ship was released on 15.05.2009. It is

				believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
15.	26.04.2009 1130 UTC Steaming Hijacked	GNA Product Tanker Yemen 1960 7722994	13:25.5N – 047:24.4E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker was attacked and hijacked whilst underway. Somali pirates boarded and have taken control of the ship. On 27.04.2009 the Yemeni Navy rescued the crewmembers. One crew died and another missing. Two pirates were killed and the rest detained.
16.	05.05.2009 1304 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Victoria General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 7767 9290074	13:22N – 049:23E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates took hostage 11 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Eyl where she was anchored. The crew and ship was released on 18.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
17.	07.05.2009 0605 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Marathon General Cargo Antilles Netherlands 1655 7529330	13:43N – 050:35E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in skiffs attacked, boarded and hijacked the ship with eight crewmembers. One crewmember was killed and another injured when the pirates boarded and hijacked the ship. The hijacked ship proceeded towards the Somali coast where a ransom was demanded. The crew and ship was released on 23.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
18.	08.07.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Horizon 1 Bulk Carrier Turkey 21630 7625732	13:44N – 050:43E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff boarded the ship, took hostage 23 crewmembers, hijacked her and sailed the ship to Eyl. The crew and ship was released on 05.10.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
19.	18.12.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Almahmoud 2 Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked the fishing vessel with its 15-crewmembers. The fishing vessel hull is red and white in colour. The pirates may use it as a mother vessel to attack other vessels. All ships are advised to be cautious.
20.	28.12.2009 1449 UTC Steaming Hijacked	St James Park Chemical Tanker United Kingdom 7926 9072836	12:58N – 048:34E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. The hijackers sailed the tanker to an undisclosed location in Somalia.

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1.	08.01.2009 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	Victoria Four Fishing Vessel Tanzania 41 -	01:44.58S – 041:29.7E, Off Kiunga, Kenya	Heavily armed pirates in a speedboat, presumed to be from Somalia, came alongside the fishing vessel at anchor. They boarded the vessel and tied up all crewmembers. They stole cash, some valuable equipment, forced three crewmembers into their speedboat, and escaped. Some of the crew swam ashore

				and reported the incident to the local police. The fishing vessel was brought back to Mombasa. Kenyan police are investigating the incident.
2.	15.01.2009 1913 UTC Anchored Boarded	Samho Cordelia Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8689 9411587	05:21N – 005:05E, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	Ten robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker at anchor. They attacked the captain, robbed cash, valuables and escaped. Authorities informed.
3.	17.01.2009 2200 LT Berthed Boarded	Front Chief Tanker Bahamas 157863 9169691	04:10N – 007:14E, Bonny Offshore Terminal, SPM-1, Nigeria	Robbers armed with automatic weapons and explosives boarded and attacked a line tug being used by the tanker undergoing loading operations. The line tug captain was killed in the attack. The robbers later approached the tanker and threw grenades, which luckily missed the tanker. Robbers gained entry into the accommodation by firing on one of the accommodation doors. The crew locked themselves in the engine room for safety. The robbers stole crew and ship's property during the hour-long attack. All crew are safe. Initial report received from Risk Intelligence based in Denmark and consequently confirmed by IMB PRC.
4.	19.01.2009 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	MOL Splendor Container Germany 25713 9154206	Tema Roads, Ghana	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke into a container and escaped with its contents and other ship's stores.
5.	14.02.2009 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Safmarine Zambezi Container Liberia 27322 9239898	06:43S – 039:20E, Dar Es Salaam Roads, Tanzania	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They tied up two duty crew, took their personnel belongings and then opened a container and stole the cargo. At 0200 UTC, the robbers left the ship in a small boat after releasing the duty crew. Port authorities informed but no action taken.
6.	14.02.2009 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Histria Tiger Chemical Tanker Liberia 25864 9396335	06:15N – 003:19E, 10 NM Off Lagos Entrance, Nigeria	Around 12 to 14 robbers wearing masks and armed with AK 47 automatic weapons boarded the tanker at anchor. They took the bosun as hostage and forced him to guide them to the bridge. They opened fire and destroyed ship's communication system, then robbed ship's stores and personal belongings, and then departed after 30 to 40 minutes. No crew injured.
7.	11.03.2009 0252 UTC Anchored Boarded	Emirates Swan Chemical Tanker Singapore 5776 9333125	06:19.8N – 003:25.75E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Robbers armed with guns, knives and iron rods boarded the tanker at anchor. As a result of assaulting the crew, the captain and an A/B were seriously injured. The captain received medical treatment onboard while the A/B was sent ashore for medical treatment. Ship weighed anchor and proceeded away from the port.
8.	09.04.2009 0210 UTC Anchored	Ludwig Schulte Container Singapore	06:44.85S – 039:20.06E, Dar Es Salaam	While the crew kept a vigilant anti piracy watch onboard the ship, robbers boarded her and succeeded in throwing one life

	Boarded	18321 9435686	Anchorage, Tanzania	raft into the sea. The crew raised alarm, mustered and reported to the authorities. The ship did not attempt to recover the life raft due to the large number of robbers.
9.	19.04.2009 0245 LT Berthed Boarded	Aristeas P Bulk Carrier Liberia 23207 8315918	03:28.9N – 003:21.7E, Berth No.1, Tin Can Island Terminal, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Two motor boats with 11 robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at berth. Robbers climbed using hooks and ropes. Robbers broke into storeroom and stole ship's stores. Duty officer raised alarm, crew mustered and rushed to the location. On sighting the crew, robbers threatened with long knives and escaped in their boats.
10.	20.04.2009 2030 LT Steaming Boarded	Aleyna Mercan Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 2897 9296547	04:00.00N – 006:07.50E, 30 NM Off Onne, Nigeria	About eight pirates, in a speedboat, wearing masks and armed with guns fired upon the tanker underway. They boarded the tanker, shut down the Inmarsat system and took hostage the chief officer. Main engine was stopped under armed threat and another boat came alongside with two more pirates. The pirates told the crew their intention was to get the ship's cash and not to harm any crew. Master gave all cash to the pirates. Pirates kidnapped the master and 2/E and escaped with ship's cash and crew personal belongings. The kidnapped crew were released on 22 April 2009.
11.	21.04.2009 0510 LT Anchored Boarded	Gotland Carolina Chemical Tanker Denmark 29283 9328132	06:46S – 039:21E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	Alert duty crew onboard the tanker at anchor saw a boat near the port quarter. The duty watchman raised alarm. On hearing the alarm, ten robbers were sighted on the poop-deck. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped. On inspection the robbers had managed to gain access and steal ship stores by cutting the padlocks to the store. Port authority was informed.
12.	07.05.2009 0020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mol Silver Fern Container Panama 13310 9136591	06:42.1S – 039:18.4E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor using hooks attached to a long pole. Alert crew saw the robbers and raised alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with eight accomplices waiting in their boat.
13.	21.05.2009 0320 UTC Steaming Boarded	Reval General Cargo St. Vincent and Grenadines 6395 8502066	06:05N – 003:44E, Lagos Roads, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with automatic weapons boarded the ship drifting. They broke down master and chief officer's cabin doors and stole ship's cash. Master raised a distress signal. Pirates left the ship 20 minutes later after stealing ship's and crew personal properties.
14.	29.05.2009 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	Nordertor General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 5025 9141675	Boma Roads, Democratic Republic of Congo	Two robbers armed with machetes boarded an anchored ship and threatened the duty A/B. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm.
15.	06.06.2009 0010 UTC Anchored	Nord Express Bulk Carrier Panama	04:53.5N – 001:41.4W, 2.5 NM East of	Three robbers armed with knives and bolos boarded the ship at anchor. They tried to open the forecandle store. Duty

	Boarded	32379 9403114	Takoradi Breakwater, Ghana	A/B spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness robbers jumped overboard onto a waiting banca and escaped.
16.	09.06.2009 0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Anuket Ivory Product Tanker United Kingdom 6952 9395745	03:53.3N – 009:32.2E, Douala Anchorage. Cameroon	Armed robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. They disabled the communication equipments, stole money and escaped. The tanker and crew are safe.
17.	09.06.2009 0310 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sevastopolskaya Bukhta Refrigerated Cargo Panama 6989 8826759	03:53.79N – 009:32.35E, Douala Anchorage. Cameroon	16 robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship at anchor. Robbers attacked ship's crew, damaged communication equipment and stole ship's and crew cash and properties. Master, chief officer and two other crewmembers were injured. Master reported the incident to port authorities but no help was provided. The following morning at 0745 LT a military boat arrived for investigation.
18.	10.06.2009 0545 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tennei Maru Bulk Carrier Panama 32415 9440966	04:01N – 006:48.6E, 20 NM Off Nigeria Coast, Nigeria	Five heavily armed robbers in a boat attacked the ship at anchor. Robbers boarded the ship using rope attached to a hook. The robbers fired several warning shots and threatened to take the master hostage. 35 minutes later, the robbers left the vessel with the ship's and crew's cash and crew properties.
19.	27.06.2009 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Duden Bulk Carrier Turkey 16211 8005226	06:16N – 003:23E, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	Armed robbers attempted to board an anchored ship using hooks and ropes. Noticing the robbers the ship's crew tried to drive away the attackers. One robber managed to board but was forced back. In the attempt to board the robbers fired automatic weapons on the ship injuring three crewmembers. The injured were later sent ashore for medical treatment.
20.	29.06.2009 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pearl River Bulk Carrier Liberia 25791 9135901	05:12.98N – 004:02.98W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Four robbers armed with knives in a boat came close to the ship at anchor. Two robbers boarded and were cutting the ship's line when the alert duty watchman sighted and shouted at the men and also reported to the duty officer. One robber approached and threatened the duty watchman with a long knife. The duty watchman ran away and raised the alarm. Robbers escaped with ship's stores. No injuries to crew.
21.	12.07.2009 2336 UTC Anchored Boarded	Abram Schulte Product Tanker Liberia 41503 9280586	05:12.5N – 004:03.9W, Abidjan Roads, Ivory Coast	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker via fore-castle. Ship's stores were stolen. When sighted, robbers escaped in a small boat. No injuries to crew. Master reported to port control.
22.	03.08.2009 2245 UTC Anchored Boarded	Saturnas Refrigerated Cargo Lithuania 3252 8210247	05:28.44N – 005:04.41E, Escravos Anchorage, Nigeria	Five robbers wearing masks armed with automatic guns in a speedboat boarded the ship at anchor. They opened fire and kidnapped five crewmembers and escaped. The remaining nine crew were not injured and they sailed the ship to

