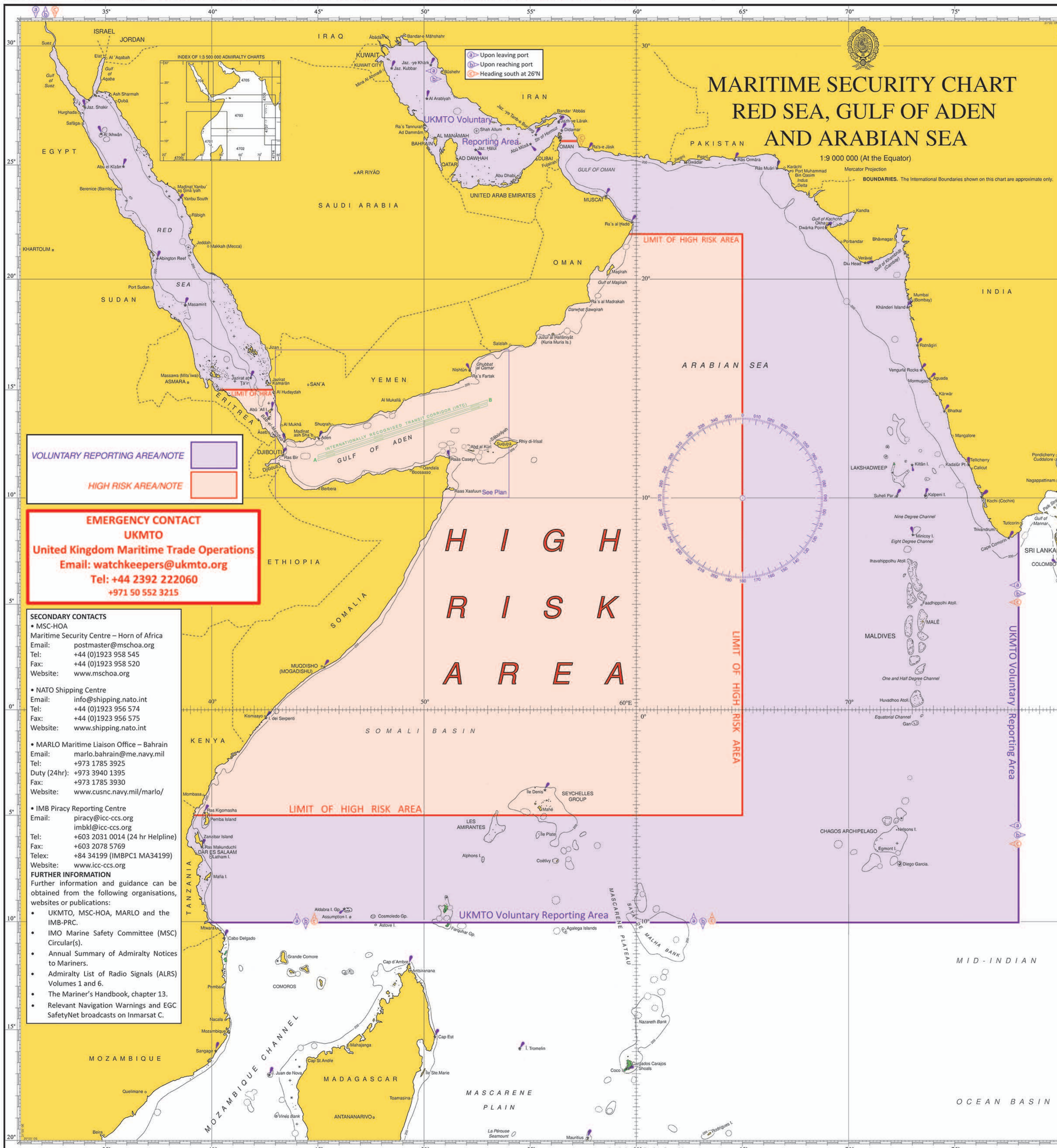


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# MARITIME SECURITY CHART RED SEA, GULF OF ADEN AND ARABIAN SEA

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**VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA NOTE**

