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SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION TO MARINERS Q6099/2016/003

SOUTHERN RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN

Ships operating in Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden should be aware of the risk of belligerent activity in the vicinity of Bab-el-Mandeb Strait. Ships have been attacked by missiles from the shore of Yemen.

The most likely targets are military ships however merchant vessels may incur collateral damage.

Ships are recommended to be vigilant and remain as far west and south of Yemen as practicable including using the Western Traffic Separation Scheme in the northern Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, maintaining best speed, and transit the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait during daylight hours.

Any unusual activities either hostile or potentially hostile observed by mariners within this region should be reported to Coalition naval vessels using VHF Channel 16, or via e-mail at cusnc.bwc@me.navy.mil or by phone 011-973-1785-3879.

Masters are advised to maintain contact with the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) via e-mail watchkeepers@ukmto.org or by telephone +44 (0) 2392 222060 and the U.S. Naval Cooperation and Guidance of Shipping (NCAGS) at cusnc.ncags_bw@me.navy.mil.

Coalition naval forces may conduct Maritime Awareness Calls and approaches to ensure the safety of vessels transiting the area.