				open sea.
23.	15.08.2009 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	China Frost Refrigerated Cargo Panama 4999 8410914	Boma Roads, Democratic Republic of Congo	Two robbers armed with sticks boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped into the water and escaped. Traffic control informed.
24.	27.08.2009 0500 LT Berthed Boarded	Venezia D Chemical Tanker Netherlands 6875 9150327	No.5 Berth, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Four robbers boarded the tanker at berth and threatened the duty watchman with gun. The robbers stole ships properties and escaped by boat. Local authorities informed. No one injured.
25.	06.09.2009 2130 UTC Berthed Boarded	Erria Anne Chemical Tanker Malta 3269 9358498	Koko Port, Nigeria	Whilst berthed, after discharging operations, about fifty robbers boarded the tanker from the jetty. They tried to steal remaining palm oil from the tanks but crew prevented them. The robbers were very aggressive. Crew took shelter in the superstructure. All attempts to contact the authorities were in vain. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.
26.	07.09.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Jascon 40 Tug St. Vincent and Grenadines 1373 9429950	03:53.50N – 006:47.50E, Bonny River, Nigeria	About nine pirates heavily armed with automatic weapons in a speedboat boarded and hijacked an offshore tug. The pirates used the tug to attack another vessel in the vicinity. The pirates robbed crew personal belongings. After around 40 minutes, the pirates left both the vessels and headed off towards the coast.
27.	20.09.2009 0815 LT Steaming Boarded	Nova Galicia Refrigerated Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6149 8210986	03:59N – 006:46E, 20 NM Off Bonny River Fairway Buoy, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns boarded the ship underway / drifting. Pirates stole ship's cash, properties, crew cash and personal belongings. The pirates ransacked the crew cabins, stole personal belongings and left the ship after around one hour. No crew injured. SSAS alarm was raised.
28.	06.10.2009 2300 UTC Steaming Boarded	Isola Verde Crude Oil Tanker Italy 20200 9033969	09:09N – 014:06W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Pirates in a boat armed with machine guns and pistols boarded the drifting tanker. They stole ship's cash, crew money and personal belongings and escaped. No injury to crew.
29.	16.10.2009 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Union Grace Chemical Tanker Panama 4509 8323575	06:20.6N – 003:26.4E, Lagos Anchorage Nigeria.	Six robbers armed with guns boarded the tanker at anchor. They stole/transferred cargo of gas oil into their boat and escaped. No injuries to crew.
30.	26.10.2009 1500 LT Anchored Boarded	Vega Star Bulk carrier Vietnam 13713 9061588	09:25.4N – 013:43.3W, Ile Blanche Anchorage, Guinea	Five robbers armed with guns boarded the ship at anchor and stole some cargo and crew cash and personal effects. The robbers escaped 40 minutes later. Local authorities informed.
31.	30.10.2009 2125 UTC Steaming Boarded	Silvretta Bulk Carrier Switzerland 17951 9276779	06:08.16N – 003:27.68E, 20 NM Off Lagos, Nigeria	Nine heavily armed pirates in a speedboat boarded the ship drifting and opened fire at her. They took hostage all crewmembers, assaulted some of the crew and damaged the ship's communication equipments. Under guns threat, they stole ship's cash, crew cash and ship's property and crew personal belongings and escaped. Nine

				crew injured. Nigerian navy informed.
32.	30.10.2009 2015 LT Steaming Boarded	Mykines Chemical Tanker Malta 11261 9421269	06:10N – 003:33E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded the tanker drifting. Master raised alarm, activated SSAS, contacted Lagos port control and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates started firing at the bridge windows and accommodation doors. They were unable to get entry into the accommodation. The pirates managed to enter into the bridge and took hostage all crewmembers. They threatened the crew with guns, assaulted some of the crewmembers and damaged the communication equipments. Under guns threat, they stole ship's cash, crew cash and personal belongings. Pirates locked all the crew in a cabin and escaped.
33.	15.11.2009 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Amyntor Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 17023 9515656	06:12.8N – 003:23.7E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Robbers, armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded the ship using bamboo sticks with hooks. They fired warning shots, when the crew tried to remove the bamboo sticks. The robbers were very violent towards the crew. Eleven crew were injured when they were hit with cable wires and kicked and punched. The robbers destroyed navigational equipment, stole crew cash, personal properties and ship's cash, and escaped. The robbers were onboard for more than two hours. When the Lagos port control was called, they were informed that nobody would assist.
34.	20.11.2009 0500 LT Berthed Boarded	Glory I Bulk Carrier Panama 17770 8010752	Port Harcourt, Nigeria	The tug Ifiyemi came alongside the berthed ship and three robbers armed with knives boarded her. Two duty crew approached them but they were threatened with knives. The robbers stole two drums from the ship. Duty crew ran and reported to shore security who came and managed to convince the robbers to return the drums by giving them some money. The tug came alongside again and using ship's crane the drums were taken back onboard. Master sent a protest letter to port security and harbour master.
35.	24.11.2009 0120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Cancale Star Tanker Liberia 42010 9372858	06:08.1N – 002:40.6E, 18.5 NM Off Cotonou, Benin	Eight to nine robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. The robbers boarded via the poop deck and attacked the poop deck watchman and forced the watchman to the bridge. Robbers demanded ship's cash, crew cash and personal belongings. Robbers were aggressive and they beat up the master and other crew. Few crewmembers hands were tied with ropes and forced to lie on the deck. The 3rd officer activated ship's alarm and SSAS alert. Hearing the alarm the robbers panicked and tried to escape. As they escaped they shot and killed the chief officer. One of the robbers was

				caught by the 2nd and 3rd officer and handed over to the Benin police. Most of the money was recovered from the robber who was caught.
36.	15.12.2009 0001 UTC Anchored Boarded	Connorth Container Antigua and Barbuda 7171 9151876	05:38.8N – 000:02.9E, Tema Roads, Ghana	Ten robbers armed with machetes boarded the ship at anchor via the anchor chain. They held three-duty crew, threatened them with the machetes at their throats and tied them up to bollards. The robbers stole ship's property and stores from forward store and escaped. Port control informed. A patrol boat was sent to the location.
37.	25.12.2009 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Liberia 8515 -	Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four robbers in a speedboat armed with guns boarded a chemical tanker at anchor. They entered into the accommodation and took hostage four crewmembers to gain access to the Captain's cabin. They forced the captain to open the safe and hand over all the ship's cash. Robbers smashed a glass over the captain's head and hit him with the gun's butt. They took ship's cash, equipments, and property and crew personal effects and escaped. The Captain was sent ashore for medical treatment.
38.	28.12.2009 0020 LT Anchored Boarded	Nikolis General Cargo Panama 4113 8204080	06:20.5N – 003:26.0E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Robbers armed with automatic weapons attacked and boarded an anchored ship. They assaulted and fired at the crew. Three-crew were injured. The robbers stole crew personal properties, ship's stores and equipment. Masters attempts to contact authorities and agents for assistance were futile. The IMB PRC received the distress message from the ship and relayed it to the Nigerian authorities requesting to render assistance for the injured crew. At dawn, agents sent a boat to evacuate the injured crews' to shore for medical treatment.
39.	29.12.2009 2116 LT Anchored Boarded	Anna Maria A Chemical Tanker Liberia 7145 8417924	06:17.73N – 003:22.07E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Three armed robbers boarded the tanker at anchorage and stole crew personal properties and ship's equipment. The robbers left after two hours.

REST OF WORLD

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	12.06.2009 1334 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Charelle General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 2800 8506452	21:55N – 059:51E, Off Oman	Armed pirates attacked, boarded, took hostage ten crewmembers and hijacked the ship underway. The crew and ship was released on 03.12.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
2.	27.08.2009	Taj Island III	45:31.49N –	Pirates armed with guns opened fire on

1400 LT Steaming Boarded	Fishing Vessel Saudi Arabia - -	050:37.28E, North Field Coral (2) Eastern Region, Caspian Sea	and boarded the fishing vessel. They stole crew properties and vessel's equipment and escaped. One crew died from gunshot.
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ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2009

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.05.2009 0001 LT Anchored Attempted	MCP Rotterdam General Cargo Netherlands 5272 9372004	Sandakan Anchorage, Malaysia	A fisherman offering fresh fish approached on the stbd side of a container ship at anchor, while four robbers in a speedboat approached from the port side of the vessel and attempted to board. Alert crew saw the robbers and raised alarm. Robbers aborted the attempt due to crew alertness.
2.	23.05.2009 0400 LT Anchored Attempted	Challenge Paragon Product Tanker Singapore 28051 9403310	06:00.7S – 106:53.9E, Jakarta Tanker Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers using hook and rope from a small boat attempted to board the tanker at anchor. While climbing to the ship's rail the robbers saw alert ship's watch men. Robbers jumped back into the waiting boat and moved away. No crew injured and nothing stolen.
3.	24.06.2009 1930 UTC Anchored Attempted	Navios Aldebaran Bulk Carrier Panama 39737 9442859	01:20.2S – 117:02.8E, Balikpapan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers in a small boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Alert crew raised alarm, whistle sounded and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attempt and escaped. Pilot station informed.
4.	28.07.2009 2157 LT Steaming Attempted	Baltic Strait Container Liberia 18102 9363144	04:39.2N – 112:45.0E, 75 NM Off Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia	Twelve pirates, in a seven-meter long, unlit boat approached the ship underway. They chased the ship and tried to get alongside. 3/O raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, alerted crewmembers and master fired three rocket flares. Pirates aborted the attempt.
5.	17.05.2009 0435 LT Steaming Attempted	Pacific Copper Tug Singapore 1595 9281114	04:46.6N – 103:44.2E, 3.8 NM East of Pulau Tenggol, Malaysia	About six pirates in a blue coloured wooden craft attempted to board the tug towing a barge underway. Duty officer raised alarm, activated fire-fighting equipments, crew mustered and switched on all deck lights. On seeing the crew alertness, the pirates aborted the attempted attack. MPA Singapore informed.
6.	30.08.2009	Good Luck	01:09.175N –	Five robbers armed with two machine

	1055 UTC Anchored Attempted	Bulk Carrier Cyprus 90831 8208000	103:36.927E, Nippa Anchorage, Singapore Straits	guns in a boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. The robbers used hooks attached with ropes to board the ship but were noticed by duty crew who raised the alarm. Robbers aborted the attempt upon seeing the crew alertness and fled in a NE direction. VTIS Singapore and ships in the vicinity informed.
7.	14.09.2009 0240 LT Anchored Attempted	Pacific Harmony Tanker Panama 41825 9209300	01:18.5N – 104:13.8E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers in a small craft approached the tanker at anchor. They used hooks attached to a pole and attempted to board but alert crew sounded fog horn and vigilant anti piracy watch prevented them from boarding.
8.	24.11.2009 0122 LT Anchored Attempted	LR2 Poseidon Tanker Hong Kong 59172 9378632	06:13S – 108:31E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	One robber armed with a knife attempted to board the tanker at anchor. Alert duty crew saw a hook stuck on poop deck and investigated to find out that a robber was in process of climbing the rope with a knife in his mouth. Duty watch keeper immediately informed bridge, general alarm was raised, and crew mustered. On hearing the alarm, the robber escaped with an unlit boat.
9.	28.11.2009 0900 LT Steaming Attempted	Spar Cetus Bulk Carrier Norway 25982 9154608	03:42S – 132:00E, East of Seram Islands, Indonesia	Four persons in a white colour speedboat, flying Indonesian flag approached the ship underway at 20-25 knots. Master raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle continuously and crew activated fire hoses. It was noticed that the persons were waving black cloth and no contacts made on VHF. Master altered course several times to evade the approach. The persons made two attempts to get close and finally aborted the chase at 0925 LT.
10.	11.12.2009 0820 LT Steaming Attempted	Gallant Pescadores General Cargo Panama 5002 9175860	05:15.9S – 123:25.1E, Indonesia	Four pirates, armed with a gun and spear in a speedboat chased the ship. Ship took anti piracy measures and prevented the boarding.
11.	28.12.2009 2030 LT Steaming Attempted	Gulf Coral Product Tanker Bahamas 42446 9389851	01:04.7N – 103:38.5E, Phillip Channel, Singapore Straits	About six small-unlit boats chased the tanker underway. Pirates from one boat attempted to board. The tanker made evasive manoeuvres, enforced anti piracy measures, and prevented the boarding.

FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.10.2009 1030 LT Steaming Fired upon	Win Lai Far Fishing Vessel Taiwan - -	06:29N – 107:43E, South China Sea	Pirates armed with machine guns in a boat chased the fishing vessel underway and opened fire at it. The vessel increased speed, enforced anti piracy preventive measures, and contacted the

				IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The Centre immediately contacted the authorities and informed them to render necessary assistance to the crew and vessel. Due to the vessel's speed and evasive, preventive measures, the vessel escaped from the pirates and continued passage towards destination port.
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INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.05.2009 0830 UTC Anchored Attempted	Chitral General Cargo Pakistan 12395 7822110	Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers in a boat approached the ship and attempted to board via anchor cable. Crew alerted and robbers aborted the attempt and escaped.
2.	24.08.2009 0515 LT Anchored Attempted	Tigris Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8247 9443841	17:02.5N – 082:23.6E, Kakinada Inner Roads, India	Six robbers In a fishing boat approached the tanker at anchor. Two of the robbers tried to board the tanker from starboard side midship using hooks. The duty officer raised alarm, sounded the fog horn and reported to the port control. All crew mustered and the robbers aborted their attempt.
3.	28.09.2009 2030 LT Anchored Attempted	DD Vigilant Bulk Carrier Panama 16993 9357432	22:14.2N – 091:44.2E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Eight robbers in a fishing boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty A/B spotted them and raised alarm. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing stolen.
4.	03:10:2009 1530 UTC Steaming Attempted	Livanita Bulk Carrier Norway 26044 9146558	22:00N – 091:40E, Chittagong Anchorage 'A', Bangladesh	About ten pirates in a wooden boat approached the ship preparing to anchor and attempted to board. Alert crew and barbed wire fitted on the ship's side prevented them from boarding. The pirates later moved away from the ship. Local authorities informed.
5.	06.11.2009 0200 LT Anchored Attempted	Norna N Chemical Tanker Panama 26450 8006866	13:04.9N – 080:21.5E, Chennai Anchorage, India	Four robbers in a boat attempted to board an anchored tanker from the forecastle. Duty crew sighted the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and rushed to the location. On seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Port control informed.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
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1.	12.01.2009 0340 LT Anchored Attempted	Crowley Shipper Ro-Ro United Kingdom 12337 7909621	S1 Anchorage, Port Au Prince, Haiti	Three robbers in a small boat approached the ship at anchor. One of the robbers attempted to board via side ramp. Duty A/B shouted at the robber and raised alarm. The robber jumped off the ramp and escaped with his accomplices.
2.	03.06.2009 2006 LT Anchored Attempted	Norasia Polaris Container Liberia 35881 9237498	12:00.6S – 077:13.3W, Callao Anchorage No.12, Peru	Ten robbers in a boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the robbers, raised alarm and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attempt upon hearing the alarm. Port control informed.
3.	15.12.2009 2150 LT Anchored Attempted	Zim Sao Paulo II Container Marshall Islands 16801 9134672	Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty seaman onboard the ship spotted six robbers in a boat attempting to board the ship. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The robbers aborted the attempt and moved away.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.02.2009 0630 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Ocean Diamond Bulk Carrier Panama 29964 9405461	10:39.0N – 054:50.8E, 108 NM SE of Socotra Island, Somalia	Five pirates armed with RPG and assault guns in a light blue coloured speedboat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. They fired towards the accommodation. The master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt. A Russian warship has been in contact with the ship.
2.	19.02.2009 1630 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Thai Union 1 Fishing Vessel Thailand 1948 8919427	04:33N – 052:55E, East Coast of Somalia	Five pirates in a small white colour boat fired upon the fishing trawler underway. Pirates attempted to board the vessel. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and moved away. The vessel sustained bullet hole damage. There was no leakage and no casualties.
3.	09.03.2009 1730 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Shanghai Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32505 9333929	08:05.1N – 058:43.1E, Off Somalia	Pirates armed with RPGs and rifles in a skiff chased the ship underway and opened fire at it. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and prevented pirates from boarding. Later, pirates aborted the attack. The ship and crew are safe.
4.	10.03.2009 0445 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Mar Reina Bulk Carrier Panama 37818 9168465	08:45.0N – 059:09.8E, 385 NM SE of Socotra Island, Somalia	Pirates chased the ship and opened fire with small arms. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and escaped the attack. Master sustained minor wound due to gun shot.
5.	11.03.2009 2220 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Chong Chon Gang General Cargo North Korea 9147 7937317	04:02S – 046:33E, About 360 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	While underway, the ship was chased by a speedboat launched from a mother vessel. Pirates fired RPG and automatic guns at the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and escaped the attack. One crew received minor injuries on his head from gun shots fired by the pirates. The

				ship sustained damages from bullets and RPG fire. Ship resumed voyage on intended route.
6.	13.03.2009 0713 UTC Steaming Attempted	Felipe Ruano Fishing Vessel Spain 2110 8806955	07:11N – 058:50E, Off Somalia	While underway the fishing vessel was chased by a skiff with six pirates armed with automatic weapons. Vessel increased speed and headed into the waves / swell and thus the skiff was prevented from advancing towards the fishing vessel. Later, the skiff aborted the attempt and retreated. Crew and vessel are safe and continuing passage.
7.	20.03.2009 1002 LT Steaming Attempted	Ryu Gyong General Cargo North Korea 9013 7433294	07:51.8S – 045:04.5E, Off Somalia	Five pirates armed with guns chased the ship underway. Master raised alarm, fired rocket flares and took evasive manoeuvres and moved away. Pirates gave up the attempt after chasing the ship for 30 minutes.
8.	22.03.2009 0840 UTC Steaming Fired upon	MSC Denisse Container Panama 28176 7435292	02:26.8S – 051:11.3E, About 433 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speedboats chased the ship underway. The pirates armed with AK47 and RPGs opened fire on the ship causing damage. Master took evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirates.
9.	22.03.2009 0940 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Pantanassa Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 18641 8216758	02:14.7S – 050:13.5E, About 380 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in two boats armed with automatic weapons and RPGs chased the ship underway. They fired upon the ship. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Later, the boats aborted the attempt and moved away. The ship and crew are safe.
10.	22.03.2009 1307 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jasmine Ace Ro-Ro Cayman Islands 13038 9104263	02:46.00S – 052:11.16E, About 490 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speedboats with pirates armed with guns and RPGs chased the ship underway and opened fire on it. The ship sustained some damages. Master increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
11.	23.03.2009 1740 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ryu Gyong General Cargo North Korea 9013 7433294	02:28N – 050:49E, 212 NM of Mogadishu, Somalia	While underway, the ship sighted a mother vessel ahead launching two skiffs with length about 6-7m. The pirates were armed with automatic weapons. The skiffs chased the ship and opened fire at it. Master increased speed, activated fire hoses, fired rocket flares and made evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirates from boarding. The ship sustained some damages but continued her passage. The ship and crew are safe.
12.	25.03.2009 0505 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Preventer Bulk Carrier Panama 38891 8907321	07:54.4S – 046:52.2E, Off Southern Somalia	While underway, a bulk carrier was chased and fired upon by two speedboats from either side of the ship. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding. Later pirates aborted due to effective anti piracy measures.
13.	25.03.2009 0730 UTC Steaming Attempted	Explorer III Research Netherlands Antilles 356 9171656	00:24.1N – 056:01.5E, About 600 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speedboats chased the vessel underway. Master increased speed and took anti-piracy measures. Later, the boats stopped and moved away.

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14.	28.03.2009 1300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Neustadt Container Liberia 25674 9305879	07:21.7S - 046:44.4E, Off Tanzania/ Southern Somalia	A high speedboat launched from a mother vessel chased the ship. The ship increased speed and adopted made evasive manoeuvres. The speedboat came as close as 3 cables to the ship but stopped, probably due to engine problem. Ship continued passage.
15.	30.03.2009 1615 LT Steaming Fired upon	Eastern Queen Bulk Carrier South Korea 37550 9082922	09:45N – 058:50E, Off Somalia	Pirates with guns and RPG in a speedboat chased and opened fire on a bulk carrier. Ship adopted evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirate boat from closing in. Later, the boat retreated and proceeded towards a mother vessel.
16.	02.04.2009 1400 UTC Steaming Fired upon	CMA CGM Azteca Container Marshall Islands 16801 9144146	05:31.0N – 056:32.5E, Off Somalia	While underway, a mother vessel launched two blue coloured skiffs, which chased and fired shots on the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
17.	04.04.2009 0641 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Africa Star Container Malta 18037 8707434	09:24.52N – 058:15.42E, 287 NM Off Socotra Island, Somalia	Six pirates in a speedboat chased the ship underway. Master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who informed the coalition forces. Pirates armed with AK47 opened fire on the ship causing damages. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirate boat from closing in.
18.	11.04.2009 1240 UTC Steaming Fired upon	DAL Madagascar Container Marshall Islands 17360 9344710	00:18.2N – 051:44.3E, 330 NM Off Somalia	Eight pirates armed with guns and RPG in two skiffs, launched by a pirate mother vessel, attacked the ship underway. Master increased speed to 22.8 knots and the skiffs followed at 23.5 knots. They approached very close and fired upon the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
19.	14.04.2009 1300 LT Steaming Fired upon	Safmarine Asia Container Liberia 21887 8413887	03:45S – 048:20E, About 380 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speedboats approached the ship underway from the stbd bow at a distance of 4 NM. The pirates were armed with automatic weapons and RPG. One speedboat with six pirates attempted to board but the ship took evasive manoeuvres and the boat retreated. The speedboats attacked the ship again and fired RPG, which resulted in slight damage to the ship. Ship continued with the evasive manoeuvres and finally pirates aborted the attack and left straight astern of the ship. Master contacted coalition warships and a helicopter was sent to the location. The helicopter followed after the pirate boats and later the French navy captured the pirates and handed them over to the Kenyan authorities to stand trial.
20.	14.04.2009 1445 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Liberty Sun Bulk Carrier USA 35944 8500551	02:41S – 046:25E, Off Southern Somalia	Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons and RPG approached the ship from the stbd bow. Ship noticed a pirate mother vessel nearby. When the skiff was abeam, the pirates fired RPG and automatic weapons. Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the

				attack and returned to the mother vessel. Ship sustained damages to superstructure.
21.	25.04.2009 1935 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Melody Passenger Ship Panama 35143 7902295	01:35S – 055:39E, About 645 NM ESE Of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in a skiff attacked and fired upon the ship underway. The attempted boarding was unsuccessful due to ship's evasive manoeuvres and the security team onboard the ship. The ship sustained light damages.
22.	29.04.2009 1250 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolly Smeraldo Ro-Ro Italy 29119 7722231	01:40S – 047:12E, 250 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
23.	30.04.2009 0224 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jasper S Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9390472	07:46S – 051:32E, Alphouse Island, Off Southern Somalia	Two speedboats, the first, white hull and black stripes with 6-7 pirates and the second boat with white hull and 3-4 pirates chased the ship and fired automatic weapons and RPG. The ship sustained damages to its stbd side accommodation. One RPG shell fell onboard but did not explode.
24.	30.04.2009 0350 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolly Smeraldo Ro-Ro Italy 29119 7722231	00:36N – 050:08E, 255 NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff chased the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
25.	30.04.2009 1224 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cristina A Container Turkey 17687 9337365	04:01.3S – 059:33.7E, About 900 NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Eight pirates in two speedboats armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates fired upon the ship with automatic guns and later aborted the attack. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained some damages. There was one pirate mother vessel, 10 - 15 meter length observed at 3 NM from the ship.
26.	01.05.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Mare Caribbean Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29327 9276004	03:05S – 053:19E, About 560 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	A pirate mother vessel and two speedboats were observed by the tanker underway at a distance of 8 NM. The speedboats doing 22 knots came close to the ship and fired upon at the bridge with automatic guns and RPG. The pirates tried to board the ship five times using hand ladder. Due to the ship's freeboard and the evasive manoeuvres taken by the ship has prevented the boarding. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained some damages.
27.	01.05.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Fired upon	IVS Cabernet Bulk Carrier Singapore 89728 9336012	04:52S – 060:06E, About 960 NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in two small boats armed with automatic guns attacked the ship underway. D/O raised alarm and crew locked all access. 1st boat attempted to board the ship using ladder and the 2nd boat fired upon the ship at bridge and accommodation. Pirates aborted the attempt at 0620 UTC due to the evasive manoeuvres and the freeboard of the ship. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained some damages.
28.	02.05.2009 0530 LT	Mare Caribbean Product Tanker	06:07S – 050:12E,	A pirate mother vessel and two high speedboats were observed at a distance of

