

Piracy monthly report for July 2018
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

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| 1 | BW PETREL Tanker Singapore 29751 9706073 | 03/07/2018 01:29 LT | WEST AFRICA Lagos anchorage area, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 16.00' N 003° 11.00' E | While at anchor, the duty AB during routine rounds noticed a rope attached to the portside anchor chain leading to a boat positioned along the starboard side of the ship. The duty AB sighted six or seven persons on board said suspicious boat, and immediately alerted the bridge. While rushing towards the accommodation, the duty AB saw a robber on the deck of the starboard side. The robber assured the duty AB that he would leave the ship. The duty AB quickly went inside a secured area and locked the doors. The master raised the alarm, activated SSAS and sent piracy distress message. The general alarm and whistle continued to sound until the Nigerian Navy patrol boats arrived. Two patrol boats arrived, conducted a search, investigated and requested the ship to resume to normal duties. The suspicious boat was last seen fleeing towards the westerly direction. | The crew was not injured. No items were stolen. | The master raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and sent piracy distress message. | Yes Nigerian Navy | Singapore ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) MDAT- GOG, ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | The Nigerian Navy dispatched patrol boats NNS Binni & NNS Vision. The patrol boats conducted a search and after clearing the area, advised the tanker to resume to normal duties. |
| 2 | NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 29826 | 26/07/2018 02:18 UTC | INDIAN OCEAN Mozambique Channel Mozambique | Three intruders approached vessel, one boarded using a bamboo pole and hook. Alarm sounded and all three escaped | Boarded and robbed | Alarm sounded , investigation | No | Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | - |

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

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| 1 | SUNG FATT 31 Tug Malaysia 133 8984446 | 03/07/2018 13:20 LT | MALACCA STRAIT 4.6 nm SE of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia, in the wet bound lane of the main strait Malaysia 01° 12.57' N 103° 33.70' E | While sailing, ten robbers from six sampans boarded the barge that was being towed by the tugboat. The crew contacted VTIS Singapore and a police boat was dispatched to the location. As the robbers saw the police boat approaching they escaped from the barge. Once the police boat had left the location they re-embarked and stole the cargo being carried by the barge. This incident was confirmed by the Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) who informed relevant law enforcement agencies. The Singapore Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) informed the tug master who raised the alarm. All crew are safe with no injury. | Scrap metal/cargo was stolen from the towed barge. | The master sounded the alarm. | Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF and other law enforcement authorities | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), IMBKL | Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) was notified and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were informed. |
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| 2 | BINTANG OCEAN 3 Tug Singapore 89 9144897 | 07/07/2018 03:20 LT | MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.8 nm northeast of Tanjung Sengkuang, Pulau Batam, Indonesia, in the eastbound lane o Singapore 01° 15.05' N 104° 02.73' E | While tug boat, Bintang Ocean 3 towing barge, Winbuild 2313 was underway, Singapore Police Coast Guard reported to Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) at 0130 hrs that two sampans were spotted alongside Winbuild 2313. The VTIS Central contacted the tug boat and the master replied that everything was fine. At about 0320 hrs, the Singapore Police Coast Guard again reported to POCC that the two same sampans were still following at the stern of Winbuild 2313. At about 0325 hrs, the tug master reported to VTIS East that four coils of tow line were missing from Winbuild 2313. Upon arrival at Changi Barge Holding Anchorage on the same day at about 0800 hrs, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ships and conducted an investigation. The crew was not injured. | Four coils of tow line were stolen from the barge. The crew was not injured. | - | Yes VTIS East | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). | Upon arrival of the tug boat and barge at Changi Barge Holding Anchorage on the same day at about 0800 hrs, the Singapore Police Coast Guard conducted an investigation. |
| 3 | NAME WITHHELD | 22/07/2018 14:22 UTC | ARABIAN SEA In the vicinity of Baraawe Somalia 01° 06.32' N 044° 02.00' E | A MV in the vicinity of Baraawe reported being under attack. | - | - | No | UKMTO | - |
| 4 | NAME WITHHELD | 24/07/2018 21:30 | ARABIAN SEA 14° 47.00' N 041° 44.00' E | UKMTO advised of an incident in this area. No further information available at this time. Vessels advised to exercise caution and adhere to BMP5. | - | - | No | UKMTO | - |

