



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly  
(PAWW) Report  
(Horn of Africa) for 19 – 25 May 2011**

*Maritime Crime/Piracy*

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**1. (U) Scope Note**

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report is a review of recent Somali piracy incidents and an outlook on threats around the Horn of Africa.

**2. (U) Piracy Events Over Past Week**

(U) Somali piracy incidents continue to occur at moderate levels. There were three piracy incidents in this one-week period: three attacks. Incidents took place in the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea.

**B. (U) Details**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents reported.

**(U) Boardings:** No incidents reported.

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding**

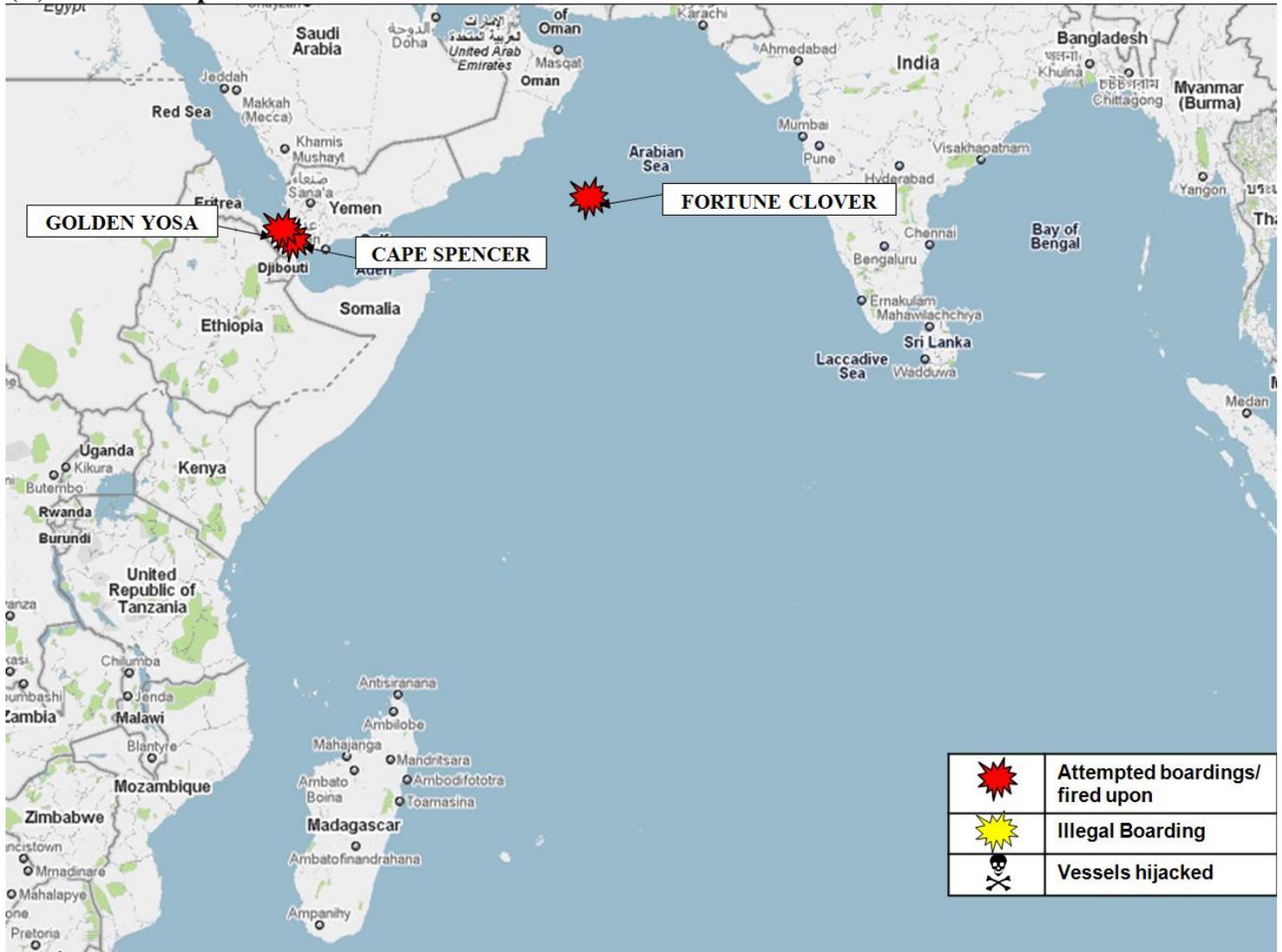
(U) RED SEA: Bulk carrier (CAPE SPENCER) was fired upon by two skiffs, the first skiff with seven pirates onboard and the second skiff with five pirates onboard, 20 May at 0633 UTC while underway in position 13:15N – 043:01E, approximately 22NM northeast of Assab, Eritrea. Master engaged in evasive maneuvers and repelled the attack. (IMB, UKMTO)

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Bulk carrier (FORTUNE CLOVER) was fired upon by two skiffs 22 May at 0348 UTC while underway in position 15:44N – 061:45E, approximately 471NM northeast of Socotra, Yemen. The pirates damaged the bridge windows and the life boat. The pirates attempted to hook a ladder onto the ship rail twice, but the Master was able to make evasive maneuvers in both attempts to thwart the attempted

boarding. (IMB)

(U) RED SEA: Chemical tanker (GOLDEN YOSA) was fired upon by one skiff 22 May at 0617 UTC while underway in position 14:31N – 042:13E, approximately 96NM northwest of Assab, Eritrea. A mother vessel launched the skiff that chased the vessel. The skiff fired at the GOLDEN YOSA after the GOLDEN YOSA engaged in evasive maneuvers. The onboard security team returned fire at the skiff, and the skiff aborted the attack. (IMB, UKMTO)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 19 – 25 MAY 2011 (UKMTO, IMB)

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>May 2011</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009*</b>
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	1	3	19	49	52
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	1	1	10	15	0
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	3	6	16	8	74	125	131

\*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

### 3. Forecast for 26 – 28 MAY 2011

**A. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** Over the next 24 hours weather conditions will be conducive for small boat activity in the Gulf of Aden before an increase in winds provides a slight increase in seas by 27 May. Expect west-southwest winds of 12 – 16 knots with seas 2 – 4 feet through 28 May.

**B. (U) INDIAN OCEAN:** Southwesterly winds of 20 – 25 knots with higher gusts will remain over the Somali Basin through the next 72 hours. Expect conditions to not be conducive for small boat operations from central Somalia northeast to the Omani coast and extending through the North Arabian Sea, as sea heights range from 5 – 8 feet within this region. Conditions abate somewhat moving into the Indian Ocean, areas west of the Maldives, and within the waters off Kenya and Tanzania.

(U) Currents off the Somalia coast are variable with speeds up to 1 knot from the Equator to 4N. Current speeds up to 4 kts may be seen along the coast between 5N and 10N.

(U) Gulf of Aden conditions remain conducive for piracy attacks through 1 June as winds and seas decrease after 29 May. Expect the SW monsoon to continue to expand within the waters off the Somali Basin and North Arabian Sea. These areas will not be conducive for small boat operations through 1 June.