**HIGH RISK AREA NOTE**

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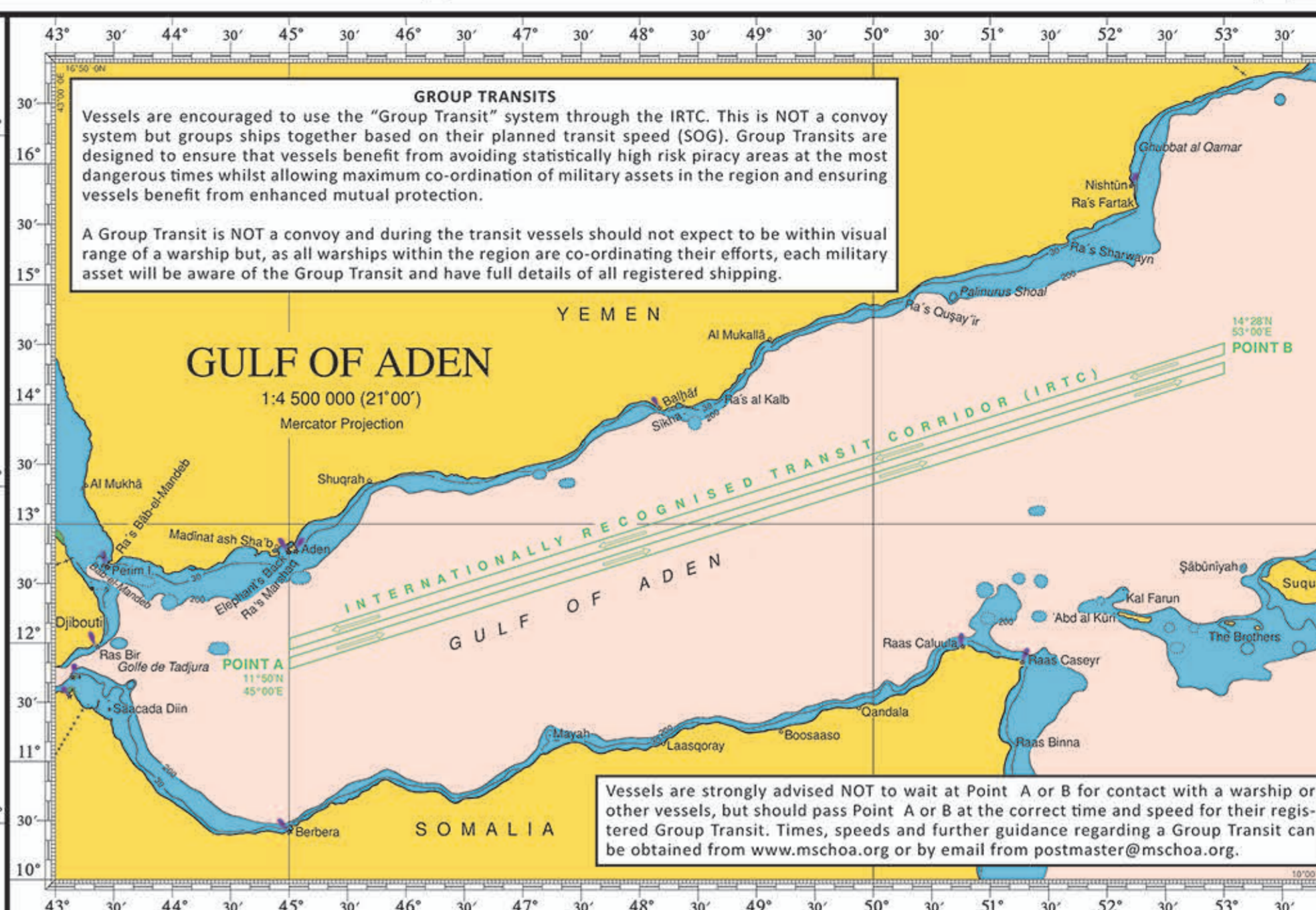
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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information and guidance can be obtained from the following organisations, websites or publications:

- UKMTO, MSC-HOA, MARLO and the IMB-PRC.
- IMO Marine Safety Committee (MSC) Circular(s).
- Annual Summary of Admiralty Notices to Mariners.
- Admiralty List of Radio Signals (ALRS) Volumes 1 and 6.
- The Mariner's Handbook, chapter 13.
- Relevant Navigation Warnings and EGC SafetyNet broadcasts on Inmarsat C.



## UKMTO VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA

**VOLUNTARY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Merchant vessel voluntary reporting schemes are established to increase security and provide anti-piracy support to maintain the freedom of navigation to all vessels in the Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

Merchant vessels operating in these areas are strongly encouraged to liaise, as detailed below, with the relevant authorities. Any vessel, owner, operator or manager choosing not to report may delay any military assistance in the event of an incident as military assets will not be expecting the ship, and valuable information may not be available.

The schemes are free to participate in and vessels of any flag or ownership are invited to participate. All information is treated in strict commercial confidence and only used within military circles.

## VESEL REPORTING

Upon entering the UKMTO voluntary reporting area (bounded by Suez in the north, to 10°S and 78°E), or when leaving a port within the area:

1. Send a Vessel Position Reporting Form – Initial Report to UKMTO (by email to [watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto:watchkeepers@ukmto.org)). See "UKMTO INITIAL REPORT" on this chart and BMP4 Annex B for report details;

UKMTO INITIAL REPORT	
1	Ship Name
2	Flag
3	IMO Number
4	INMARSAT Telephone Number
5	Time & Position
6	Course
7	Passage Speed
8	Freeboard
9	Cargo
10	Destination and Estimated Time of Arrival
11	Name and contact details of Company Security Officer
12	Nationality of Master and Crew
13	Armed / unarm ed security team embarked

After transmitting the initial reports above, vessels are asked to report daily by 0800 UTC to UKMTO, giving their name, callsign, IMO Number, position, course, speed and ETA. In addition, when calling at ports within the reporting area, the date/time of arrival and the ETD should be reported;

If planning to transit the Gulf of Aden, vessels are requested to add the ETA at the Internationally Recognised Transit Corridor (IRTC) entry point ("Point A" or "Point B") to the daily reports to UKMTO and MSC-HOA;

DAILY/TRANSIT POSITION REPORT	
1	Ship Name
2	Ship call sign & IMO Number
3	Time of report in UTC
4	Ship Position
5	Ship Course and Speed
6	Any other important information
7	ETA point A/B IRTC (if applicable)

Upon reaching port, or exiting the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area, send UKMTO a "Final Report" giving the vessels name, call-sign, IMO Number, time of report and port or position when leaving the Voluntary Reporting Area.

FINAL REPORT	
1	Ship Name
2	Ship call sign & IMO Number
3	Time of report in UTC
4	Port or position when leaving the Voluntary Reporting Area

Reports may be made by either the vessel or by the owner/operator.

## THE HIGH RISK AREA

The High Risk Area (HRA) is an area within the UKMTO designated Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) where it is considered there is a high risk of piracy and within which self-protective measures are most likely to be required. For the purpose of BMP the High Risk Area is bounded by;

In the Red Sea: northern limit: Latitude 15°N  
In the Gulf of Oman: northern limit: Latitude 22°N  
Eastern Limit: Longitude 65°E  
Southern Limit: Latitude 5°S

An increased state of readiness and vigilance may be required within the VRA in accordance with the ship voyage risk assessments which remain a cornerstone of BMP4 guidance.

## UKMTO VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA

UKMTO acts as the primary point of contact for merchant vessels and liaison with military forces in the region. Vessels are encouraged to report their positions by email at 08.00 hours UCT whilst operating in the VRA and HRA. The UKMTO 'Vessel Reporting Form – Daily Position Report' BMP4 Annex B should be used.

The UKMTO VRA is bounded by;

Suez to the North, 10°S and 78°E including the Persian Gulf.

## MSCHOA VESSEL REGISTRATION

Vessels are encouraged to register vessel movements with MSC HOA. Registration is for all vessels transiting the area bounded by;

The Strait of Hormuz and Suez to the North, 10°S and 78°E.

## RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN EVENT OF SUSPECTED OR ACTUAL ATTACK

- See Sections 9, 10 and 11 of BMP4.

### a) SUSPICIOUS VESSEL IN VICINITY

If not at full speed then increase to full speed to open the Closest Point of Approach (CPA).

Activate the Emergency Communication Plan:

- Contact UKMTO Dubai to alert them that an attack might be about to take place.
- Consider if a distress message should be sent to alert other ships in vicinity.

### b) APPROACH STAGE

If not at full speed then increase to full speed to open the CPA.

Activate the Emergency Communication Plan:

- Sound the emergency alarm and make a 'Pirate Attack' announcement.
- Report the attack to UKMTO Dubai.
- Activate Ship Security Alarm System (SSAS).
- Send a distress message via DSC and Inmarsat C, as applicable, to alert other ships in vicinity.
- Ensure AIS is switched ON.

Master the crew, except those that are required on the bridge or engine room, at either the Safe Muster Point or in the Citadel (if constructed).

