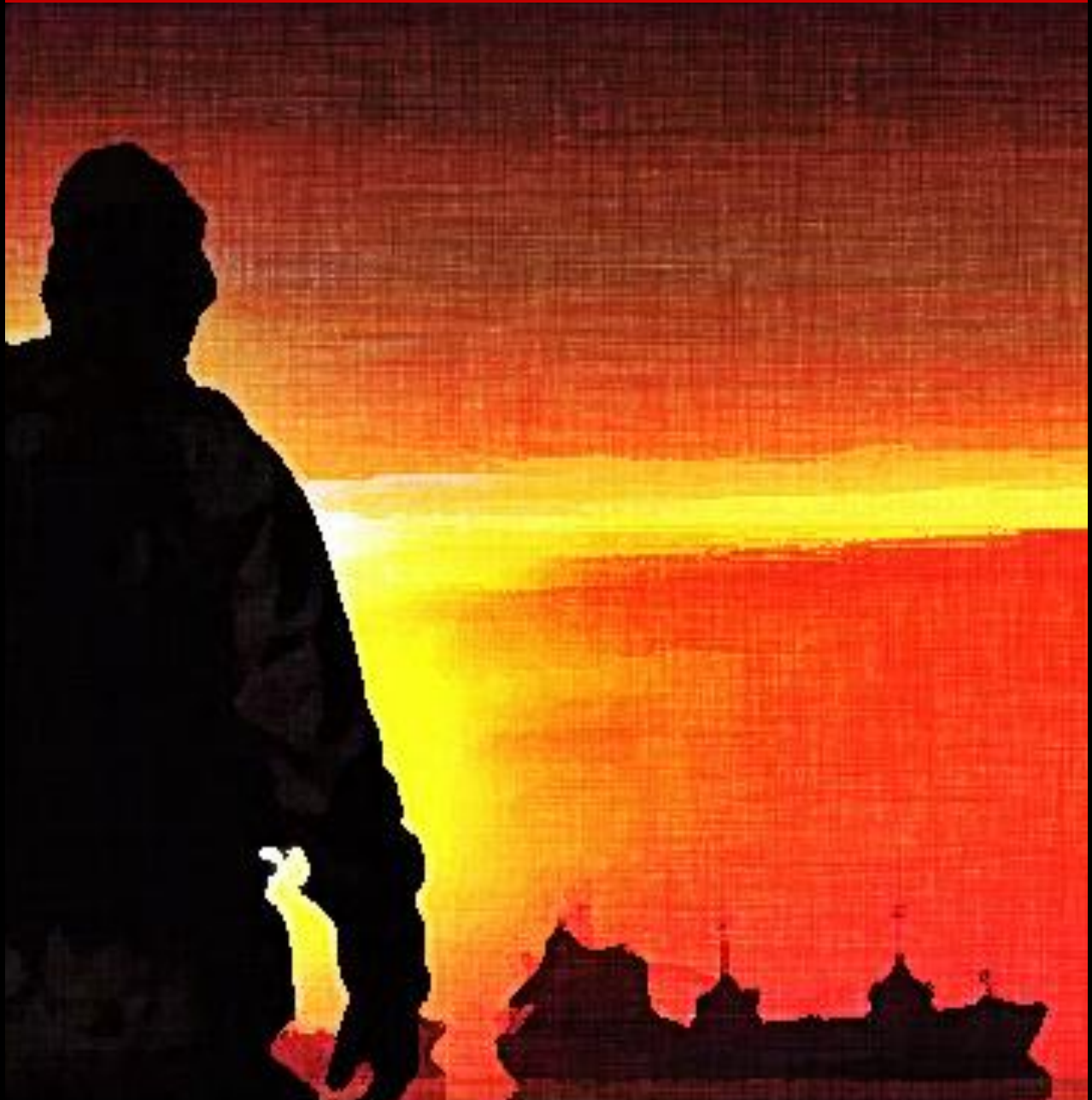


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INTRODUCTORY NOTES

On a monthly basis the Officer of the Watch publishes a report regarding maritime piracy incidents. The report focuses mainly in vessels of the Merchant Navy (Bulk Carrier, Chemical Tankers, Containerships etc). Although the numbers of maritime piracy incidents have decreased the last few years, still the problem remains and increased vigilance should be shown by crew of vessels travelling through piracy infested waters.

