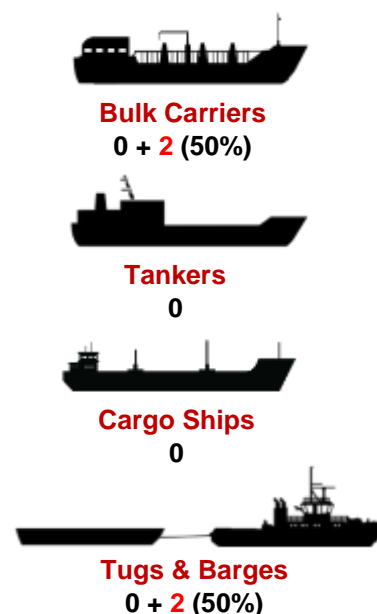


# Summary of Boarding and Attempted Boarding Incidents in the Singapore Strait (correct as at 1 Feb 2023)

## Number of Incidents & Vessel Types



## Key Observations and Assessments

- Of the four new incidents, two occurred in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), and two occurred in the Phillip Channel. In the two incidents involving Tugs & Barges, scrap metal was reported stolen.
- In one of the incidents involving a Bulk Carrier, perpetrators were reportedly armed with knives. However, there was no confrontation and injury reported in all four incidents.
- Two incidents occurred in daylight (between 1300H to 1700H); the other two incidents occurred during hours of darkness. The last reported incident that occurred in daylight was on 21 Nov 2022.
- IFC assesses that perpetrators continue to blend in with the traffic in the Singapore Strait and strike when opportune, even in daylight hours.

## Modus Operandi: Remains Largely Consistent With Petty Crime

- Based on incident reports this year, perpetrators avoided confrontation, and fled immediately upon being sighted by crew.
- Perpetrators are usually unarmed, operating in group(s) of up to 10 pax using small boats to target slow-moving vessels (7-12 knots) with low freeboard (up to 7m).

Cargo Ships, Bulk Carriers & Tankers	Tugs & Barges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>May</u> be armed and confrontational e.g., small arms, knives, and steel bars</li><li>Usually target ship's engine parts and stores</li><li>Same group of perpetrators may target few vessels in succession, in same night</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Usually unarmed</li><li>Usually target scrap metal</li><li>Could be targeted in both daylight and hours of darkness</li></ul>

## Recommended Actions for All Transiting Vessels

- Remain vigilant at all times, particularly when transiting the areas of concern in the Phillip Channel, and off Bintan and Batam.
- Adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia, e.g., (1) turn on weather deck lighting around the accommodation block and rear facing lighting on the poop deck, (2) maintain an all-round lookout at an elevated position with focus on suspicious small craft(s) approaching or in proximity to the ship's aft, and (3) sound ship's alarm when suspicious small craft(s) sighted
- To guard against successive boarding attempts by perpetrators, transiting vessels are encouraged to stay informed and participate in Voluntary Community Reporting as depicted in 4<sup>th</sup> Edition MARSEC Charts Q6112 and Q6113; upon sighting of suspicious activities, immediately report to local authorities and inform the IFC