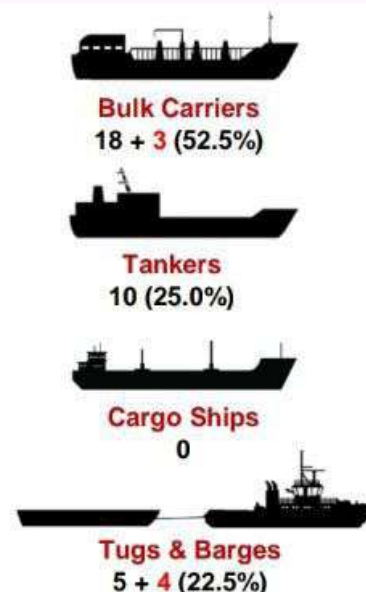


Summary of Boarding and Attempted Boarding Incidents in the Singapore Strait (caa 8 Sep 22)

Number of Incidents & Vessel Types



Key Observations and Assessments

- Of the seven new incidents reported, five occurred in Eastbound Lane, and two occurred in Westbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), within the Singapore Strait. In most of the incidents, there were items reported stolen.
- There was no confrontation and injury reported in all seven incidents. One incident involved perpetrators reportedly armed with metal rods, hammers, and knives.
- There were three incidents involving tugs and barges in Aug 2022, the highest number recorded in a month since Jan 2022.

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

- May be armed and confrontational e.g., small arms, knives, and steel bars (Out of 40 incidents since Jan 2022, 13 reported armed and 3 reported with confrontation)
- Usually target ship's engine parts and stores
- Same group of perpetrators may target few vessels in succession, in same night

Recommended Actions for All Transiting Vessels

- Remain vigilant, 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
- 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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