The aim of this report is to highlight piracy related incidents and give background information on what has happened in each one of them. Such information might be useful to persons involved in the maritime industry since it may be used as reference on attack patterns/tactics being followed by pirates.

The information contained in this report has been compiled from data available in the websites of the following organizations:

- ICC Commercial Crime Services (CCS)
- IMO - Global Integrated Shipping Information System
- US Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)

Active links to the abovementioned websites are being given at the end of this publication along with additional references related to maritime piracy.

For any queries, suggestions or feedback regarding the present publication please contact us by sending a direct message to info@officerofthewatch.com.

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The Officer of the Watch would like to thank SURITEC for their permission to include information contained in SURITEC's monthly report to this month's OOW Maritime Piracy Report:



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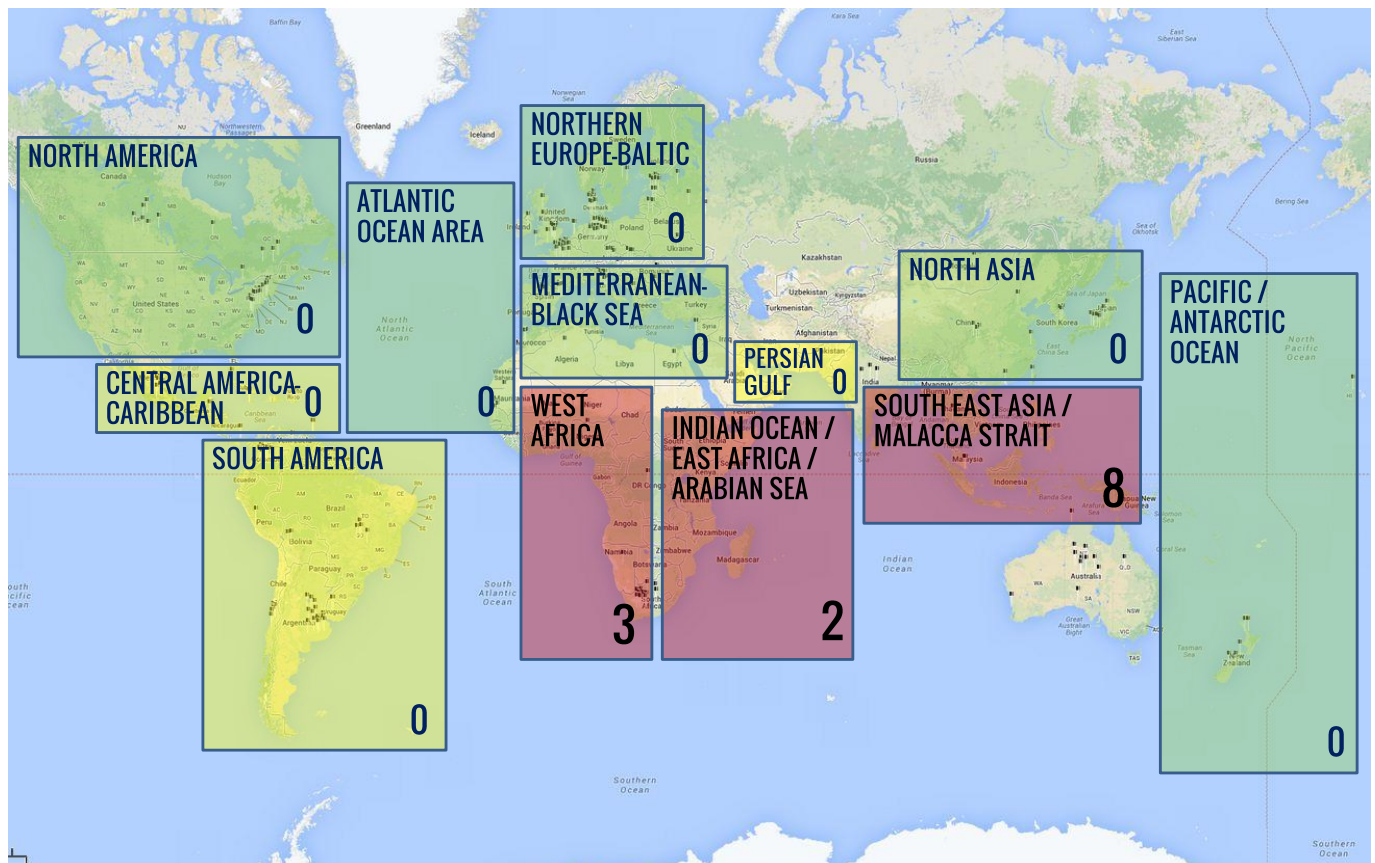
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MARITIME PIRACY INCIDENTS OVERVIEW