IN PORT AREA

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| 1 | GREEN MAGIC General cargo ship Bahamas 5103 8822583 | 01/07/2018 05:00 UTC | SOUTH AMERICA (A) Georgetown Outer Anchorage, Guyana Guyana 06° 59.00' N 058° 02.00' W | Unnoticed, an anchored ship was boarded by robbers who stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agent. | Ship's stores stolen. | Alarm raised and crew mustered. | Yes Local agent | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | - |
| 2 | MEDI FIRENZE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32379 9386407 | 04/07/2018 04:00 LT | INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong outer anchorage "Alpha", Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 19.45' N 091° 43.67' E | While at anchor, eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from a craft using ropes attached to hooks. The robbers tied up the deck watchman, stole three mooring ropes and escaped. The crew was not injured. The master reported the incident to the local authority. | Three mooring ropes were stolen. The Deck Watchman was tied up, the rest of the crew was not injured. | Reported incident to the local authority. | Yes Local authority | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) and Contact Point (Hong Kong). | - |
| 3 | INNOVATOR Gas carrier - LNG Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 93498 9238040 | 06/07/2018 00:40 LT | SOUTH CHINA SEA Delta Anchorage Area Banuan, Batangas, Philippines Philippines 13° 45.44' N 121° 00.82' E | While at anchor, intruders boarded the ship, stole ship stores and escaped. The duty watch alerted the master who sounded the general alarm and mustered the crew. The hawse pipe was slightly moved and the crew suspected that the thieves had climbed through the anchor chain. The master reported the incident to VTMS Batangas. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) conducted an investigation and advised the master to take precautionary measures while anchored at Batangas Port. | Ship stores including two fire hose nozzles and the sounding cap of the anchor chain locker were stolen. | The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew. | No | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines). | The PCG conducted an investigation and advised the master to take precautionary measures while anchored at Batangas Port. |

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| 4 | MAERSK CUNCUN Tanker Singapore 29816 9786138 | 10/07/2018 14:00 LT | SOUTH CHINA SEA Sandakan Port, East Malaysia Malaysia 05° 47.20' N 118° 01.50' E | While at berth, an unknown number of thieves boarded the ship, stole ship stores and escaped. The deck watch crew later discovered that the forepeak store locker padlock was broken. Upon checking, a ship's bell, a coil of heaving line and two bicycles were found missing. The agent and PFSSO were informed and thereafter, the local police conducted an investigation and took a statement from the Chief Officer. The crew was not injured. | A ship's bell, a coil of heaving line and two bicycles were found to have been stolen by the robbers | - | Yes Local police, PFSSO and agent. | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). | The local police conducted an investigation and took a statement from the Chief Officer. |
| 5 | OCEAN NHAVA SHEVA Container ship Panama 17280 9470765 | 19/07/2018 17:00 UTC | INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 02.00' N 091° 46.50' E | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored container ship, stole three mooring ropes and escaped. On noticing the theft, the crew notified the Bangladesh Coast Guard who dispatched a patrol boat to the location. They searched the waters around the area and were able to identify the robber's boat and recover the stolen mooring ropes, which were returned to the ship. | Ship's property was stolen. | Incident reported to Bangladesh Coast Guard. | Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh); ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur; IFC | - |
| 6 | CAPT STEFANOS Bulk carrier Bahamas 39035 9227194 | 20/07/2018 22:20 UTC | SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 17.30' S 117° 40.60' E | Duty officer on board an anchored ship noticed suspicious movement on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm. The crew rushed forward and noticed a small boat with four persons on board moving away from the ship's side with stolen ship's stores. | Ship's stores stolen. | Alarm raised and crew rushed forward. | No | ReCAAP ISC, ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur; IFC | - |
| 7 | BW TIGER Bulk carrier Singapore 29737 9635846 | 22/07/2018 00:05 UTC | WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast Côte d'Ivoire 05° 11.45' N 004° 04.27' W | Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded the anchored tanker. Duty watchman noticed the robbers near the port quarter and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with three mooring ropes. Incident reported to local Authorities. | Ship's stores stolen. | Alarm raised. | Yes Local Agent | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | - |
| 8 | MAERSK MATSUYAMA Product tanker Panama 26911 9367736 | 25/07/2018 07:35 UTC | SOUTH AMERICA (C) Mamonal Anchorage, Colombia Colombia 10° 19.30' N 075° 31.70' W | Duty officer on board an anchored tanker noticed the locking device on the forward store cut and ship's stores missing. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the robbers had gained access via the anchor chain. Incident reported to the local agent who informed the local police. | Ship's stores stolen. | Search was carried out. | Yes Local police through local agent | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | Authorities carried out an investigation. |
| 9 | TORONTO TRADER Container ship Singapore 9932 9675822 | 26/07/2018 01:00 LT | SOUTH AMERICA (A) JFTL terminal in Georgetown, Guyana Guyana 06° 48.40' N 068° 10.07' W | Prior to departure from the terminal, it was discovered that the paint store and the bosun store were broken. Some paint, a mooring rope and some rubber gasket material were found missing. The local authorities were informed, however, the vessel was required to sail prior to their boarding. | The following items were stolen: 1) 1.750 L of paint in drums; 2) new 64mm 8-strand 220m mooring rope; and 3) 20 m rubber gasket material. | Reported the incident to the local authorities. | Yes Local authorities | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), IMBKL | - |
| 10 | MYKONOS Bulk carrier Marshall Islands | 28/07/2018 14:40 UTC | SOUTH CHINA SEA Batangas Anchorage, Philippines Philippines | During routine rounds, duty crew on board an anchored ship noticed an unauthorized person attempting to board the ship from a small boat using a hook attached with a rope. Duty crew | Two pieces of nozzle cover were stolen. The crew was not | Alarm raised and crew mustered. | Yes Philippines | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via | A patrol boat was dispatched to the location. |

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| 23456 9450791 | | 13° 44.40' N 121° 01.90' E | informed the bridge and SSO. Alarm activated and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the person aborted the boarding attempt and escaped. Incident was reported to the local agent and the Coast Guard. | injured. | | | | ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) | Philippine Coast Guard advised the ship to take precautionary measures. |
| 11 ACHILLEAS S Bulk carrier Liberia 32839 9490789 | 31/07/2018 19:15 UTC | SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia 00° 14.20' S 117° 33.70' E | During security rounds, duty personnel on board the anchored ship noticed five robbers on the forecastle deck armed with knives and immediately informed OOW. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew approach the forecastle deck, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. | Ship's stores stolen. | Alarm raised. | Yes Local agent | | ReCAAP ISC, ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | - |

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| 1 | FRIO NAGATO Refrigerated cargo carrier Panama 7367 9227596 | 01/07/2018 10:30 UTC | WEST AFRICA Around 18.7nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria Nigeria 04° 06.00' N 006° 55.90' E | While steaming, a refrigerated cargo vessel was fired upon by seven pirates in a blue coloured speed boat. Master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated SSAS, increased the vessel's speed and all crew mustered. A naval warship responded and escorted the vessel to a safe anchorage. Ships superstructure damaged by the gun shots. All crew reported safe | Vessel sustained gunshot damage. | Increased speed, raised alarm, activated SSAS. | Yes Local authorities | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | - |
| 2 | COASTAL VANGUARD Tug Netherlands 327 9591569 | 03/07/2018 19:20 UTC | WEST AFRICA Around 220nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria Nigeria 01° 49.90' N 003° 12.10' E | Duty officer on board the vessel noticed a fishing boat lowering a long skiff into the water. The skiff with four to five persons on board started approaching the vessel and closed in to a distance of 0.5nm. Master raised the alarm, increased speed and headed into the swell. Several attempts were made by the skiff to get closer to the vessel, but failed due to the rough weather. After following the vessel for over five hours the skiff moved away. | - | Master raised the alarm, increased speed and headed into the swell | No | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Nigeria Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos /NIMASA | - |
| 3 | TOSCANA Tug Italy 431 9807827 | 22/07/2018 13:50 UTC | WEST AFRICA Around 257nm SSE of Accra, Ghana Ghana 01° 30.10' N 001° 15.70' E | Duty officer on board the tug underway, noticed a fishing boat lowering two skiffs into the water. As the skiffs closed in to the tug, the Master raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measure taken by the tug, the skiffs aborted the attempted attack and returned to the fishing boat. | - | Master raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. | Yes MDAT - GoG | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur | - |