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Shipping Community

ADVISORY TO STAY VIGILANT AGAINST SUSPICIOUS CRAFT

In the Annual Report for 2017, the Regional Cooperation Agreement on combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre (ISC) highlighted an increase in the number of piracy and sea robbery incidents in Asia and the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS). In particular, reported incidents of piracy and sea robbery in Asia have increased by 19% from 85 in 2016 to 101 in 2017. In the SOMS, the number of incidents increased from 2, in 2016, to 9 in 2017. The report also underscored the continued incidence of oil cargo theft in the region – 3 incidents each in 2017, and in 2016.

2 MPA would like to urge all shipmasters and crew to stay vigilant against suspicious craft such as maintaining a 24-hour visual and security watch, and strengthening night watches. Shipping companies are advised to provide guidance and supervision to their shipmasters to draw up shipboard security plans against piracy and sea robbery attacks if the ISPS Code does not apply to their ships. The security plan should address the following aspects:

- a. The need for enhanced surveillance and the use of lighting and surveillance or detection equipment;
- b. Crew responses if a potential attack is detected or an attack is underway;
- c. The radio and alarm procedures to be followed; and
- d. The reports to be made after an attack, or an attempted attack.

3 Shipmasters are advised to hold training exercises and drills so as to ensure that the crew members are fully briefed on the actions to take in the event of an attack by pirates or armed robbers.

4 Also, shipmasters are strongly urged to report piracy/armed robbery attack immediately in order for the Authorities to take swift and effective responses even if the actions by the ship lead successful in preventing the robbers from boarding. In the event of an attack which occurs in the Singapore Strait, shipmasters are advised to report to the Singapore Authorities as follows:

a. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre

- (i) VHF Radio : Ch 10, 14 or 73
- (ii) Telephone : +65 6325-2493 / +65 6325-2494
- (iii) Telefax: (65) 6224 5776
- (iv) Radio Telegram : PORTMASTER SINGAPORE
- (v) Telex : PORTMASTER, Tlx No RS 34970
Answer back PORTPM 34970

b. Singapore Police Coast Guard

- (i) VHF Radio : Ch 7, 16
- (ii) Telephone : (65) 6377 5540 / (65) 6377 5539
- (iii) Telefax: (65) 6276 1627

5 Shipmasters may also contact the Indonesian Sea Security Command or Indonesian Marine Police as follows:

a. Indonesian Sea Security Command (callsign: PUSKODAL)

- (i) VHF Radio : Ch 16
- (ii) HF Radio : 7015 KHz
- (iii) Telephone : +62 778-413498, +62 778-413844, +62 778-413901, 081277548766 (Batam)
+62 771-23071 (Bintan)
+62 765-31105 (Dumai)
+62 777-21185 (Tanjung Balai, Karimun)

b. Indonesian Marine Police

- (i) VHF Radio : Ch 16
- (ii) Telephone : +62 778-312433 (Belakang Padang Base)
+62 779-21325 (Sat Polair Tg Batu Base)

6 You may refer to the ReCAAP website at www.recaap.org for more information on the piracy and armed robbery situation/trends, as well as related advisories and guides.

7 For further clarification on this Port Marine Notice, please contact Mr Charles Ng at Tel: +65 6325-2413 or Mr Peh Ling Woon at Tel: +65 6325-2463.

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