During last month piracy activity increased in West Africa with the Oil Tanker Kerala hijacking taking place as far south as Luanda, Angola. From the four kidnappings that were reported during last month, the three of them took place in Nigeria while one occurred in Equatorial Guinea. On the other hand attacks (mostly robberies) in Southeast Asia were down in January 2014 from December 2013. The overview of the piracy related incidents in areas where they occurred during last month is presented below.

OOW - Maritime Piracy Monthly Report JANUARY 2014	TOTAL INCIDENTS	TYPES OF VESSELS INVOLVED
Arabian Sea	1	Product Tanker (1)
East Africa	1	Bulk Carrier (1)
South China Sea	8	Bulk Carrier (2), Chemical Tanker (3), Containership (1), General Cargo Ship (1)
West Africa	3	General Cargo Ship (1), Oil Tanker (1), LPG Tanker (1)





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Figure above: Attacks East Africa and the HRZ – January 2014 (source: [Suritec](#))

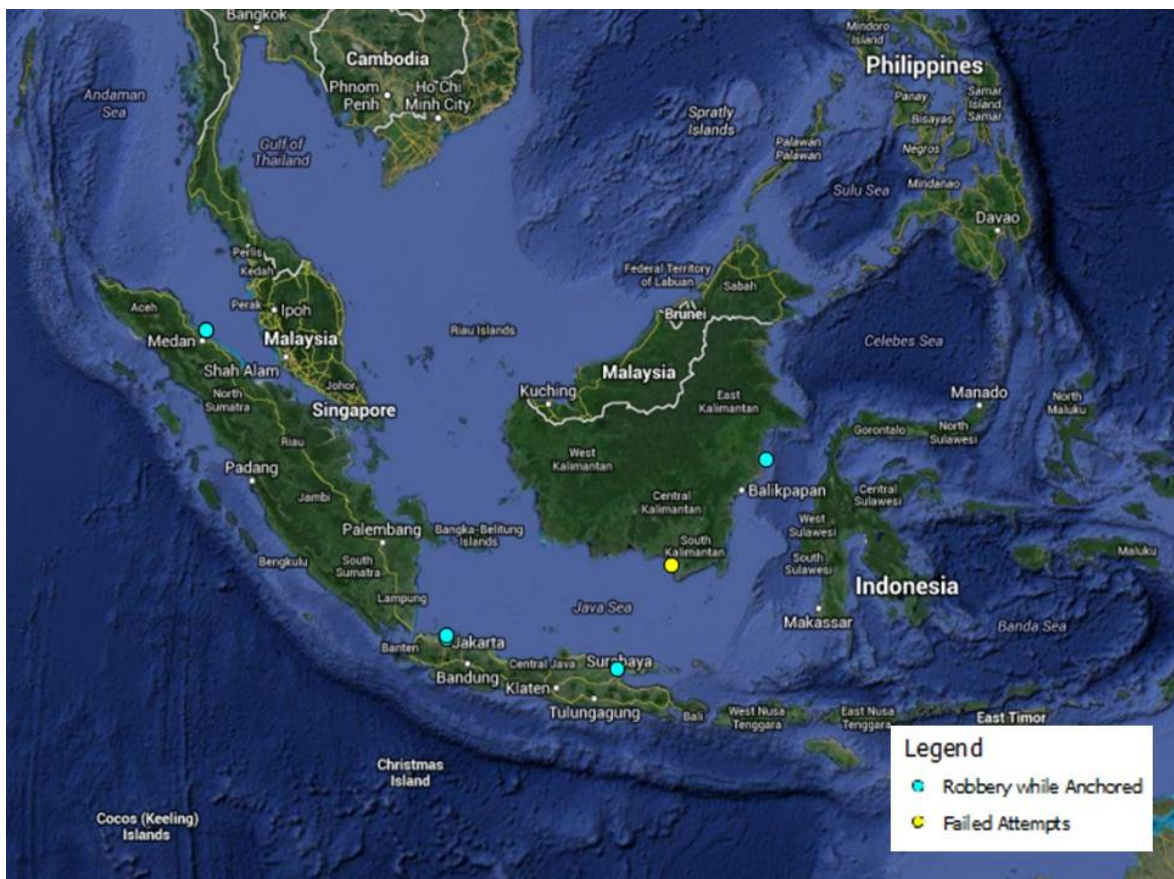


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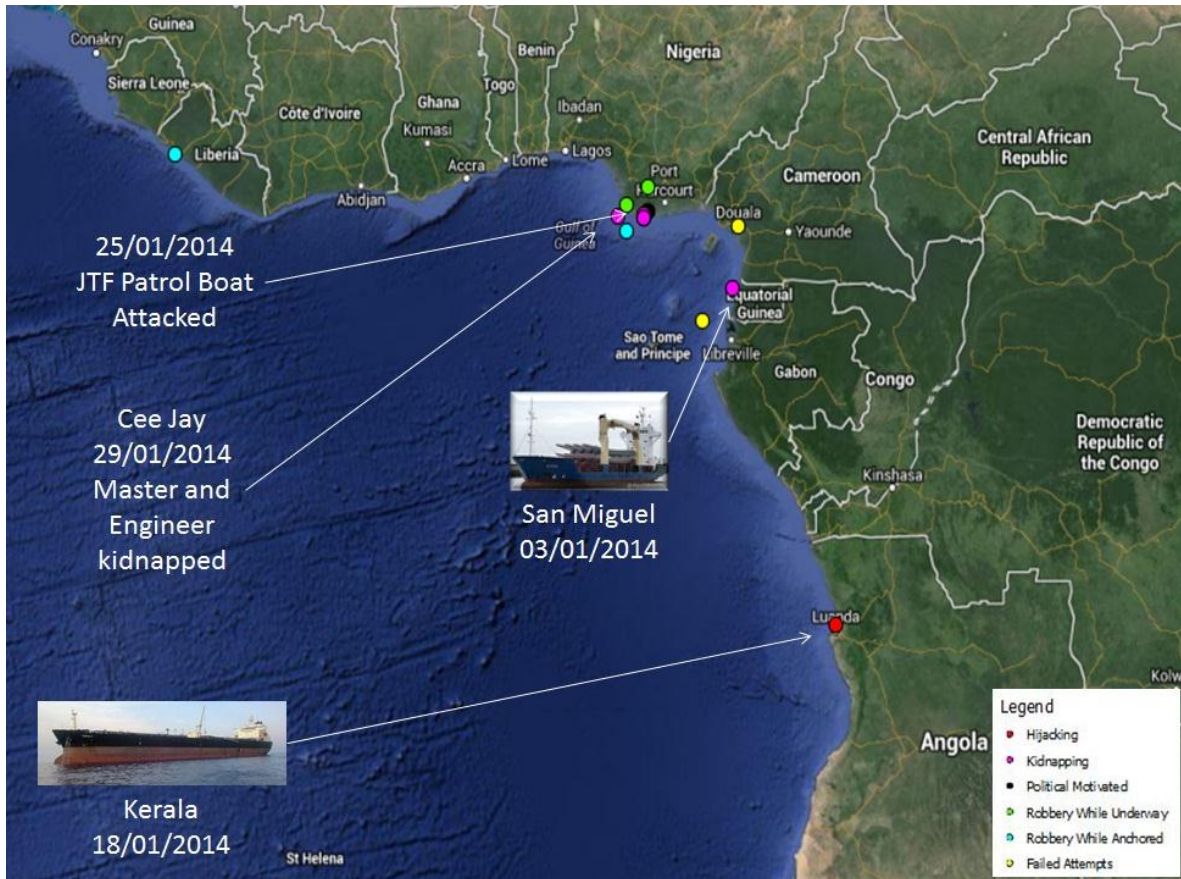