	Steaming Fired upon	Marshall Islands 29327 9276004	Off Southern Somalia	6 NM from a tanker underway. Master altered course and the boats started chasing the tanker. Master raised alarm, sent distress message, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The boats came very close to the tanker and suddenly the 2nd boat stopped chasing the tanker, probably engine problem. The 1st boat fired upon the tanker with RPG and aborted the attack as the distance from the mother vessel increased to 20 NM. No damages and injuries to crew.
29.	05.05.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Attempted	Grand Victory Vehicle Carrier Panama 59217 9334234	02:38S – 053:49E, Off Southern Somalia	Eight pirates armed with automatic guns in two boats attempted to board the ship underway. Pirates closed in to 10 meters and attempted to board several times. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
30.	12.05.2009 1215 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Safmarine Bandama Container Panama 17294 9412830	01:02.4S – 057:18.1E, About 740 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Nine pirates in two boats chased and fired upon the ship with guns and RPG. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres and the pirates aborted the attempt after 45 minutes. No casualty to crew.
31.	19.05.2009 0026 UTC Steaming Attempted	Vinalines Galaxy Chemical Tanker Vietnam 30042 9337339	09:55S – 054:00E, Off Southern Somalia	Pirates in skiffs chased the tanker underway. Master made evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirates.
32.	16.08.2009 1250 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Tian Wang Xing General Cargo Panama 7460 9464223	06:17.3N – 054:41.2E, Somalia	Two skiffs launched from a mother vessel, chased the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons and RPG. Master enforced anti piracy measures and contacted the authorities for assistance. Due to the effective preventive anti piracy measures enforced, the ship escaped from the pirates.
33.	05.09.2009 1610 UTC Steaming Fired upon	An San General Cargo North Korea 5391 7618533	02:03.8N – 045:30.05E, 10 NM Off Mogadishu Anchorage, Somalia	Ten pirates heavily armed in two speedboats opened fire at the ship drifting, and carrying out repairs to her engine. Master raised alarm, increased speed and crew threw Molotov cocktails and fired rocket flares at the speedboats. Pirates aborted the attempt. One crew injured and ship sustained damages. At 1900 UTC, a US warship arrived at the location.
34.	04.10.2009 1900 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Hoegh Pusan Vehicles Carrier Singapore 44219 9153783	01:47.2S – 056:07.1E, 620 NM East of Somali Coast, Somalia	Pirates in two unlit boats chased the ship from astern and fired at the ship underway. Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres, started fire pump and switched on all deck lights. Master reported to coalition forces, increased speed, headed into the wind and sea and activated the SSAS alarm. After about 10 minutes, the pirate boats fell behind and the ship moved away. No injuries to crewmembers.

35.	22.10.2009 0415 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolly Rosso Ro-Ro Italy 30969 7931777	03:45.28S – 046:43.24E, Off Somalia	Pirates armed with automatic weapons and RPG in two skiffs fired upon the ship underway with intent to board. Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, and escaped the attack.
36.	25.10.2009 0845 UTC Steaming Fired upon	CMA CGM Maasai Container Gibraltar 14981 9101522	06:07.7S – 045:10.0E, Off Somalia	Six pirates armed with machine guns in a white plastic hull speedboat, chased the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, adopted anti-piracy preventive measures and increased to maximum speed. At a distance of about three cables, pirates started firing at the ship. The pirates eventually aborted the attack and the ship continued underway at maximum speed.
37.	27.10.2009 1020 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cap Saint Vincent Fishing Vessel France 1169 9225536	01:25N – 050:41E, Off Somalia	Seven pirates in two skiffs chased and fired upon the fishing vessel underway. Vessel raised alarm and informed the coalition forces. The armed security team onboard the vessel fired warning shots and the pirates aborted the attempted attack. A coalition helicopter arrived and fired warning shots to stop both skiffs. The skiffs stopped and were seen throwing items overboard. A warship arrived and boarded the skiffs.
38.	02.11.2009 0745 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Harriette Bulk Carrier USA 15531 7516993	03:34.3S – 045:40.1E, 335 NM South of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two skiffs with six armed pirates in each boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Pirates were unable to hook their ladder onto the ship's side. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Fire hoses activated. After 20 minutes, the pirates gave up. Ship sustained bullet holes but no casualties.
39.	02.11.2009 1200 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jo Cedar Chemical Tanker Netherlands 22627 8919049	07:52.7S – 047:42.9E, Around 600 NM SSE of Mogadishu, Somalia	One skiff with five pirates chased and fired upon the tanker underway while two more skiffs stood by in the vicinity. Ship increased speed and enforced evasive manoeuvres and moved away. Tanker sustained bullet holes.
40.	09.11.2009 0830 UTC Steaming Fired upon	BW Lion Tanker Hong Kong 158557 9258519	01:09S – 061:35E, Around 990 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	10 pirates armed with RPG and machineguns in two skiffs chased and fired upon the tanker underway with intent to hijack her. Tanker increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and successfully deterred the attempted boarding after two hours. Coalition forces informed. Tanker sustained some damages.
41.	10.11.2009 0200 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Nele Maersk Container Denmark 27733 9192442	00:43.7S – 061:57.8E, Around 1000 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with RPG and assault rifles in two skiffs chased and fired upon the ship underway with intent to hijack her. The skiffs approached the ship from the starboard side at approximately 25 – 30 knots speed and were spotted by extra bridge lookout at distance of 3 NM. At that time the skiffs were not yet picked up on radar. Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and successfully deterred the attempted boarding after 30

				minutes. Coalition forces informed.
42.	10.11.2009 0410 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Felicitas Rickmers Container Marshall Islands 24053 9128087	06:33S – 048:14E, Around 540 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in two skiffs armed with RPG and machineguns chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, contacted coalition forces, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates continued firing with machine guns and made several attempts to board her. Crew activated fire hoses and master continued with the evasive manoeuvres and finally managed to deter the attempted attack after two hours.
43.	13.11.2009 0720 UTC Steaming Attempted	Jolly Rosso Ro-Ro Italy 30969 7931777	11:26S – 043:42E, Around 810 NM South of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in two small boats armed with guns, chased the ship underway with intent to hijack her. Ship raised alarm, informed flag state authorities who notified the coalition forces, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, and managed to evade the attempted boarding.
44.	13.11.2009 0446 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Golina General Cargo Panama 3509 7646982	00:42S – 047:58E, Around 220 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in a white skiff armed with guns chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, contacted coalition forces, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, and managed to evade the attempted boarding.
45.	18.11.2009 0328 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Maersk Alabama Container USA 14120 9164263	06:35N – 054:30E, Around 600 NM NE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the ship underway with intent to hijack. Crew took all anti-piracy measures and the onboard security team returned fire. The pirates finally aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.
46.	20.11.2009 1735 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Aspendos Bulk Carrier Greece 40370 9275141	01:20S – 062:40E, 1200 NM East Coast of Somalia, Somalia	Eight pirates in one craft and four pirates in another craft, armed with machine guns and RPG, chased the ship underway from the port and stbd sides. They fired at the ship with machine guns and RPG and attempted to board her. Master raised alarm, increased speed and made aggressive evasive manoeuvres. Crew activated anti-piracy measures and managed to evade the attempted boarding. Ship's bridge glasses damaged and sustained bullet holes around accommodation. No injuries to crewmembers.
47.	20.11.2009 1430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Margarita Tanker Liberia 42331 9426594	01:25S – 062:25E, Around 1020 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Six pirate boats with a mother vessel in sight chased and opened fire upon the ship underway. Two RPGs penetrated into port bridge door. Ship sustained damages and one crew was injured. Pirates aborted the attempt after about three hours of chasing.
48.	24.11.2009 1303 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Smiti Tanker India 149274 9281683	00:29.3N – 063:12.5E, Around 1100 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Four pirates in a skiff fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. Ship sustained damages on stbd side of wheelhouse window. Pirates aborted the attempt after about 35 minutes of chasing. No injuries to crew.
49.	26.11.2009 0700 UTC	Delmas Nacala Container	05:53S – 043:46E,	Pirates armed with RPG and machineguns in two skiffs chased and

	Steaming Fired upon	Antigua and Barbuda 16165 9123116	Around 470 NM SXW of Mogadishu, Somalia	fired upon the ship underway with intent to hijack her. Master raised alarm, activated SSAS, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates continued to chase and fire at the ship for around three hours before aborting. No injuries to crew.
50.	01.12.2009 0930 LT Steaming Fired upon	Sikinos Tanker Greece 78845 9191723	12:10N – 063:32E, 1200 NM from Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in a skiff armed with guns chased and opened fire on the tanker underway. The pirates attempted to board from port side but failed and tried to board from starboard side. Due to the use of water jets from fire hoses and evasive manoeuvres, pirates aborted the attempt.
51.	07.12.2009 1343 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Coral Globe Bulk Carrier Bahamas 25498 9070797	00:27N – 061:39E, Off Somalia	Pirates in two skiffs chased and fired automatic weapons and RPG at the ship underway. A fire broke out on deck. The ship increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres, and sent distress message. The crew managed to contain the fire. Later, the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away.
52.	27.12.2009 1230 LT Steaming Attempted	Maersk Warsaw Container Hong Kong 18123 9387451	08:28N – 061:01E, 650 NM East of Somalia	While underway, the ship detected a white-hull fishing vessel with two small craft on each side. The fishing vessel lowered one craft, which chased the ship for around 45 minutes before aborting the attempt due to preventive measures.
53.	30.12.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Album Tanker Kuwait 57190 9240407	11:33N – 063:00E, 500 NM East of Socotra, Somalia	Pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the tanker with an RPG. The master sent a distress signal and was received by the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who immediately contacted the authorities requesting to render assistance to the crew and ship. The authorities contacted the master and advised him on preventive procedures which helped in the pirates aborting the attack. Crew safe. Tanker sustained damages due to the RPG fire.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2009 0337 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Abul Kalam Azad Tanker India 51793 8600973	13:05N – 047:03E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs approached the tanker underway and opened fire with automatic weapons. Master increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres, and sent a distress message via vhf radio. A warship and a helicopter were sent to assist the tanker. Upon seeing the warship and helicopter the skiff moved away.
2.	01.01.2009 0730 LT Steaming	S. Venus Bulk Carrier Panama	14:21N – 050:34E, Gulf of Aden	One skiff with six pirates approached the ship underway. Owners contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance.

