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PIRATE ACTION GROUP (PAG) – TANZANIA

-MARSHALL ISLAND SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY NO. 9-12

The Office of The Maritime Administrator of Marshall Island issued Safety Advisory No.2-12 to Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, Owners/Agents to advise them a possible PAG operating within 10nm of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

It is reported that a vessel was approached by two (2) skiffs, each with five (5) persons on board (POB), to within three (3) cables. A security team was able to deter the approach. No weapons or ladders were sighted but the approach was deemed to be hostile. One (1) skiff was described as being covered with tarpaulin.

Position: 06°39S 039°22E

Time: 0830Z



The Maritime Administrator would take this opportunity to again urge all vessels operating in the High Risk Area to actively implement recommended Best Management Practices for anti-piracy measures as follows:

- Prepare the crew (refer to Marshall Islands MG-2-11-12);
- Harden the ship before the ship enters the High Risk Area (HRA);
- When entering the HRA from the direction of either the Suez Canal, the Arabian Gulf at 26 °N, the south at 15 °S or from the east at 78 °E:
 - Register the ship with the MSCHOA (<http://www.mschoa.org> /+44 (0) 1923 958545);
 - Report to the UKMTO (ukmto@eim.ae / +971 505 523 215);
 - Advise whether private armed security is being used; and
 - Continue to provide daily reports of ship's position, course, speed and estimated and actual arrival times to UKMTO while in the HRA.
- Remember, the ship must be registered with the MSCHOA and report to the UKMTO with every intended transit of the HRA;
- Consider participating in the SSRS service (<http://ssrs.org>);
- Utilize the IRTC in the GoA;
- For low and slow ships, join pre-scheduled military escorted convoys through the GoA;
- Avoid navigating through the Mozambique Channel whenever possible;
- Continue to maintain a heightened state of awareness;
- Maintain strict 24 hour anti-piracy visual and radar watches at sea and in port anchorages; and
- Report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the UKMTO, MARLO (+973-3940-1395), COMUSNAVCENT (+973-1785-3879), IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org, +603-2031-0014) or NATO Shipping Centre (NSC) (+44 (0) 1923 956574, info@shipping.nato.int).

The Maritime Administrator advises that the RMI flag State does not object to vessel owners, operators, and/or Masters taking appropriate measures in regard to the safety and security of their vessels, crew and cargo. Whether to use an armed or unarmed security detail and how to facilitate that detail is a decision for the vessel operator to make after assessing the piracy related risks in the area where the vessel will be operating, the potential risks and benefits of available anti-piracy related countermeasures, and the logistics of implementing those measures. This assessment could include discussions with labour representatives, port officials, charterers, counsel, and underwriters. Reference should be made to IMO MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.1, Circ.1406/Rev.1 and RMI MN-2-011-39 before engaging any PCASP.

Attachment: Marshall Island Ship Security Advisory No. 9-12

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To: Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, Owners/Agents

Subject: PIRATE ACTION GROUP (PAG) – TANZANIA

Date: 23 January 2011

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