



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) HORN OF AFRICA and GULF OF GUINEA: Piracy  
Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report  
for 4 - 10 September 2014**

*Maritime Crime/Piracy*

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**1. (U) Horn of Africa Scope Note**

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

**2. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East African waters is at a low level. There were no reported suspicious events during this one-week period.

**A. (U) Details**

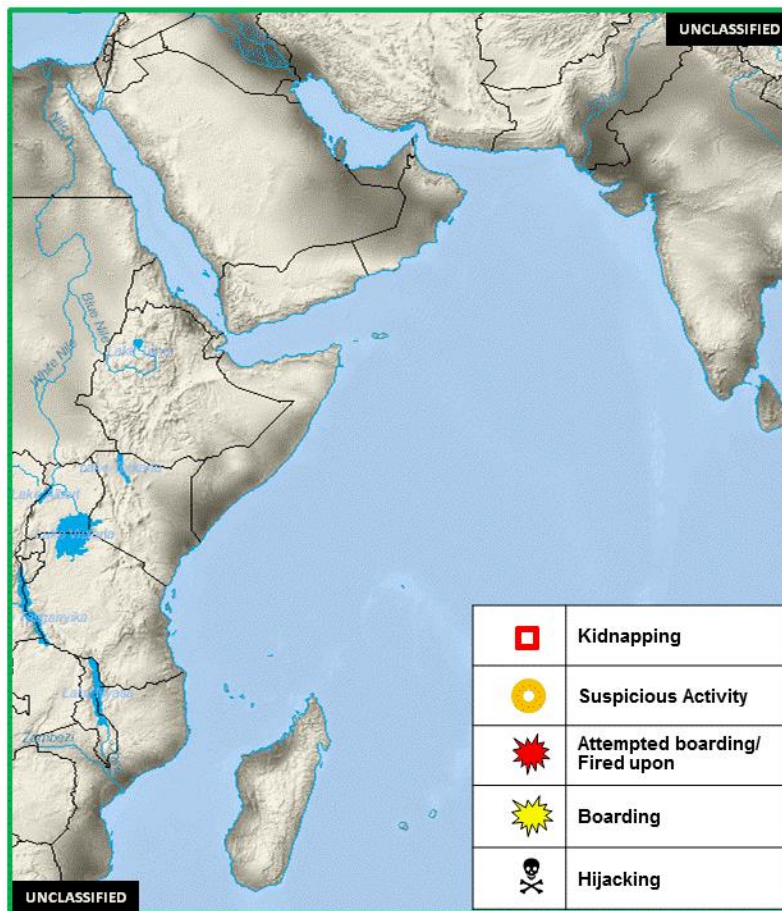
**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

## B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HoA Maritime Crime Activity, 3 – 10 September 2014

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

	This Week	Last Week	Sept 2014	Aug 2014	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	27
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	2	9	24	122
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	2	9	32	166

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

### 3. (U) Horn of Africa – Currently Hijacked Vessels

(U) Pirates are no longer holding any hijacked vessels off the coast of Somalia.

### 4. (U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 10 – 17 September 2014

**A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA** Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** East-southeast winds of 3 - 5 knots with seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 3 - 5 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**C. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**D. (U) SOMALI COAST:** South-southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 10 - 12 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet.

**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** East-northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** North-northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern Channel.

**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.

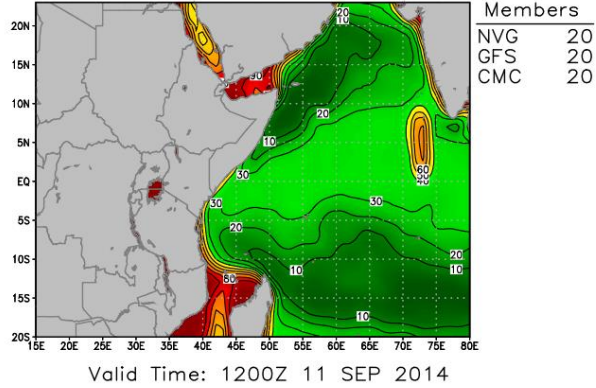
**H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The Southwest Monsoon influences the weather in the region. A tightening pressure gradient over the Arabian Gulf will produce moderate northwesterly wind flow and building seas throughout the region. Expect restricted visibility due to dust in that area as well as moderate haze and mist in the Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.

### 5. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

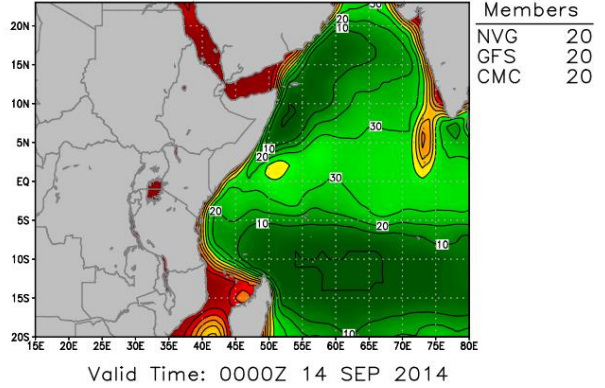
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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2014090900