If possible, alter course to open the CPA. Consider a course to increase the effect of wind or waves on approaching vessels.

Activate self defensive measures.

Ensure all external doors are fully secured.

### c) ATTACK STAGE

Reconfirm all personnel are in a position of safety.

Manoeuvre as required to remove a lee of either side of the vessel (small helm alterations recommended).

Offer no resistance to the pirates once they reach the bridge.

If the bridge/engine room is to be evacuated then the main engine should be stopped. All remaining crew should proceed to the designated Safe Muster Point with their hands visible.

Leave any CCTV running.

### d) IF MILITARY FORCES INTERVENE

All personnel should keep low to the deck and cover their heads with both hands and ensure hands are clearly visible. Make no movements that could be interpreted as being aggressive.

Do not use flash photography.

Be prepared to prove your identity. Crew should be briefed and prepared for this.

Co-operate fully during any naval/military action onboard.

Be aware that English may not be the working language of some naval/military forces.

**IMPORTANT - SEE RELATED ADMIRALTY PUBLICATIONS**

Notices to Mariners (Annual, Preliminary and Temporary), NP201 (ISymbols and Abbreviations), The Mariner's Handbook (especially Chapter 13 on the use, sources and limitations of charts), Sailing Directions (Pilots), List of Lights & Fog Signals, List of Radio Signals, Tide Tables, for their details equipment.

**KEEP CHARTS AND PUBLICATIONS UP-TO-DATE AND USE THE LARGEST SCALE CHART APPROPRIATE**

## SECURITY OF NAVIGATION INFORMATION

Further Security of Navigation information is available online for this and other regions from the UKHO Maritime Security Portal at [www.ukho.gov.uk/security](http://www.ukho.gov.uk/security) including links, pdf downloads of all UKHO Maritime Security Charts and templates for reporting. Additional advice and guidance may also be made available by Security Related Information to Mariners (SRIM) from this portal.

## SafetyNet broadcasts on Inmarsat C:

NAVAREA VIII – Co-ordinator: INDIA. Transmitted via Pune LES on IOR satellite.

NAVAREA IX – Co-ordinator: PAKISTAN. Transmitted via Burum LES on IOR satellite.

See Admiralty List of Radio Signals (ALRS) Volume 5 for full details, scheduled transmission times, etc.

Ships in the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area (Suez Canal/10°S/78°E) should ensure that their Inmarsat C terminals are logged into the IOR satellite and are set to receive navigational warnings from both Navarea VII and IX to be sure that they receive all piracy alerts.

In addition ships should programme their Navtex receivers to receive navigation warnings from all appropriate Navtex stations.

## MSCHOA VESSEL REGISTRATION

Register Vessel Movement online, by e-mail or by fax

+441923 958 520 See [www.mschoa.org](http://www.mschoa.org) for report details.

The forms may be completed online by ship operators (or by Masters where vessels have internet access) but note that registration with the MSCHOA website is required before the forms can be completed.

MSCHOA will also accept faxed forms and forms by email. Ship operators should ensure that they and/or their vessels are in receipt of the latest version of the forms.

MSCHOA VESSEL REGISTRATION FORM	
VESSEL'S DETAILS	
All fields with an asterisk (*) are obligatory	
Ship Name*	Flag State*
IMO Number*	MMSI Number*
Call Sign*	Ship's Master
Primary E-mail*	Secondary E-mail
Ship contact number*	Ship contact E-mail*
Owner name	Operator name
Operator address	Operator telephone
Operator E-mail	DPA name
DPA telephone	DPA E-mail

## MOVEMENT DETAILS

Entry Point – MSCHOA VESSEL REGISTRATION\* (78°/10°S/Strait of Hormuz/Suez/Port)

Exit Point – MSCHOA VESSEL REGISTRATION\* (78°/10°S/Strait of Hormuz/Suez/Port)

ETA to IRTC (Times are in UTC/Zulu time)\*

Direction\* (East/West)

Do you intend to join a group transit?

Which National Convoy are you joining?\*

Crew numbers & nationalities

Freeboard of lowest accessible deck in Metres (M)\*

Vessels Maximum Speed\*

Next Port of call

Items in italics only appear upon selection of prior options.

**SELF PROTECTION MEASURES**

Anti-piracy measures in place?

Crew Briefing

External Communication Plan

Citadel

Unarmed Security Team onboard

Additional Measures

