

UKMTO Weekly Report

3 - 9 May 2020

Command Overview

1. Several media articles this week focus on the ongoing affect and implications for ship's crews due to COVID-19, please see page 2.
2. Commercial shipping companies and ship's masters can receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security update via telephone or by e-mail using the contact details at the bottom of this page. UKMTO Dubai and the Maritime Trade Information Centre (MTIC) will remain fully operational throughout the duration of the global pandemic and can be contacted as usual using the details promulgated in BMP5.
3. The current International Maritime Organization (IMO) advice to seafarers and shipping in response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Wm4FAV>
4. MSCHOA released Alert number 004 / 2020 dated 09 May regarding suspicious activity off the Eastern Somalia coast. The Alert can be viewed via the following link (registration required): <https://bit.ly/2SRmEqk>

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

No Warnings, Advisories or Notices have been issued.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060.
This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.
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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Fishing Boats	0		
Dhows	0	3	26/03/15
Total	0	3	

Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
No vessels visited this week See note below		

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
TBC	SHADE	Bahrain
TBC	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

With current restrictions due to COVID-19, all visits to our office and ships visits by Briefing Officers have been cancelled until further notice.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office or to arrange a telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long at +971 (0)50189 8389 or email dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles of interest.

- 7 May 20 - Royal Navy warships join operation with US Navy in the Gulf (Portsmouth News): <https://bit.ly/2yKGGKlr>
- 7 May 20 - IMSA Provides ground breaking software platform to the worldwide Maritime Industry to track COVID-19 outbreaks (Hellenic Shipping News): <https://bit.ly/3bpTdZm>
- 7 May 20 - The Lloyd's List Podcast: Steel yourself for a long war (Lloyd's List): <https://bit.ly/2yLE6fc>
- 7 May 20 - IMO endorses new protocols designed to lift barriers to crew changes (Marine Insight): <https://bit.ly/2Lica5v>
- 6 May 20 - Industry and unions set out a 12-step solution for governments to free seafarers from COVID-19 lockdown (ITWF): <https://bit.ly/2STIHTH>
- 5 May 20 - Sailors' Society launches dedicated COVID-19 Helpline (Maritime Executive): <https://bit.ly/3fGAD2v>
- 4 May 20 - IMO postpones more meetings, begins rescheduling plans (Maritime Executive): <https://bit.ly/2Wqipt0>

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org

[MSCHOA](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)

www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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