	Attempted	22221 8323111		Duty officer immediately contacted the coalition naval forces to render assistance to crew and the ship. Meanwhile, ship's crew enforced preventive measures and master reported sighting automatic weapons and RPGs in the skiff. Attack was aborted.
3.	01.01.2009 1405 LT Steaming Fired upon	S. Venus Bulk Carrier Panama 22221 8323111	14:47N – 051:47E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs approached the ship from aft. Pirates in both skiffs were armed with automatic weapons and RPGs. Ship adopted evasive and preventive measures to deter boarding. Pirates opened fire with automatic weapons. One skiff came very close to ship's port side. Due to aggressive preventive measures, the pirates aborted the attempted boarding. A warship arrived at location. The pirates threw their weapons into the water. The pirates were detained and they claimed that they were fishermen. Warship contacted the ship to obtain concrete evidence against the pirates.
4.	01.01.2009 0755 LT Steaming Attempted	Cristina A Container Turkey 17687 9337365	14:23.5N – 051:14.6E, Gulf of Aden	Three speedboats approached the ship underway. Ship adopted evasive manoeuvres and prevented the pirates from boarding. Pirates aborted the attempt.
5.	01.01.2009 1730 LT Steaming Attempted	Super Star III Ro-Ro Panama 9874 7818107	14:36.2N – 051:07.0E, Gulf of Aden	One speedboat with eight pirates armed with guns and RPGs chased the ship underway. The speedboat came alongside the ship and pirates placed a ladder on ship's side to board her. The ship altered course preventing the pirates from boarding. Later the pirates aborted the attempt. The ship continued her passage.
6.	01.01.2009 1230 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Corina Bulk Carrier Panama 21107 7519024	13:53N – 049:29E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a speedboat attacked the ship underway. They fired upon the ship with automatic weapons and attempted to board. Master raised alarm, increased speed and adopted evasive manoeuvres. Pirates aborted the attempted attack.
7.	02.01.2009 0807 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Kriti Episkopi Tanker Greece 78710 8904472	13:42N – 050:39E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in three skiffs attacked the tanker underway. They fired upon the tanker and attempted to board. Master raised alarm, contacted coalition warships, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. A coalition helicopter arrived and the pirates aborted the attempt.
8.	02.01.2009 0427 UTC Steaming Fired upon	King Daniel Tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9407287	13:11.0N – 047:32.5E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in three speedboats approached the tanker underway. One speedboat was spotted four NM and the other two were drifting seven NM ahead of the tanker. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated anti-piracy measures. The first speedboat came within two meters of the stbd quarter and fired upon the tanker. Master saw five pirates armed with machine guns. Coalition warships contacted. Pirates aborted the attempt.

				after five minutes.
9.	02.01.2009 0440 UTC Steaming Attempted	Chipolbrok Sun General Cargo Hong Kong 24167 9272230	13:13.0N – 047:32.6E, Gulf of Aden	Two speedboats with pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. The ship immediately contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) for help. Duty officer at the 24 hour manned IMB PRC advised master to take evasive manoeuvres to delay and prevent boarding and then immediately contacted coalition naval forces for help. Two warships were dispatched. Meanwhile ship's crew used various anti piracy measures and prevented boarding. Later, pirates aborted attempt and moved away.
10.	02.01.2009 0820 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Samanyolu General Cargo Antilles Netherlands 2050 7928768	14:18.9N – 050:52.0E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a boat approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warships. Pirates fired upon the ship with RPG and guns. Ship's crew fired rocket flares at the pirate boat which caught fire. The pirates were apprehended by a coalition helicopter which arrived and shot at the pirate boat.
11.	04.01.2009 0540 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Vulturnus General Cargo Panama 18374 7618301	13:34.0N – 048:42.5E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in one white coloured speedboat attempted to board the ship underway. Three of these pirates were armed with machine guns and opened fire on the ship. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres and contacted a coalition warship. Within 15 minutes a helicopter arrived at the location. The speedboat moved away on seeing the helicopter. No injuries to the crew and no damages to the ship.
12.	04.01.2009 0800 UTC Steaming Attempted	Darin Naree Bulk Carrier Thailand 18639 8313386	14:18N – 050:32E, Gulf of Aden	Speedboats with four to five armed pirates in each boat approached the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warship. The master continued the evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirates from boarding. A military helicopter arrived and informed the ship that no pirate boats were seen anymore.
13.	04.01.2009 0335 UTC Steaming Attempted	Donat Tanker Croatia 84315 9318539	13:24N – 048:15E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a speedboat armed with machine guns attempted to board the tanker underway. Master raised alarm and contacted coalition warships. The crew activated anti-piracy measures. Pirates came close to the tanker but were unable to board her due to running waters from the fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt.
14.	13.01.2009 0810 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Nedlloyd Barentsz Container Netherlands 66526 9189366	12:24.5N – 044:57.7E, Gulf of Aden	One boat with six pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. Pirates opened fire with RPG. Two warships in the vicinity provided assistance to the ship. After half an hour the attack was abandoned. The Russian warship chased the pirate boat but was instructed by Aden port control

				not to interfere.
15.	14.01.2009 1245 UTC Steaming Attempted	Daylam Tanker Malta 160576 9218466	13:02.18N – 046:41.06E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with guns in two boats attempted to attack the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message, contacted coalition warships and adopted evasive manoeuvres. A coalition warship responded and was ready to dispatch a helicopter. Pirate boats slowed down and aborted the attempt upon noticing the British security team at the bridge wings armed with axes.
16.	29.01.2009 0620 UTC Steaming Attempted	Eleni G Bulk Carrier Malta 18836 8412508	12:27.7N – 044:10.5E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in six speedboats surrounded the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. One of the speedboats chased the ship for about one mile. Seeing the alert crew and the aggressive manoeuvres the pirates stopped chasing the ship. Later the master noticed another five boats waiting in the vicinity of the ship. Master immediately activated SSAS and contacted the coalition forces. A Chinese coalition helicopter arrived at 0710 UTC and chased the pirates away. Later, a German coalition navy arrived at the location. Ship continued her voyage.
17.	11.02.2009 1130 UTC Steaming Attempted	Polaris Tanker Marshall Islands 8562 9388235	12:59.5N – 048:16.9E, 58 NM South of Balhaf, Gulf of Aden	A skiff with seven persons armed with guns approached the tanker underway. The pirates attempted to board but due to evasive manoeuvres taken by the tanker, they failed to board. Warships and helicopters were contacted and investigated the incident.
18.	12.02.2009 1430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolbos Bulk Carrier Cyprus 18813 9032056	13:09N – 049:09E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates armed with RPGs in a black/white coloured speedboat approached and fired upon the ship underway. They attempted to board the ship from the port side using a steel ladder. Master raised alarm, sent distress messages and took evasive manoeuvres. The coalition forces sent a helicopter to the location. After 10 minutes, pirates aborted their attack.
19.	12.02.2009 0001 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Prem Divya Tanker India 57950 9138599	12:44.0N – 047:46.2E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a boat fired upon and chased the tanker underway. The boat came as close as 10 meters from the ship. The master increased speed, raised alarm, carried out evasive manoeuvres and contacted the authorities for assistance. A coalition warship contacted the tanker and proceeded towards the ship. The pirates aborted the attempt after around 40 minutes.
20.	21.02.2009 1900 UTC Steaming Attempted	Bahia General Cargo Cyprus 9077 7705568	14:31.1N – 053:43.1E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in an unlit high-speedboat chased the ship underway. The boat came close to the ship and attempted to board. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, crew switched on additional lighting and activated fire

				hoses. The pirates aborted the attempt due to the evasive manoeuvres taken by the ship.
21.	24.02.2009 1235 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lia Product Tanker Liberia 42010 9417751	13:52N – 049:42E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker underway detected on radar, pirates in two high speed crafts approaching. Master raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Master requested for naval warship assistance and a Chinese warship acknowledged and dispatched a helicopter. The tanker increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The naval helicopter positioned itself over the pirate craft resulting in the pirates aborting the attack.
22.	25.02.2009 1030 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Yan Dang Hai Bulk Carrier China 32474 9488229	13:08.4N – 049:09.5E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a speedboat armed with rocket launcher fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew activated fire hoses and threw empty bottles. Pirates aborted the attempted attack.
23.	26.02.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Diana C Bulk Carrier Panama 21968 8025317	12:11N – 043:31E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	A group of armed pirates in three high speedboats approached and attempted to attack the ship underway. Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres. Pirates aborted the attempted attack due to the evasive manoeuvres taken by the ship.
24.	02.03.2009 0649 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Pro Alliance Tanker Panama 57773 9404936	12:09N – 045:33E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns fired upon the tanker underway. Master reported to coalition warship and increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and altered away from the pirate boats. Later, pirates aborted the attempted attack. All crew safe.
25.	03.03.2009 0612 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Courier Container Antigua and Barbuda 14860 9101481	13:02N – 048:43E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with RPG and rifles fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message and took evasive manoeuvres. A naval warship responded to the distress call and sent a helicopter. The helicopter fired warning shots and the pirates aborted the attempted attack.
26.	04.03.2009 0735 UTC Steaming Attempted	Consul Poppe Bulk Carrier Malta 36074 9110212	12:17.9N – 044:09.9E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a boat approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and fired rocket flares. Finally, the boat aborted the attempted attack and passed on the ship's port beam at a distance of 0.4 NM.
27.	11.03.2009 0520 UTC Steaming Attempted	Atalanta Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19882 9228394	13:16.5N – 049:44.3E, 88 NM Off Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	While underway, the ship spotted a boat drifting about five miles on her stbd beam. When the ship was about 1.7 miles from the boat, the boat headed towards her. Master took evasive manoeuvres, contacted warship and informed company CSO. After a while the boat aborted the attempt. Two warships arrived at the location and a helicopter hovered above the ship and

				headed towards the boat. The ship continued her passage. Description of boat: white hull with one wooded mast in the centre. Boat had five/six people standing in the boat.
28.	14.03.2009 0615 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Diamond Falcon Bulk Carrier Vietnam 14851 9482811	13:40.5N – 049:17.5E, 47 NM Off Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in speedboats fired upon the ship underway. Master contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who immediately notified the coalition forces. Two helicopters from the coalition warships arrived at the scene in next few minutes. Seeing the helicopters the pirates moved away. The ship increased speed and successfully avoided the boarding and moved away. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained many bullet holes.
29.	16.03.2009 1505 UTC Steaming Attempted	Northern Star Bulk Carrier Panama 18596 8208957	12:33.4N – 043:25.5E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Pirates in two speedboats armed with machine guns chased the ship underway. The speedboats crossed the ship's bow and came onto the port side. Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
30.	20.03.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Valle Di Aragona Chemical Tanker Italy 25063 9220914	13:42.6N – 042:27.8E, Southern Red Sea	Pirates armed with machine guns in two speedboats chased the tanker underway. Speedboats crossed the tankers bow and came onto the port side. Master took evasive manoeuvres and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt.
31.	20.03.2009 0530 LT Steaming Attempted	Iasonas Product Tanker Liberia 62782 9419357	13:10N – 049:13E, Gulf of Aden	A speedboat with five pirates attempted to board the tanker underway using long poles and hooks. Alert crew raised alarm. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Master informed coalition warships and a helicopter flew over the ship. The pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.
32.	25.03.2009 1210 UTC Steaming Attempted	Mount Adams Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 17431 9245067	13:31N – 042: 34E Southern Red Sea	A bulk carrier was attacked by pirates in speedboats. The ship adopted evasive manoeuvres and avoided the attempt by employing effective anti piracy measures.
33.	26.03.2009 1528 UTC Steaming Attempted	Hugli Spirit Chemical Tanker Bahamas 29242 9283784	12:38N – 043:18E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	While underway the tanker spotted two speedboats (white hull) with five persons in each boat. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures and made evasive manoeuvres. Later the speedboats aborted the attempt.
34.	28.03.2009 1150 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Grandezza Yacht - - -	12:26N – 046:53E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in skiffs armed with guns chased and fired upon the yacht underway. Master contacted coalition warships for help. Pirates attempted to board using a ladder but fell into the sea. A coalition helicopter arrived at location. Upon seeing the helicopter, the pirates aborted the attempt and escaped.
35.	29.03.2009 1500 LT Steaming Fired upon	FGS Spessart Supply Ship Germany - -	Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns opened fire on a naval supply ship underway. Security team onboard the supply ship returned fire on the suspected pirates. Warships and aircraft in the area were notified. A