Figure above: Incidents in West Africa – January 2014 (source: [Suritec](#))

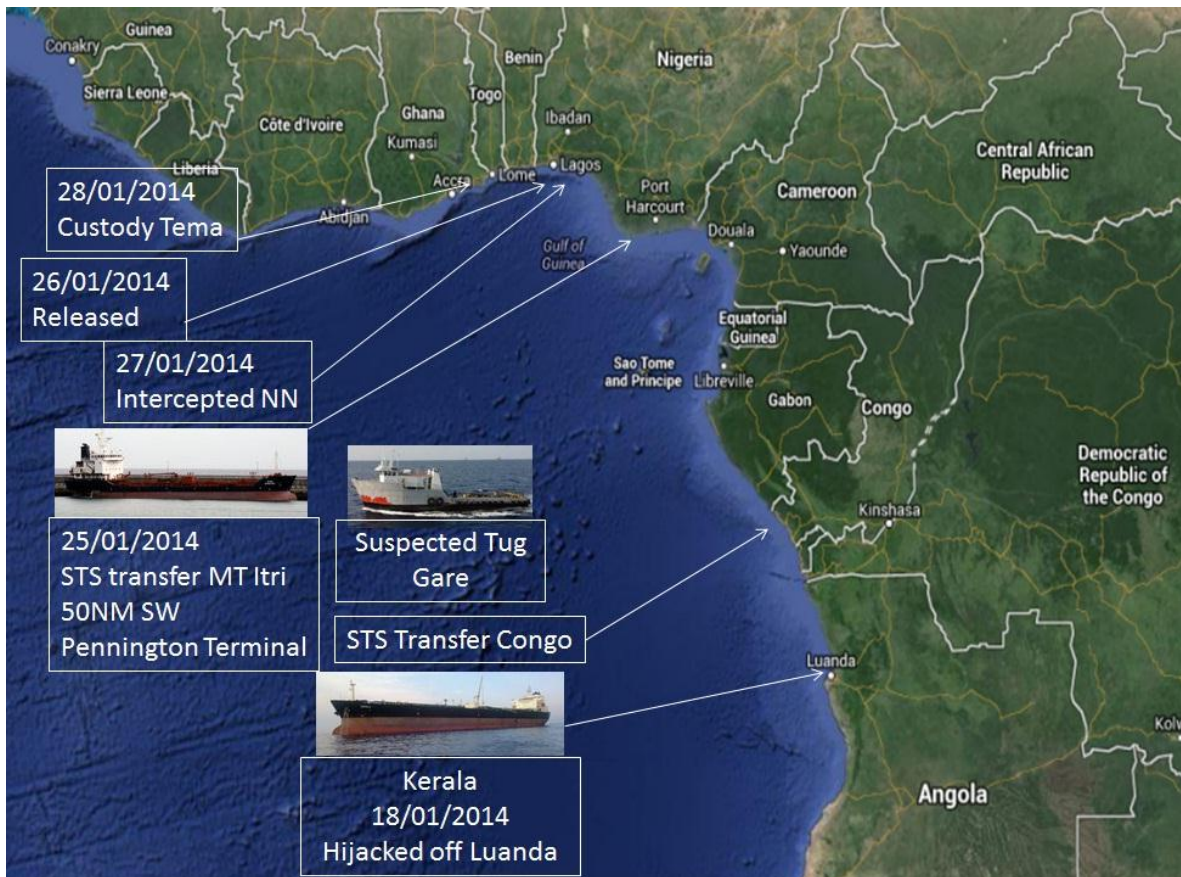


Figure above: Kerala Hijacking: Events 18 January to 7 February 2014 (source: [Suritec](#))



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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY INCIDENTS DETAILS

#	INCIDENT INFORMATION	INCIDENT NARRATION
1.	Date: 2-Jan-14 Time: 0:02 Vessel type: LPG Tanker Flag: Singapore GRT: 5812 Position: 0° 59.00' N - 8° 23.00' E Location: Around 55nm West of Corisco Island, Gabon Area: West Africa	Five pirates boarded a drifting gas carrier. Alert crew raised the alarm and blew the ships horn resulting in the pirates escaping. OOW reported that there were a few tugboats and unlit fishing vessels without AIS in the vicinity.
2.	Date: 3-Jan-14 Time: 3:40 Vessel type: Bulk carrier Flag: Italy GRT: 39385 Position: 0° 17.15' S - 117° 40.15' E Location: Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea	Three robbers armed with a gun boarded the ship carrying out loading operations at anchor. The A/B was taken hostage on routine rounds, he was tied up and his personal effects were stolen. The robbers then broke into the forecastle store, stole ship's property and escaped. The A/B managed to untie himself and reported the incident to the duty officer.
3.	Date: 3-Jan-14 Time: 5:30 Vessel type: Chemical tanker Flag: Marshall Islands GRT: 8689 Position: 3° 57.00' N - 98° 47.00' E Location: Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, ship's properties were stolen.
4.	Date: 6-Jan-14 Time: 15:15 Vessel type: Chemical tanker Flag: Panama GRT: 22415 Position: 3° 55.00' N - 98° 46.00' E Location: Belawan Outer anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea	Six robbers armed with knives boarded a chemical tanker at anchor via the anchor chain. Alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping in their wooden boat without stealing anything. Ships in the vicinity alerted via VHF CH 16.
5.	Date: 7-Jan-14 Time: 0:18 Vessel type: Chemical tanker	Two robbers boarded an anchored Chemical tanker. They caught the duty watch keeper, threatened him with a knife and stole ship's stores. When robbers were noticed, alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers then



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#	INCIDENT INFORMATION	INCIDENT NARRATION
	<p>Flag: Panama GRT: 11628 Position: 7° 05.00' S - 112° 39.00' E Location: Gresik Inner Anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea</p>	<p>jumped overboard and escaped. All crew safe.</p>
6.	<p>Date: 8-Jan-14 Time: 2:15 Vessel type: General cargo ship Flag: United States GRT: 7252 Position: 6° 20.00' N - 10° 48.00' W Location: Monrovia port, Liberia Area: West Africa</p>	<p>Duty watchman on board a berthed general cargo ship heard a loud noise near the stern. On approaching the location the watchman noticed a robber throwing ship's properties overboard. Seeing the approaching crew the robber jumped overboard and escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon investigation, it was found that the robber boarded the ship using a hook attached with a long pole and some ship's properties were missing. Local authorities informed and a port security patrol boat came for investigation and recovered some of the stolen properties that were adrift near the stern of the ship.</p>
7.	<p>Date: 9-Jan-14 Time: 19:35 Vessel type: NA Flag: Liberia GRT: 32672 Position: 3° 42.16' S - 114° 26.59' E Location: Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea</p>	<p>Eight robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Alert watchman sighted and shouted for help and alerted the duty officer. Seeing the alert ship's crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to the local authorities and the agents.</p>
8.	<p>Date: 10-Jan-14 Time: 0:00 Vessel type: Containership Flag: Panama GRT: 15184 Position: 6° 06.24' S - 106° 53.40' E Location: Indonesia Area: South China Sea</p>	<p>Robbers boarded the berthed ship unnoticed and stole engine spares. The theft was noticed by the 3/E when the ship departed from the port.</p>
9.	<p>Date: 16-Jan-14 Time: 4:00 Vessel type: Bulk carrier Flag: Hong Kong GRT: 31760 Position: 6° 49.00' S - 39° 17.00' E Location: Berth No.3, Dar Es Salaam Port Area: East Africa</p>	<p>While berthed robbers boarded the ship unnoticed, stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to the Port Authorities.</p>



