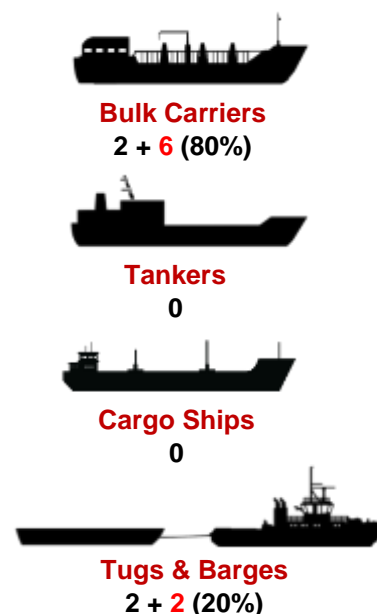
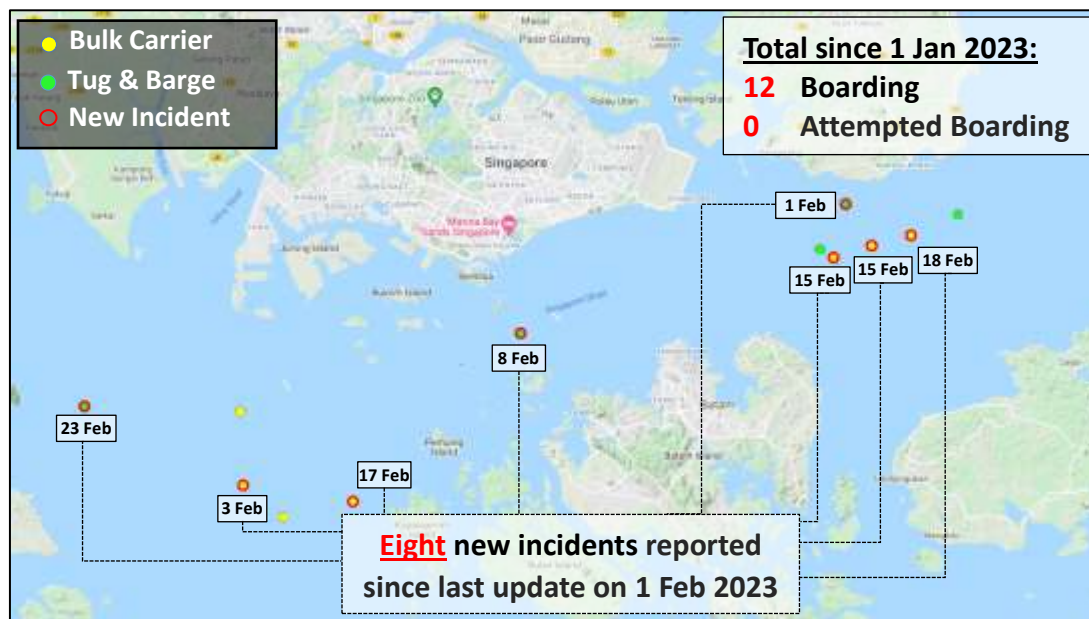


# Summary of Boarding and Attempted Boarding Incidents in the Singapore Strait (correct as at 1 Mar 2023)

## Number of Incidents & Vessel Types



## Key Observations and Assessments

- Of the eight new incidents, five occurred in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), and three occurred in the Phillip Channel. In three of the incidents, items such as scrap metal and spare parts were reported stolen.
- Two of the incidents (3 and 23 Feb) involved confrontations; perpetrators were reportedly armed with knives. In one of the incidents, a crew sustained minor injury.
- One incident occurred in daylight (1730H), and the other seven incidents occurred during hours of darkness. IFC assesses that perpetrators will continue to blend in with the traffic in the Singapore Strait, and strike when opportune, even during daylight. Prompt reporting to local authorities is important to enable timely response.

## Modus Operandi: Remains Largely Consistent With Petty Crime

- Based on incident reports this year, perpetrators mostly 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 (<i>Out of 12 incidents since Jan 2023, 4 reported armed, and 2 reported with confrontation</i>)</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 known 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 by participating in Voluntary Community Reporting as depicted in 4<sup>th</sup> Edition MARSEC Charts Q6112 and Q6113. Upon sighting of suspicious activities or perpetrators onboard, immediately report to local authorities and inform the IFC; do not confront perpetrators.

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