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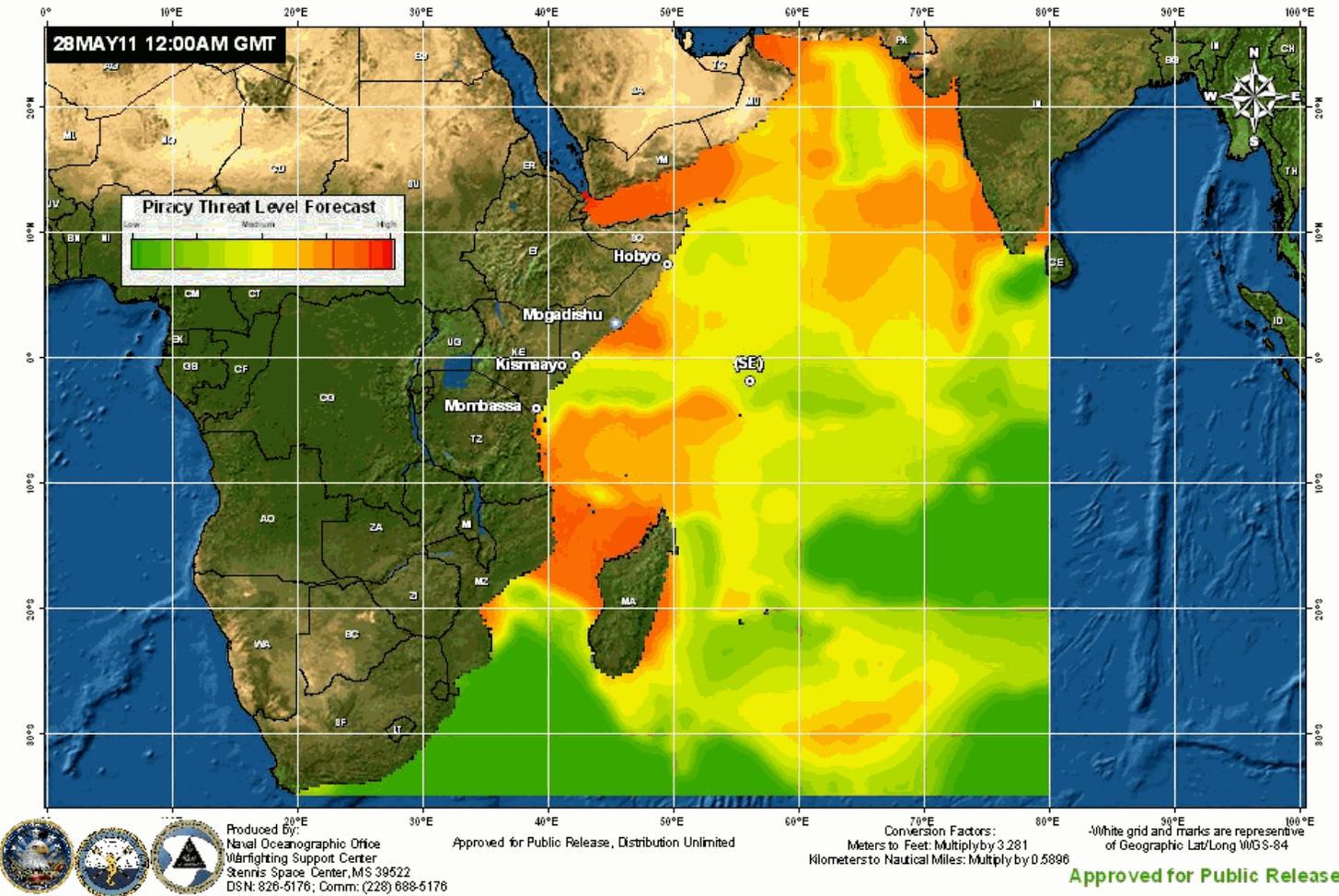
Piracy Performance Surface, Somalia

Scale 1:31,500,000



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(U) Figure 2. Likelihood of Pirate Activity (Graphic courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center)

(U) In the graphic above, green represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a high likelihood of pirate activity.

(U) Appendix

(U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental authorities in lawful pursuit of their authority.

**(U) Terms of Reference**

(U) The following terms are adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

- **(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- **(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- **(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- **(U) Firing Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- **(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- **(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- **(U) Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- **(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained close proximity of an unknown vessel.

**(U) Piracy levels**

- **(U) High:** Over 7 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Moderate:** 3-6 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Low:** 1-2 piracy incidents in this one-week period

**(U) Sourcing**

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London

- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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