				military helicopter with a boarding team pursued the pirate boat and detained the seven pirates and confiscated weapons. The pirates were later transferred to a warship for appropriate action.
36.	29.03.2009 2123 LT Steaming Attempted	Siteam Leader Chemical Tanker Singapore 26751 9343194	11:50.2N - 044:53.3E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a speedboat approached and attempted to board the tanker underway by using metal hooks and ropes. Alert crew prevented the boarding and informed duty officer on bridge. The tanker made evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirate attack.
37.	02.04.2009 1300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Grain Express Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 39974 9284910	13:51.1N – 051:14.2E, 94 NM SSW of Ras Sharwayn, Gulf of Aden	Two speedboats, blue and white in colour, with 3 - 4 persons onboard approached the ship underway at over 20 knots. The speedboats came as close as 0.40 NM. Master sounded the general alarm and whistle. An Indian warship was informed. Two helicopters from Japan and India responded and the pirates aborted their attempt on sighting the helicopters.
38.	09.04.2009 0001 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Calm Seas Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38468 9184835	13:07.7N – 049:09.3E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. The ship commenced evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition naval forces for assistance. A military helicopter arrived and upon sighting the aircraft, the pirates aborted the attempt.
39.	09.04.2009 1807 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ryu Gyong General Cargo North Korea 9013 7433294	14:08N – 051:29E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship underway sighted a suspicious mother vessel which later launched two skiffs. The boats chased the ship and opened fire with guns and RPG. Master raised alarm, carried out evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in deterring the pirates.
40.	11.04.2009 0415 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Anatolia Bulk Carrier Panama 16250 7433103	12:16.0N – 046:23.6E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with guns in a speedboat (blue colour, plastic hull, 12m length) attacked and fired upon the ship underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warship. A coalition warship acknowledged and came to the location. The pirates approached at a distance of 100m and aborted the attack.
41.	12.04.2009 0400 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Panamax Anna Bulk Carrier Malta 37519 8202678	13:03N – 048:49E Gulf of Aden	Six pirates armed with guns in a skiff fired upon the ship underway. Master sent distress messages and took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding. The ship sustained slight damage to the bridge.
42.	17.04.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Puma General Cargo Denmark 1398 9078048	12:51N – 047:49E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship detected a speedboat approaching her at distance of 7NM. Warship contacted and informed of the speedboat and mother vessel nearby. The speedboat doing a speed of 15 knots approached the ship on the stbd side. When the speedboat was about two NM, three armed pirates were sighted. Ship raised alarm, activated fire hoses and fired rocket flares. The speedboat

				came as close as 40-50 meters from the ship. Master fired rocket flares towards the speedboat and the pirates aborted the attempt and returned to the mother vessel.
43.	18.04.2009 0745 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Handytankers Magic Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 24066 9420253	12:14N – 045:45E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker underway spotted a black hull vessel with length about 20M with black sail. Once the vessel was astern, it launched a white hull skiff which proceeded towards the tanker. Pirates in the skiff prepared a ladder to board the tanker. The tanker increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy preventive measures. Pirates fired RPG which fell on the deck of the tanker but did not explode. Then, the pirates aborted the attack and returned to their mother vessel.
44.	18.04.2009 1230 UTC Steaming Attempted	Front Ardenne Tanker Norway 79633 9150834	12:18.3N – 046:29.7E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a blue hulled skiff approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, activated fire hoses, made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition warships for help. The pirates aborted the attempt.
45.	20.04.2009 0520 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Atlantica Bulk Carrier Malta 28693 9216509	13:14.9N – 047:40.9E, Gulf of Aden	Twelve pirates, in two white coloured speedboats armed with automatic weapons, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy measures and prevented the boarding.
46.	20.04.2009 1050 UTC Steaming Fired upon	New Legend Honor General Cargo Panama 14539 7713723	12:43.5N – 047:47.5E, Gulf of Aden	Two speedboats with five to six pirates in each boat armed with guns approached the ship on the stbd quarter at a distance of 100-150 meters and fired warning shots. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, fired rocket flares at the pirate boats and contacted the coalition warship for assistance. The pirates aborted the attempt.
47.	25.04.2009 0300 UTC Steaming Fired upon	S. Bothnia General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 8407 9372925	14:00.9N – 051:31.7E, Gulf of Aden	Two small speedboats with five persons armed with guns approached the ship underway. When the speedboats were about three cables away from the ship they opened fire using automatic guns. Master enforced anti piracy measures and prevented the boarding.
48.	27.04.2009 1050 UTC Steaming Fired upon	NS Commander Tanker Liberia 57248 9306794	13:08.3N – 056:37.2E, Gulf of Aden	One speedboat with three pirates armed with guns and RPG approached the tanker and ordered it to stop. Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Pirates opened fire with the guns and RPG. After 30 minutes, two speedboats with four to five pirates in each boat approached the tanker and opened fire with guns and RPG. The master continued to carry out the evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in preventing the pirates from boarding.
49.	28.04.2009 0704 UTC Steaming	Boularibank General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda	13:49.00N – 056:30.26E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two skiffs launched from a mother vessel approached the ship and opened fire at it with guns and RPG. Ship

	Fired upon	18663 8119168		activated water hydrant and released timber baulks into the sea. Pirates aborted the attack. Ship sustained several bullet holes.
50.	28.04.2009 0630 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Skafafell General Cargo Gibraltar 4078 9137741	12:31N – 046:07E, Gulf of Aden	One blue coloured speedboat with six pirates armed with guns approached the ship underway and opened fire at it. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and contacted warships for assistance. Master fired rocket flares and operated smoke signal to prevent boarding. Later the speedboats aborted the attempt.
51.	05.05.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Neverland Tanker Italy 56346 9247390	13:08N – 049:09E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master contacted coalition warship for assistance and made evasive manoeuvres to delay / prevent boarding. A helicopter arrived on scene and prevented the pirates from boarding the tanker.
52.	05.05.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Michael S Bulk Carrier Malta 27996 9230127	13:09.7N – 049:08.9E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in a boat chased the ship underway. They opened fire with guns and attempted to board the ship a few times but failed. Crew fired rocket flares towards the pirates and enforced anti piracy measures onboard. Coalition forces informed and a helicopter was dispatched. No casualties to crew. Bridge window broken due to firing.
53.	06.05.2009 0910 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Nepheli Product Tanker Panama 2512 9513361	13:35.6N – 048:59.5E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns in a black and white speedboat chased the tanker and opened fire with automatic weapons. The tanker made evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirates.
54.	07.05.2009 1220 LT Steaming Attempted	Sea Giant Tanker Liberia 51457 7924906	12:12.4N – 045:45.2E, Gulf of Aden	One blue coloured skiff with nine pirates armed with guns approached the tanker underway. They attempted to board the tanker. Master raised alarm and crew mustered. Alert crew fired four rocket flares and threw two hand flares on the pirate boat. Master took evasive manoeuvres and reported to coalition warship in the vicinity. Pirates aborted the attempt at 1245 LT due to ship's evasive manoeuvres and firing of rocket flares.
55.	07.05.2009 0639 UTC Steaming Attempted	Omo Wonz Ro-Ro Ethiopia 5535 7928160	14:44N – 051:15E, Gulf of Aden	Four speedboats chased the ship underway. The pirates wore masks and were armed with automatic weapons. They came as close as 500 meters from the ship. Master took evasive manoeuvres and fired two rocket flares at the pirate boats and contacted the coalition warships for assistance. 30 mins later, a helicopter flew over the location. The speedboats aborted the attempt and regrouped around a suspected mother vessel at 4 NM away. The mother vessel was towing a white colour skiff.
56.	07.05.2009 0930 UTC	Anny Petrakis Bulk Carrier	13:04N – 049:00E,	Seven pirates in a boat came close to the ship underway. Pirates attempted to

	Steaming Fired upon	Malta 40170 9357767	Gulf of Aden	board by using an aluminium ladder and fired at the ship using guns and RPG. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres and informed coalition forces. When the helicopter arrived the pirates aborted the attempt. Later a coalition warship approached the ship and advised the ship to follow her. The pirates were detained by the coalition warship.
57.	10.05.2009 0715 UTC Steaming Attempted	NS Spirit Chemical Tanker Liberia 27357 9318553	12:33N – 043:26E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Around eight pirates in two boats approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres, fired two signal rockets towards the pirate boats and contacted a Russian warship in the vicinity. A helicopter was dispatched to the location. The pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.
58.	13.05.2009 1205 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Amira Bulk Carrier Egypt 39818 9216248	13:18N – 049:18E, Gulf of Aden	More than six pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship with automatic rifles and RPG. An orange and white coloured mother vessel was noticed around 3 NM astern of the ship. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and contacted coalition warship. A helicopter arrived at the location and the pirates aborted the attempt.
59.	17.05.2009 0750 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Dubai Princess Tanker Marshall Islands 63294 9402469	14:09N – 051:55E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised distress call, increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Seeing coalition warship, pirates aborted the attack and moved away.
60.	18.05.2009 2314 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jurkalne Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 30641 9323326	12:56N – 048:30E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted warship for assistance. Pirates later aborted the attack.
61.	18.05.2009 - Steaming Attempted	Noor Tanker Malta 156809 9079066	12:46.1N – 048:05.7E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two skiffs attempted to board the tanker underway. The tanker took evasive manoeuvres, fired rocket flares and contacted coalition warship for assistance. Later, pirates aborted the attempt and returned to mother vessel.
62.	19.05.2009 0355 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sarv Tanker Malta 85462 9357377	13:16.8N – 048:59.8E, Gulf of Aden	A high speedboat chased the tanker underway. Master altered course to increase distance and contacted warship for assistance. The speedboat came very close but due to ship's evasive manoeuvres, aborted the attempt and moved away.
63.	22.05.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Maria K Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 21308 8029260	13:13.8N – 049:10.3E, Gulf of Aden	Nine pirates in a light blue coloured speedboat armed with automatic weapons and RPG chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master contacted coalition warships and a helicopter came to the scene. Upon seeing the helicopter, the pirates aborted the attempt. The ship

				resumed her voyage with the warship in attendance.
64.	25.05.2009 0028 LT Steaming Fired upon	Costis Bulk Carrier Panama 17214 8316314	13:11.0N – 049:19.9E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with automatic weapons chased the ship underway. Pirates opened fire on the ship. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition warships for assistance. Later, pirates aborted the attempt.
65.	26.05.2009 0130 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Antonis Bulk Carrier Greece 25935 8126630	13:05N – 048:58E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs with four pirates in each armed with automatic weapons and RPG chased the ship underway and opened fire. Ship contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The report was promptly passed on to coalition forces to render assistance to ship. Meanwhile ship used fire hoses and rocket flares and manoeuvred to thwart the attack / delay boarding. A coalition warship in the area prevented the pirate attack. Crew and ship are safe and continued her passage.
66.	28.05.2009 0729 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maud OBO Carrier Liberia 45593 9036519	13:01.37N – 048:48.63E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff approached the ship on the port quarter. Master immediately contacted the coalition warship and a helicopter was dispatched. The helicopter fired shots on to the skiff and the attempted boarding was thwarted successfully.
67.	29.05.2009 1045 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lake Globe Bulk Carrier Bahamas 25498 9070785	12:20N – 046:26E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in a speedboat armed with guns chased the ship underway. Ship made zig-zag manoeuvres to prevent the pirates from boarding and contacted coalition warship for assistance. Pirates aborted the attempt.
68.	29.05.2009 1050 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sea Phantom Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9326653	12:11.9N – 046:22.0E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a blue coloured speedboat chased the tanker underway and closed to less than 1NM. Tanker contacted and manoeuvred towards a warship. Warship intercepted the speedboat.
69.	31.05.2009 0020 UTC Steaming Fired upon	British Mallard Tanker Isle of Man 63661 9282479	12:59.7N – 048:42.3E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in a boat attempted to board a tanker underway. Ship raised alarm, sounded whistle, switched lights on, activated fire hoses, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Pirate boat came about 2 - 3 meters off the ship's side, fired upon her and aborted the attempt. No injuries to crew. Coalition warship was informed.
70.	31.05.2009 1005 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Stolt Strength Chemical Tanker Philippines 20059 9311024	13:29N – 043:01E, Southern Red Sea	Seven armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition forces. Yemeni coast guard despatched their military boats and later a coalition helicopter arrived at the location. Crew safe. Ship sustained holes from automatic guns and RPG fire.
71.	01.06.2009 0615 LT Steaming Fired upon	United Lady Tanker Liberia 77409	13:33.2N – 050:29.0E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a white coloured skiff approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, activated high pressure fire hoses, mustered crew,