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#	INCIDENT INFORMATION	INCIDENT NARRATION
10.	<p>Date: 17-Jan-14 Time: 3:15 Vessel type: General cargo ship Flag: Viet Nam GRT: 42341 Position: 6° 02.00' S - 106° 53.00' E Location: Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea</p>	<p>Four robbers armed with a gun and long knives in a small speed boat approached and boarded an anchored general cargo ship. They took hostage the duty watchman, entered into the engine room and held the duty engine room crew. The robbers stole engine spares and managed to escape in their boat upon hearing the alarm raised by the duty officer.</p>
11.	<p>Date: 17-Jan-14 Time: 18:04 Vessel type: Product tanker Flag: NA GRT: 42341 Position: 15° 06.00' N - 54° 23.00' E Location: Around 115nm South of Salalah, Oman Area: Arabian Sea</p>	<p>Pirates in a skiff, launched from a mother vessel, approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, altered course, activated SSAS, contacted UKMTO and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The on board armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. A coalition helicopter came to the location to assist.</p>
12.	<p>Date: 18-Jan-14 Time: NA Vessel type: Oil Tanker Flag: Liberia GRT: 42331 Position: NA Location: Off Luanda Anchorage, Angola Area: West Africa</p>	<p>The tanker was reported missing from Luanda anchorage on 18 Jan 2014 and suspected to be hijacked by pirates. All communications with the tanker had been lost. On 26 Jan 2014 the Master made contact with the owners reporting that the tanker had been released and that the pirates had stolen a large amount of cargo. One crew was reported injured during the hijacking.</p>
13.	<p>Date: 18-Jan-14 Time: 2:00 Vessel type: Bulk carrier Flag: Panama GRT: 9872 Position: 1° 06.15' N - 104° 10.28' E Location: Eastern Batam anchorage, Indonesia Area: South China Sea</p>	<p>Five robbers boarded the vessel and went to the engine room. OOW reported to the Singapore POCC and locked himself with members of crew in the bridge while, the robbers were still inside the engine room. Later, robbers left with some stores. RSC Tanjung Pinang arrived in area and contacted on VHF Ch 16.</p>



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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON MARITIME PIRACY INFORMATION

For up to date live and accurate information please refer to

1. [ICC Commercial Crime Services \(CCS\)](#)
2. [IMB Piracy News and Figures](#)
3. [IMB Live Piracy Report](#)
4. [IMB Piracy & Armed Robbery Map](#)
5. [IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System](#)
6. [US Office of Naval Intelligence \(ONI\)](#)

Information and news regarding maritime piracy can also be found in the following websites:

1. [Maritime Piracy-Humanitarian Response to Piracy \(MPHRP\)](#): A pan-industry alliance working together with one aim of assisting seafarers and their families with the humanitarian aspects of a traumatic incident caused by a piracy attack etc. MPHRP offers related training courses and additional information can be found in the publications section of the website.
2. [EU NAVFOR Somalia](#): Website of the the European Union Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) Somalia which was established in response to the rising levels of piracy and armed robbery off the Horn of Africa and in the Western Indian Ocean. The website offers interesting news related to maritime piracy.
3. [Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#): The Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) aims to provide a service to mariners in the Gulf of Aden, the Somali Basin and off the Horn of Africa. The website includes many valuable information to registered users such as vessel movements, live advice etc.
4. [NATO Shipping Centre](#): The NATO Shipping Centre (NSC) is the link between NATO naval forces and the merchant shipping community.
5. [Oceans Beyond Piracy](#): Oceans Beyond Piracy (OBP) is a project of the One Earth Future Foundation, a privately funded and independent non-profit organization located in Colorado, USA. OBP is a response to maritime piracy through the mobilization of industry stakeholders, public-private partnerships.
6. [IMO's Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships Information Webpage](#)
7. [Save our Seafarers](#): An international, not-for-profit, anti-piracy campaign which was launched in March 2011 by a group of five influential maritime associations.
8. [United Nations National Legislation on Piracy](#)
9. [Security Association for the Maritime Industry \(SAMI\)](#): SAMI is a global organisation representing companies working in the maritime security industry and a focal point for global maritime security matters.
10. [BIMCO GUARDCON](#): Standard contract for the employment of security guards on vessels. This contract has been developed to provide ship owners and private maritime security companies (PMSC) with a clearly worded and comprehensive standard contract to govern the employment and use of security guards, with or without firearms, on board merchant vessels.
11. [Piracy Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) by International Group of P&I Clubs](#)



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TERMS & DEFINITIONS

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

SHIP TYPES	DEFINITION
Bulk Carrier	A ship which is constructed generally with single deck, top-side and hopper side tanks in cargo spaces, and primarily carries dry cargo in bulk.
Chemical Tanker	An oil tanker engaged in the trade of carrying oil other than crude oil.
Containership	A ship designed exclusively for the carriage of containers in holds and on deck.
Oil Tanker	An oil tanker engaged in the trade of carrying crude oil.



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