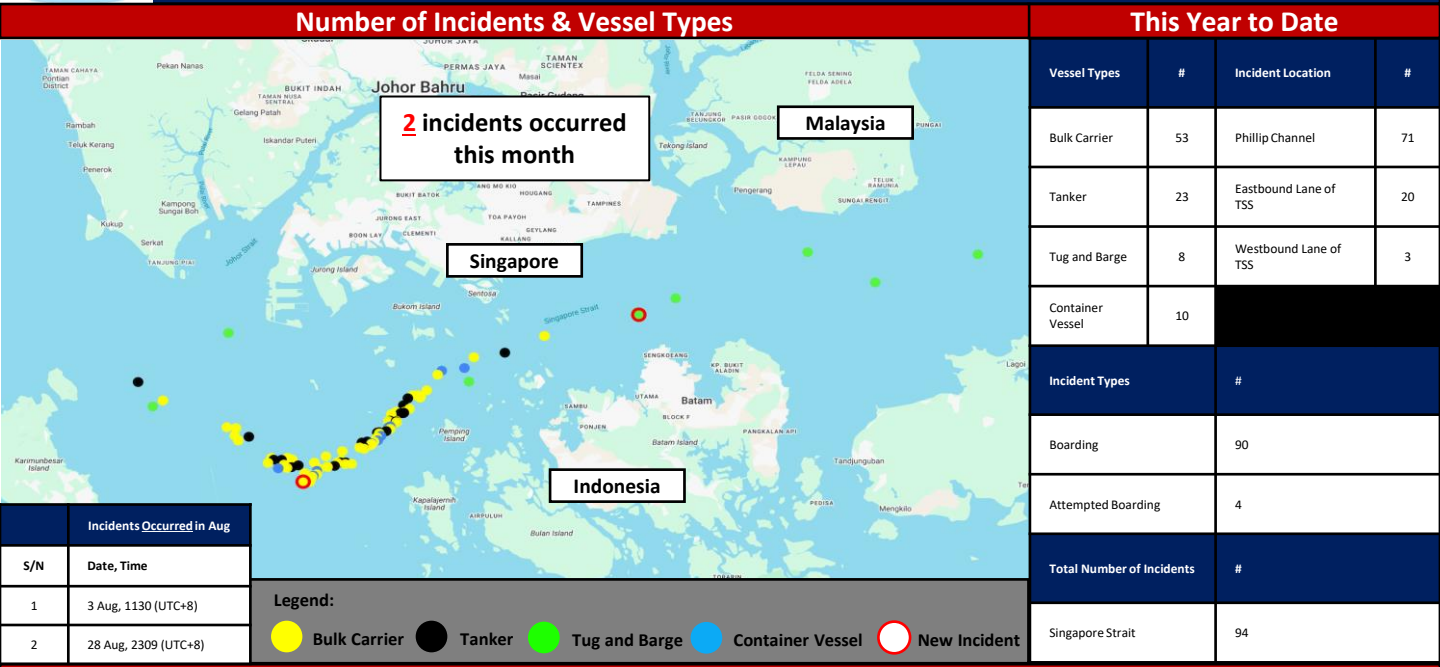




Monthly Summary of Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea Incidents in the Singapore Strait (correct as at 1 Sep 2025)



Key Observations & Assessments

- There were two (2) incidents reported in Aug 2025 – one (1) in the Eastbound Lane of TSS, and one (1) in the Phillip Channel.
 - Eastbound Lane of TSS.** One (1) incident involving a tug and barge during daylight hours. Based on incident reports, there were nine sampans approaching the barge, and approximately 10 unarmed perpetrators boarded. No confrontation and injury were reported, and some scrap metal was stolen.
 - Phillip Channel.** One (1) incident involving a bulk carrier during hours of darkness. Ship crew sighted four unarmed perpetrators in the engine room, who fled immediately after the ship’s alarm was raised. No confrontation and injury were reported, and nothing was stolen.
- The number of incident in Aug 2025 was significantly lower than in previous months. This decline was likely due to the effective joint operations conducted by the Indonesian authorities in Jul 2025, which sent a strong deterrent message to the would-be perpetrators.
- We expect incident numbers in Sep 2025 to remain low as regional authorities continue their enforcement efforts in known areas of concern. Nonetheless, all vessels are strongly advised to maintain heightened vigilance and implement necessary ship protection measures to deter potential perpetrators and prevent unauthorised boarding.

Modus Operandi: Remains Largely Consistent With Petty Crime

- Perpetrators usually avoid confrontation and flee immediately upon being sighted by crew. Perpetrators may be armed, usually operating in groups of 4-8 pax, using small boats to target and board slow-moving vessels (7-12 knots) with low to medium freeboard (less than 8m).
- It is highly possible that the same group of perpetrators may target multiple vessels in the same vicinity within a single night or across successive nights. *[Note: Based on incident reports in 2025, there were five nights [28 Feb, 30 Mar, 7 May, 5 Jun, and 1 Jul] where subsequent attempts were conducted on different vessels after earlier attempts were unsuccessful.]*
- Majority of the incidents involved Bulk Carriers and Tankers – Perpetrators typically target the vessel types at night, may be armed (i.e. with knives, gun-like object or steel bars), and have reportedly confronted crew members [out of 94 incidents in SS since Jan 2025, 45 reported armed, 6 reported with confrontation, and 2 reported with injury], and they usually steal engine parts and/or stores.
- Tugs and Barges – Perpetrators are usually unarmed and steal scrap metal. The vessel type has been targeted in both daylight and in hours of darkness.

Recommended Actions for All Transiting Vessels

- Always remain vigilant, particularly when transiting known areas of concern in the Phillip Channel, and waters off Bintan and Batam. Prompt reporting to local authorities is important to enable timely responses, and can help prevent subsequent boardings on other transiting vessels.**
- 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.
- All are highly encouraged to capture and share CCTV footage taken during the incidents with the regional authorities to support investigations.**
- To guard against successive boarding attempts by perpetrators, transiting vessels are encouraged to stay informed by participating in **Voluntary Community Reporting** as depicted in 1st Edition MARSEC Charts Q6112 and Q6113 (dated 14 Nov 2024). Upon sighting of suspicious activities or perpetrators onboard, immediately report to local authorities and inform the IFC; do not confront perpetrators.