		8910122		contacted coalition naval forces and commenced evasive manoeuvres. When skiff around ten meters away from the tanker, the pirates opened fire with automatic weapons. The robust anti piracy measures, resulted in the pirates aborting the attempt. Later a coalition warship arrived at location.
72.	07.06.2009 0035 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Aisha Tanker Libya 81732 9380893	13:05.0N – 048:53.7E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a speedboat armed with guns approached the tanker underway and fired upon her. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, ship's whistle sounded continuously, contacted coalition warships and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt due to the evasive action taken by the tanker.
73.	07.06.2009 0025 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cemtex Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 40166 9345324	13:03.2N – 048:54.0E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with guns in a speedboat fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, contacted coalition warships and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates made several attempts to board the ship and later aborted.
74.	13.06.2009 0110 LT Steaming Attempted	Gorgonilla Chemical Tanker Panama 4959 8800767	12:36N – 043:25E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Two skiffs were detected on radar by the tanker underway. Tanker made evasive manoeuvres, increased speed warned other ships on vhf ch.16 and contacted coalition warships. Later, skiffs aborted the attempt.
75.	14.06.2009 1425 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Richmond Bridge LPG Tanker Bahamas 11361 9005508	12:33.5N – 043:29.5E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Several speedboats were spotted in the vicinity of the tanker underway. The speedboats picked up speed and started to cross the tanker's bow. The boats came very close to the tanker and opened fire with automatic weapons. The tanker continued to make evasive manoeuvres and prevented the pirates from boarding.
76.	14.06.2009 1453 UTC Steaming Attempted	Milos Bulk Carrier Greece 37937 7356630	12:59N – 043:09E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Speedboats approached the ship underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
77.	14.06.2009 1440 UTC Steaming Attempted	Al Masilah Product Tanker Yemen 8750 8000109	12:57.9N – 043:09.3E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Four speedboats approached the tanker underway. Tanker made evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and activated fire hoses. Later, the speedboats aborted the attempt.
78.	14.06.2009 1435 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Salalah LNG LNG Tanker Panama 96671 9300817	12:35N – 043:28E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Several skiffs chased the tanker and fired upon her with intent to board. The tanker enforced anti-piracy measure, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
79.	15.06.2009 1305 LT Steaming Fired upon	Hadi Tanker Cyprus 163650 9362073	12:58N – 048:27E, Gulf of Aden	One skiff approached the tanker underway. The skiff increased speed, came close to 10 meters of the tanker and fired several shots with guns and RPG. Master mustered all crew, increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres, fired parachute flares and informed Iranian warship. After about 20 minutes the pirates aborted the attempt and

				moved away. The Iranian warship came and chased the pirates away. A coalition helicopter arrived at scene later. Ship moved away without any casualties and damage.
80.	18.06.2009 1500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Kang Long Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 29935 9240835	16:00.0N – 041:24.7E, Southern Red Sea	30 pirates in three speedboats armed with guns and rocket launchers attempted to attack the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, sounded whistle, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt due to evasive manoeuvres and the high voltage cables equipped at both sides of the ship.
81.	19.06.2009 1520 LT Steaming Attempted	Tenjun Tanker Panama 159927 9343390	12:38.1N – 043:21.7E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Armed pirates in skiffs chased the tanker underway. Ship raised alarm, sounded whistle, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt due to evasive manoeuvres and the repeated call via VHF Ch. to the coalition warship in the vicinity.
82.	22.06.2009 0550 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Bolan General Cargo Pakistan 12395 7822108	13:33N – 050:19E, Gulf of Aden	Four skiffs with pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship and opened fire at it. Master increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres, contacted coalition warships in the vicinity and crew released dunnage bundles along with sharply cut empty drums. Crew also threw sawdust over side which resulted in the pirates' visibility being hampered. Meanwhile coalition warships were in attendance and the pirates aborted the attack. The coalition warships stopped the skiffs and confiscated their weapons.
83.	22.06.2009 0610 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Maersk Phoenix Tanker Singapore 61764 9283291	13:29.10N – 050:20.50E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in white hull skiffs armed with guns and RPG approached the tanker from the stbd side and fired RPG rounds towards the tanker. Master raised alarm, activated fire pumps and contacted warships. A coalition warship advised tanker that it was proceeding to assist. On seeing the warships the pirates aborted the attack.
84.	13.07.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	A Elephant Tanker Liberia 145661 8608028	12:20.8N – 043:54.3E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the tanker underway. The skiff came closer and the pirates tried to hook a ladder onto the shipside. Master made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the warships for help. Due to preventive anti piracy actions, pirates aborted the attempt.
85.	03.08.2009 1500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Rimar Bulk Carrier Togo 16021 8005549	13:46.50N – 050:42.30E, Gulf of Aden	Ten heavily armed pirates in two boats fired upon the ship underway. The pirates fail to board the ship due to evasive action taken by the master. All the crew and the ship's properties are safe.
86.	04.08.2009 1310 UTC Steaming	Notos Scan General Cargo Bahamas	13:32N – 048:50E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with automatic guns in a 7-8 meter long, blue coloured wooden boat, approached the ship

	Fired upon	2854 8607658		underway at 15-17 knots. They fired upon the ship and attempted to board her several times. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated SSAS and contacted coalition warships. Pirates aborted the attempted attack due to the ship's effective anti-piracy measures. A coalition helicopter arrived at the location at 1341 UTC.
87.	14.08.2009 0320 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Elgiznur Cebi Bulk Carrier Turkey 33218 9504293	12:35N – 047:25E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a speedboat fired upon the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres to deter the pirates from boarding the ship. A coalition helicopter arrived at the scene after 40 mins and the pirates moved away. One crew injured. The master was instructed to rendezvous with a coalition warship, which sent some troops and a doctor to treat the injured crew.
88.	26.08.2009 0829 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Southern Cross General Cargo Italy 4410 9197014	13:08N – 048:45E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, evasive manoeuvres adopted and distress signal sent on VHF ch.16. A warship and a military helicopter arrived at the location to render assistance and the pirates aborted the attempted attack. The ship continued passage to destination port.
89.	16.09.2009 1020 UTC Steaming Attempted	North Sea Tanker Singapore 59177 9384564	15:29N – 041:34E, Red Sea	While underway two high speedboats chased the tanker. The tanker altered course to keep the boats in the wake. Later the boats aborted the attempt.
90.	18.09.2009 0120 LT Steaming Attempted	Harmony Container Liberia 10256 8513766	14:20.2N – 049:47.1E, Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in a small boat approached the ship and came as close as five meters. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Pirates aborted the attempt to board due to crew alertness.
91.	19.09.2009 0605 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Harvest Moon Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38567 9113410	13:52N – 051:07E, Gulf of Aden	About seven pirates armed with guns in a six metres long, white coloured speedboat, fired upon the ship underway. They attempted to board the ship but were unable to do so due to the evasive manoeuvres and anti-piracy measures taken by the crew. Master contacted coalition forces for assistance. Pirates aborted the attempt upon seeing a coalition helicopter arriving at the scene. No injuries to crew.
92.	19.09.2009 0550 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Prisco Alexandra Chemical Tanker Cyprus 29967 9397547	13:52.10N – 051:04.17E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with machine guns in a six metres long, white coloured skiff, approached from a pirate mother vessel and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, informed ships in vicinity and contacted warships for assistance. Crew mustered and activated all anti-piracy measures. A coalition helicopter arrived and pirates aborted the

				attack. No injuries to crew. Bridge window damaged.
93.	19.09.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Danny Boy Bulk Carrier Bahamas 16960 9324722	13:54.2N – 051:09.8E, Gulf of Aden	About six pirates armed with guns in a small white coloured high-speedboat attempted to attack the ship underway in convoy with two other ships. Master altered course, contacted coalition warships for assistance and crew activated anti-piracy measures. Pirates chased the ship for 20 mins and aborted the attempt upon seeing the presence of a coalition helicopter.
94.	20.09.2009 1545 LT Steaming Attempted	BBC Portugal General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 2545 9195248	12:48.6N – 048:09.3E, Gulf of Aden	One speedboat with seven armed pirates approached the ship underway with intend to board. Ship activated anti piracy measures, armed guards onboard fired two warning shots at the pirates. The pirates aborted the attempt and were seen heading towards the Yemeni coast. All ships in the vicinity and coalition warship were informed via VHF radio.
95.	26.09.2009 0115 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Gem of Cochin Bulk Carrier Panama 37318 8015192	13:11.95N – 049:19.14E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warships for assistance. Pyrotechnic flares were fired by the master as advised by a coalition warship. The warship came to assist and the pirates aborted the attack on sighting the warship.
96.	26.09.2009 0120 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Handy V Bulk Carrier Panama 35760 8209030	13:11.57N – 049:25.11E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with guns in two high-powered speedboats attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, fired parachute signals, activated SSAS and contacted coalition warships for assistance. Seawater kept running on deck constantly and crew locked themselves in bridge. Pirates started firing at the bridge and a coalition warship advised that they were getting closer to the ship. Pirates aborted the attempt upon seeing the warship. A coalition helicopter carried out inspection outside the ship's superstructure along every deck and confirmed no pirates onboard. Ship resumed course.
97.	26.09.2009 0800 UTC Steaming Attempted	Panamax Peppou Bulk Carrier Panama 34446 8024272	12:15N – 045:39E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff chased the ship underway. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and informed coalition warships. A coalition warship and a maritime patrol aircraft intervention prevented the pirates to continue the attempt. No injuries to crew and no damage to ship.
98.	05.10.2009 1755 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Seagreen Bulk Carrier Panama 25865 8313350	13:38.2N – 050:50.5E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates armed with guns in two high-speedboats attempted to board the ship underway. Alarm raised and evasive manoeuvres carried out, parachute signals fired, SSAS activated and

				coalition warship contacted. Pirates fired a RPG, which damaged the starboard bridge wing and captains office. Pirates aborted the attempt to board and later a warship and aircraft arrived and chased the pirate boats away.
99.	07.10.2009 1020 UTC Steaming Attempted	Delta Ios Crude Oil Tanker Greece 81360 9406685	12:07.0N – 045:27.6E, Gulf of Aden	Three skiffs approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, enforced preventive anti piracy measures and contacted coalition warship. Later the boats aborted the attempt and moved away.
100.	12.10.2009 0345 UTC Steaming Attempted	MCP Salzburg General Cargo Cyprus 5272 9383481	12:15.83N – 044:04.74E, Gulf of Aden	A fishing vessel closed onto the ship underway. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres, raised general alarm and contacted coalition warship. At a distance of around 0.5 NM a white and blue hull skiff with five armed pirates was launched from the fishing vessel. The skiff approached the ship with a speed of approximately 20 knots but stopped and aborted the attack at a distance of around 0.2 NM. The attempted attack lasted around 25 minutes.
101.	16.10.2009 1405 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Thor Spring General Cargo Malta 2815 9015670	13:43.5N – 050:55.5E, Gulf of Aden	One skiff with five to six armed pirates chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres and, proceeded towards a coalition warship. The ship had rigged barbed wires along the railing and activated fire hoses. The pirates chased the ship for around 40 minutes and then aborted the attempt. Bullet holes were seen along the funnel, stern area and accommodation. No injuries to crew.
102.	31.10.2009 1530 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Alcyon Bulk Carrier Bahamas 40570 9225029	13:26N – 049:42E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs chased and fired upon the ship underway. The pirates attempted to board the ship but due to effective anti piracy measures, the pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.
103.	05.11.2009 0305 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Theoforos I Bulk Carrier Panama 35241 8510049	13:10.2N – 049:14.1E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a motorboat chased and fired upon the ship underway. RPGs fired at the ship, damaged the after part of the superstructure. Ship raised alarm, contacted warships and took evasive manoeuvres. A warship arrived at the location and the pirates aborted the attack. No injuries to crew.
104.	05.11.2009 0648 UTC Steaming Attempted	BBC Thames General Cargo Liberia 11864 9368340	13:42.8N – 050:56.1E, Gulf of Aden	A small speedboat was sighted at a distance of four NM by the ship underway. When the boat passed the port beam of the ship, it immediately changed course and approached the ship from astern. Duty officer raised alarm, contacted warship for assistance and crew mustered. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. As the boat came closer, four pirates with guns were sighted. The pirates attempted to board the ship several times. Later the

				pirates aborted the attempted attack due to the evasive manoeuvres.
105.	07.11.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Sea Diamond General Cargo St. Kitts /Nevis 6303 7701938	12:37.32N – 047:11.60E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates armed with automatic weapons and RPG in a skiff fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, contacted coalition warship, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates attempted to board the ship using a ladder but were unable due to the ship's freeboard and evasive action taken by the ship.
106.	12.11.2009 0330 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Full Strong Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 36586 9065388	14:36.1N – 054:14.5E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with assault rifles in skiffs attacked the ship underway. They fired upon the ship and attempted to board her. The ship, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and successfully deterred the boarding.
107.	12.11.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Fengli 8 Bulk Carrier Panama 38679 9041019	14:34.3N – 054:14.4E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with assault rifles in two skiffs attacked the ship underway. They chased and fired upon the ship with intent to hijack. The ship, increased speed took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self-protection measures and successfully deterred the boarding. The pirates aborted the attempted attack after three hours.
108.	16.11.2009 1422 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Lady Juliet General Cargo St. Vincent and Grenadines 12296 8225204	12:50N – 047:55E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns in two speedboats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, contacted warships, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, and finally managed to evade the attempted boarding. No injuries to crew.
109.	19.11.2009 1900 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Red Sea Spirit Bulk Carrier Panama 10968 7718888	13:37.9N – 047:41.0E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns in a boat chased and attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, called warships for assistance, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. The pirates directed searchlight at the ship and suddenly opened fire and ordered the ship to stop, with allegation to conduct search. Master replied, "cannot stop" and continued with the evasive manoeuvres. The pirates finally gave up the chase after 40 minutes. No injuries to crew.
110.	02.12.2009 1409 LT Steaming Fired upon	BBC Togo General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6569 9428786	14:26.4N – 054:18.2E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship underway spotted a mother vessel at a distance of six NM. The mother vessel was seen to launch two skiffs, which approached the ship at a speed of 14 knots. Ship raised alarm, increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres. The skiffs approached the ship on port and starboard side. Ship sent distress alert, activated SSAS alert, contacted coalition warship and authorities for help. The skiff on port side approached the ship close to 15 meters and fired automatic weapons. Ten minutes later, the skiff aborted the attempt and regrouped with the mother

				vessel.
111.	07.12.2009 0501 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Nordic Sprite Tanker Norway 80668 9159684	12:54N – 048:07E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs chased the tanker underway and opened fire with automatic weapons. The tanker enforced anti-piracy preventive measures and escaped the attack.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2009 0145 UTC Anchored Attempted	Lake Aru Bulk Carrier Panama 15932 9074705	06:05.4N – 001:15.8E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Seven armed robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty officer raised alarm and crew prepared fire hoses. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers aborted the attempted attack. Port control informed.
2.	15.01.2009 0235 UTC Anchored Attempted	Lake Aru Bulk Carrier Panama 15932 9074705	06:05.4N – 001:15.8E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Four robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty officer raised alarm and crew activated fire hoses. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers aborted the attempt. Master heaved up anchor and proceeded to open sea for drifting.
3.	28.01.2009 2340 UTC Anchored Attempted	Flora Delmas Container Bahamas 16916 9239862	06:43.7S – 039:18.5E, Dar Es Salaam Roads, Tanzania	Four robbers in a small wooden boat attempted to climb onboard an anchored ship. Alert duty watchmen informed the duty officer who raised the general alarm and directed the ship's search light towards the robbers. Seeing that they were noticed the robbers aborted and moved away. Port control was informed.
4.	10.02.2009 1905 LT Steaming Fired upon	Aramis Tanker Liberia 37895 8117081	05:59N – 005:47E, Off SE of Pennington Terminal, Nigeria	Ten heavily armed pirates in a speedboat approached and attempted to stop the tanker underway. The pirates opened fire at the tanker. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Master took evasive measures and prevented boarding. Pirates continued firing at the tanker and attempted to board but failed due to effective preventive measures. Later, pirates aborted the attempt.
5.	22.02.2009 2340 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Khatanga Product Tanker Russia 14937 8610887	03:59.61N – 006:46.25E, 20.5 NM Off Onne, Nigeria	Five pirates armed with automatic guns in a high speedboat and two pirates in a fishing boat approached the tanker underway. They opened fire at the bridge and attempted to board the tanker. Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Due to the evasive manoeuvres, pirates aborted the attempted attack. Initial report received from Risk Intelligence based in Denmark and consequently confirmed by IMB PRC.
6.	26.03.2009 2220 LT	MS Simon Chemical Tanker	06:17.96N – 003:25.06E,	Ship's crew onboard the tanker at anchor noticed a boat with several persons armed

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	Anchored Attempted	Liberia 25400 9247493	Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	with machine guns, rocket propelled grenade launchers and machetes attempting to climb onboard with the use of a rope. All crew alerted and alarm raised. Upon seeing the alert crew, the robbers aborted the attempt and escaped.
7.	25.05.2009 2000 UTC Berthed Attempted	Marimba Chemical Tanker Liberia 22620 8301199	Folawiyo Terminal, Nispan Jetty, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Seven robbers in a boat approached the tanker at berth. Two of the robbers attempted to board the tanker three times in less than 12 hours. Alert crew managed to chase the robbers away every time.
8.	30.06.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Anna Stevens General Cargo Panama 1889 7429281	11:20N – 017:15W, 45 NM Off Guinea Bissau	Twelve armed pirates in a boat attempted to board the ship underway. Due to the quick action and anti-piracy measures taken by the master and ship's crew, the pirates were unable to board and aborted their attempt.
9.	02.08.2009 2317 UTC Anchored Fired upon	Duden Bulk Carrier Turkey 16211 8005226	03:55.46N – 006:37.32E, Bonny River, Port Harcourt Roads, Nigeria	14 heavily armed robbers in two speedboats approached and opened fire on a ship at anchor. The ship immediately heaved anchor and proceeded to open seas for safety reasons. One crew injured.
10.	04.09.2009 1902 UTC Steaming Attempted	Loex LPG Tanker Malta 5764 9238131	03:48.03N – 009:25.04E, Near Buoy No.B3, Douala Port, Cameroon	Armed pirates in two skiffs approached a tanker restricted in her ability to manoeuvre. One skiff managed to throw a hook and line over the tanker. The alert crew raised the alarm, switched on the deck lights and crew mustered. Seeing alert crew the pirates aborted and moved away. Later the master heard over the VHF that armed pirates had assaulted the crew and looted another vessel. The pirates had jammed the VHF signal for the duration of the attack.
11.	21.09.2009 1048 LT Steaming Attempted	Morning Ninni Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367592	06:21.9N – 003:24.7E, Lagos Breakwater, Nigeria	Nine pirates in two boats came close to the astern of a ship underway. One of the pirates managed to get onto the stern ramp recess. The vigilant crew sighted the pirates and shouted at them. Upon seeing the crew alertness, the pirates aborted their attempt and moved away.
12.	11.10.2009 0012 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Iver Prosperity Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 23421 9351921	09:15N – 014:01W, 27 NM Off Conakry, Guinea	Nine pirates armed with machine guns in a 15-metre speedboat attempted to board a tanker underway using hooks and ladders. Master raised alarm, activated distress alert, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew mustered and activated fire hoses. The pirates commenced firing, followed the tanker for 30 minutes, and finally aborted the attempt. No injuries to crew. Port authority contacted but no response.
13.	21.10.2009 1600 UTC Steaming Attempted	MSC Isabelle General Cargo Panama 5974 8414740	09:13N – 014:12W, 35 NM Off Conakry Pilot Station, Guinea	Eight pirates in a small black hull boat approached a general cargo ship underway. D/O raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and increased speed. As the boat approached at a distance of 150 meters, crew noticed one pirate was holding a rope, two pirates were armed

				with guns and the others were signalling the ship to stop. D/O increased speed to maximum and continued with evasive manoeuvres. Finally, the pirates stopped chasing the ship and aborted the attempted boarding. Port control was contacted but received no response.
14.	18.12.2009 1823 LT Steaming Fired upon	NS Stream Chemical Tanker Liberia 27357 9318541	09:17.8N – 014:49.3W, 60 NM Off Conakry, Guinea	Pirates armed with machine guns in a speedboat approached and fired upon a tanker drifting. The tanker-increased speed, enforced anti piracy measures, reported to authorities and prevented the pirates from boarding it. No injuries to crew.

REST OF WORLD

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.03.2009 0345 LT Steaming Attempted	Prabhu Daya Bulk Carrier Singapore 29986 9231573	07:56N – 065:28E, 900 NM Off Somalia, Indian Ocean	While underway, OOW onboard the ship noticed an unidentified and unlit target on the radar about 9 NM on stbd bow. Target did not transmit AIS signal and did not respond to calls on vhf radio. About 45 minutes later, target increased speed and headed towards the ship. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and prevented target from getting closer. Later, target was noticed aborting the attempt and moving away. The ship resumed passage on intended route.
2.	06.04.2009 1900 UTC Steaming Attempted	Shanghai Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32505 9333929	15:13.47N – 067:15.01E, 350 NM West Coast of India, Arabian Sea	A bulk carrier underway detected on radar speedboats approaching from the stbd bow / port bow at a distance of 12 NM. The speedboats increased speed and approached with a CPA of 0.01 NM, master increased speed, all crew mustered, activated fire hoses, switched on all lights, sent distress signal, made evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in preventing the boarding.
3.	10.06.2009 1420 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Gokcan Bulk Carrier Turkey 21918 8124802	18:41.8N – 058:01.0E, Off Oman	Two speedboats chased a bulk carrier underway. The master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The message was immediately relayed to the authorities to render necessary assistance. The pirates made several attempts to board the ship using portable ladder. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew threw wooden and iron pieces to avoid being boarded. The pirates fired upon the ship and again tried to board several times. Due to the evasive manoeuvres, the pirates aborted the attempt and returned to a mother vessel in the vicinity.

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4.	04.07.2009 1800 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Svyatoy Ioan Bulk Carrier Panama 34987 7922104	14:51.3N – 058:29.8E, Off Oman	Master of bulk carrier underway, reported that one small boat attacked his ship from astern and fired a RPG. Evasive actions taken, speed increased. The sea condition at the time of the incident was beaufort scale force 07.
5.	16.09.2009 1400 UTC Steaming Attempted	CSAV Morumbi Container Liberia 32200 9316335	15:20.0N – 056:27.8E, Off Oman	Ship underway noticed a boat drifting on the port beam. The boat increased speed and approached the ship. Due to ship's higher speed, the boat was unable to get closer. The pirate boat aborted the attempt.
6.	07.10.2009 0830 UTC Steaming Attempted	Zhong Chi Product Tanker Hong Kong 26992 9342097	25:01.9N – 058:05.3E, Gulf of Oman	Whilst underway, duty officer spotted three speedboats approaching. Master informed, crew alerted and fire hoses rigged. Ten minutes later, ten speedboats chased the tanker but due to anti piracy measures, pirates aborted the attempt.