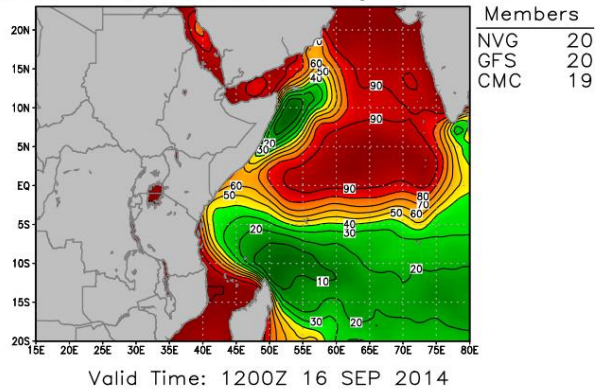
Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



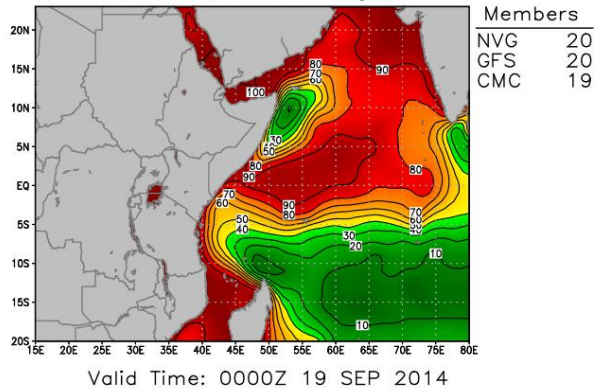
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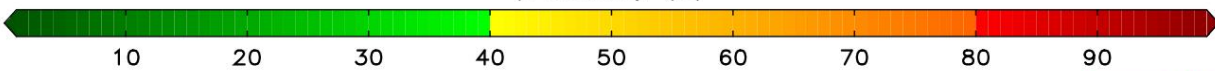
Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



probability (%)



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

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

## 6. (U) Gulf of Guinea Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Gulf of Guinea.

## 7. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at a low level. There were no reported suspicious events during this one-week period.

### A. (U) Details

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

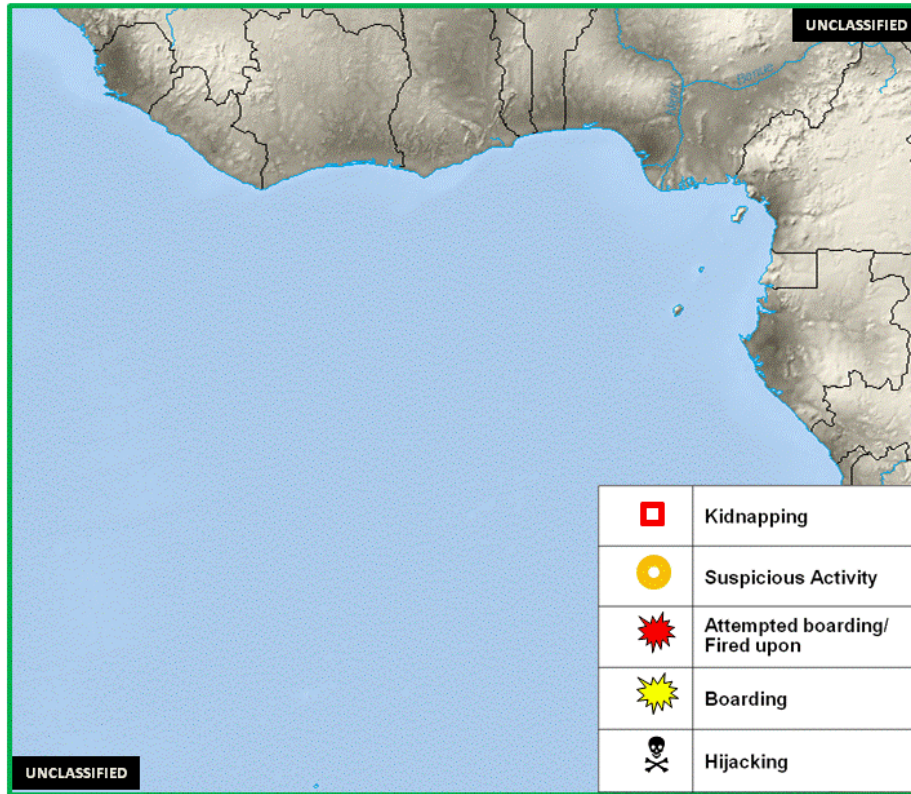
(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

## B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 3 – 10 September 2014

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

	This Week	Last Week	Sept 2014	Aug 2014	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	5	11	14	19
<b>Boarding</b>	0	1	0	3	17	26	31	41
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	1	0	2	16	43	30	26
<b>Kidnapping</b>	0	0	0	1	16	32	14	18
<b>Total</b>	0	2	0	6	54	112	89	104

(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

## 8. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 9. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 10 – 17 September 2014

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet.

**B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** Expect partly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea.

### (U) Appendix

#### (U) Terminology and References

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

#### (U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been 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 activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

**(U) Piracy levels**

- **(U) High:** 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Moderate:** 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Low:** 0–1 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.
- The Maritime Executive
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre – Gulf of Guinea (MTISC-GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL)
- 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. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- 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)

(U) **ICOD:** 10 September 2014

(U) The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at:  
[http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence\\_Community/piracy.htm](http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm)