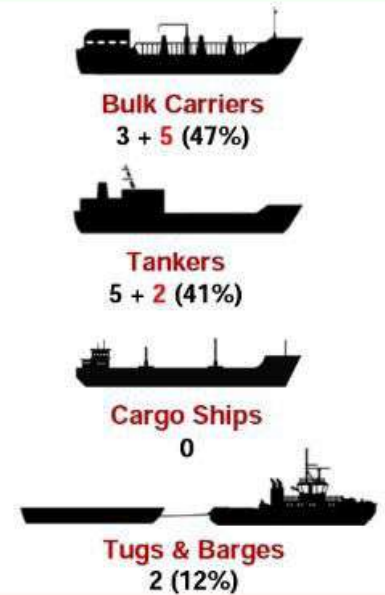


Summary of Boarding and Attempted Boarding Incidents in the Singapore Strait (caa 8 Mar 22)

Number of Incidents & Vessel Types



Key Observations

- The IFC recorded **seven** new incidents since last update on 19 Feb. All seven incidents occurred between 0025H – 0540H, in the Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait, off North Batam and in the Phillip Channel
- Five** of these incidents (between 26 Feb to 2 Mar) involved armed perpetrators; of note, in one incident, perpetrators reportedly carried a gun-like object. Nonetheless, (a) modus operandi remains unchanged (perpetrators fled upon being sighted), and (b) there is no increase in violence (no casualties reported)

Modus Operandi: Remains Largely Consistent With Petty Crime

- Based on the incident reports, in most cases, perpetrators avoided confrontation, and fled immediately upon being sighted by crew
- Perpetrators usually (a) are in group of average 4-6 pax, and (b) use small boats, targeting slow-moving vessels (7-12 knots) with low freeboard

Cargo Ships, Bulk Carriers & Tankers	Tugs & Barges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>May</u> be armed and confrontational e.g., small arms, knives, and steel bars (Out of 17 incidents since Jan 2022, 7 reported armed and 2 reported with confrontation) Usually target ship's engine parts and stores Same group of perpetrators may target few vessels in succession, in same night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Usually</u> unarmed Usually target scrap metal

Recommended Actions for All Transiting Vessels

- Remain vigilant, particularly when transiting the known hotspots 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., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, and deploying sentries etc
- Participate in Voluntary Community Reporting as depicted in 4th Edition MARSEC Charts Q6112 and Q6113; upon sighting of suspicious activities, immediately report to local authorities and inform the IFC

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