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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 30 June and 31 July 2011 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery **at sea** (international or territorial waters) *vis-à-vis* acts of armed robbery allegedly committed **in port areas**, as well as **attempted** acts of armed robbery.

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and

¹ "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;
- (c) any act inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in sub-paragraph (a) or (b)."

² "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), Annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships" means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above".

produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example, dates of release of hijacked ships. Given that the new functionality in GISIS allows for user-defined piracy reports, the Committee agreed that the practice of publishing quarterly summaries was no longer warranted and would be discontinued with effect from May 2011.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,060, an increase of 37 since 30 June 2011.

4 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous twelve months and up to 30 June 2011 being MSC.4/Circ.157, MSC.4/Circ.159, MSC.4/Circ.160, MSC.4/Circ.161, MSC.4/Circ.162, MSC.4/Circ.163, MSC.4/Circ.164, MSC.4/Circ.165, MSC.4/Circ.166, MSC.4/Circ.167, MSC.4/Circ.168, MSC.4/Circ.169, MSC.4/Circ.170, MSC.4/Circ.171, MSC.4/Circ.172 and MSC.4/Circ.173.

ANNEX 1
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number								MSC.4/Circ.174 ANNEX 1
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	OCTOPUS Tug 362 9518634	01/07/2011 18:35 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA 01° 31.60' N 104° 32.20' E	Three pirates armed with long knives were noticed on the stern of the tug towing a barge. The Second Engineer sustained some injuries. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Upon hearing the alarm, the pirates escaped	Second Engineer sustained minor injuries	Alarm raised and crew alerted	Yes Indonesia Navy and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
2	BRILLIANTE VIRTUOSO Tanker Liberia 80569 9014822	06/07/2011 05:50 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 29.00' N 044° 45.00' E	Seven pirates hijacked the ship taking 27 crew members hostage. Fire started in the ship's engine room and it spread to other parts while the ship was underway from Suez to the Gulf of Aden. The crew abandoned the ship using ship's life rafts and were rescued by a warship in the vicinity. The fire was extinguished by using tugs from Aden port. The Chief Engineer was reported to be missing	Ship was hijacked and 27 crew members were taken hostage. Fire spread on board the ship. Chief Engineer missing	-	Yes Local authorities	Republic of Yemen and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	AL NAZIR Dhow United Arab Emirates	13/07/2011	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Somalia	Pirates hijacked the dhow taking all crew members hostage. The pirates sailed the dhow 40NM NW of Bosasso, Somalia	Dhow was hijacked and crew were taken hostage	-	No	NATO Shipping Centre	-
4	JUBBA XX Oil product tanker United Arab Emirates 2821 7916260	16/07/2011	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden	The ship was hijacked when it was en route from Um Al Quwain, United Arab Emirates, to Berbera, Somalia and 16 crew members were taken hostage	Ship hijacked and 16 crew members taken hostage	-	No	UKMTO and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	RBD ANEMA E CORE Product tanker Italy 60185 9439395	24/07/2011 02:40 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 20 NM South of Cotonou Benin 05° 59.36' N 002° 24.11' E	Armed pirates hijacked ship during ship-to-ship operations taking 23 crew members hostage	Ship hijacked and 23 crew members were taken hostage	SSAS activated and crew mustered	Yes Benin and Nigeria Coast Guards	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	MENARA DUA Tanker Malaysia 5036 9558816	10/07/2011 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approximately 4 NM East of Pulau Mungging Malaysia 01° 23.26' N 104° 21.57' E	Four robbers armed with knives and iron rods boarded the ship at anchor. One of the robbers broke the padlock of the starboard side main deck engine store, while the others tied up two crew members, including the OOW. The robbers escaped	Two crew members tied up and engine spare parts stolen	-	Yes Singapore Navy and Coast Guard and MRCC Jakarta	ReCAAP ISC	-
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2	GOTLAND SOFIA Chemical tanker Bahamas 29283 9328144	31/07/2011 02:50 LT	WEST AFRICA Cotonou, Benin	About ten robbers armed with guns boarded the ship at anchor during ship-to-ship operations. The robbers fired towards the bridge. The crew retreated to the engine room until the robbers left the vessel. Master informed the port authorities, who sent two patrol boats for investigation	-	Informed port authorities and instructed crew to retreat to the engine room	Yes Benin Navy, RCC Nigeria and Nigerian High Commission	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	DIANA ISLAND Bulk carrier Panama 17042 9550448	04/07/2011 04:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanjung Priok Port Indonesia 06° 05.90' N 106° 53.00' E	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor during discharging operations. Duty crew informed the OOW who raised the alarm. The duty crew was threatened with a knife when he tried to stop the robbers from stealing. The robbers lowered the stolen stores into a small boat and escaped	One crew member threatened and ship's property stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Indonesian Navy and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
2	CSCL MONTEVIDEO Container ship Hong Kong, China 26404 9385984	08/07/2011 20:15 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA South Harbor, Quarantine Area, Manila South Anchorage Philippines 14° 32.00' N 120° 55.00' E	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor from a boat near the forecastle. Duty watchman informed the officer who raised the alarm and reported to port authorities. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped with ship's stores	Ship's stores stolen	Crew mustered, raised alarm and contacted port authorities	Yes Philippines Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
3	HENRIETTE SCHULTE Container ship Liberia 16281 9130171	10/07/2011 05:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port Au Prince Anchorage Haiti 18° 32.00' N 072° 23.00' W	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers stole ship's property. Master reported the incident to the port authority via local agent	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	PAPHOS Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 6701 9336270	13/07/2011 03:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Hon Dao Lighthouse, Hai Phong Pilot Station, Viet Nam 20° 39.20' N 106° 53.60' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers jumped overboard when sighted by ship's crew. Ship's stores stolen	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and alerted crew	Yes Vietnam Maritime Security Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
5	ABRAM SCHULTE Product tanker Liberia 41503 9280586	15/07/2011	EAST AFRICA Suez Anchorage Egypt 29° 49.30' N 032° 31.30' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers stole the forward life raft and escaped	Life raft stolen	-	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	AEGEAN STAR Product tanker Liberia 6972 7922295	16/07/2011 02:35 LT	WEST AFRICA Cotonou Benin 06° 08.80' N 002° 30.08' E	Armed robbers in a boat boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers remained on the ship for 63 hours. Some crew members were injured. The robbers stole ship's cargo and damaged navigation and radio equipment	Some crew injured. Ship's cargo stolen and navigation and radio equipment damaged	-	Yes Benin Navy and MRCC Lagos, Nigeria	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	CMB MAXIME Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32296 9425875	17/07/2011 00:01 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Muara Berau Anchorage Indonesia 00° 13.46' S 117° 35.67' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Crew carried out inspection and increased frequency of patrols/rounds	Yes Indonesian Navy and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
8	DIANA BOLTEN Bulk carrier Liberia 23264 9574042	20/07/2011 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Huangpu Anchorage China 22° 45.00' N 113° 38.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Alert duty watchman sighted the robbers on the forecastle deck, notified the duty officer and went towards the robbers. Upon seeing the alert crew the robbers escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Duty watchman raised alarm	Yes VTS Guangzhou	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	SICHEM ANELINE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 6202 9171735	20/07/2011 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage Ireland 03° 55.90' N 098° 45.80' E	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty watchman sighted the robbers and informed OOW who raised alarm and crew mustered. Upon seeing the crew alertness the robbers escaped with ship's stores. Port authorities informed	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Indonesian Navy and Marine Police	The Marshall Islands and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	SEBRING EXPRESS Vehicle carrier Philippines 43810 9434321	22/07/2011 03:40 LT	WEST AFRICA Conakry Port Guinea	Armed robbers boarded the ship during cargo operations and held a duty crew at gun point and forced him to direct them to the ship's stores. They hit the crew member when he resisted. The robbers forced their way into the forecastle store and stole ship's stores before escaping	One crew member hit and ship's stores stolen	-	Yes RCC Guinea	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	BM WARRIOR General cargo ship Panama 12963 8412534	29/07/2011 06:18 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Around 10nm South of Pattanga Lt House, Chittagong OPL Bangladesh 22° 03.70' N 091° 46.31' E	Thirteen robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Deck cadet and bosun saw the robbers stealing ship's stores and shouted and informed bridge. OOW raised alarm and crew mustered. Upon seeing alerted crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Master raised alarm. Alert crew shouted and informed bridge and crew mustered	Yes Bangladesh Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2
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N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ.174 ANNEX 2 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	GREAT WHITE Oil tanker Marshall Islands 60504 9166572	04/06/2011 09:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN 04° 56.00' S 043° 27.00' E	Eight pirates in two skiffs approached the ship from the port quarter. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and changed course. Armed security team on board the ship stood on bridge wing. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding after one hour	-	Increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and changed course	Yes UKMTO	The Marshall Islands	-
2	TEAM SPIRIT Bulk carrier Malta 22215 8306981	09/07/2011 21:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Conakry Guinea 09° 06.00' N 014° 06.30' W	Pirates armed with guns and rocket propelled grenades fired at the ship underway. Duty officer raised the alarm and crew mustered. The pirates escaped	Pirates fired at the ship	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes RCC Guinea	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NORTH FIGHTER Chemical tanker Panama 11662 9352597	13/07/2011 07:17	EAST AFRICA Red Sea, 12° 44.00' N 043° 18.00' E	Pirates armed with guns in two skiffs approached the ship underway. Master and crew mustered. Ship's security team on board the ship was deployed to the bridge wings. On sighting the security team, the pirates escaped	-	Master and crew mustered	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ELINAKOS Bulk carrier Panama 38364 9159555	16/07/2011 03:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 36.30' N 050° 17.30' E	Six pirates in a skiff armed with guns and rocket propelled grenades chased and fired at the ship underway. Master raised alarm, crew locked themselves in the citadel and security team on board the ship fired warning shots. The pirates escaped	Pirates fired at the ship	Raised alarm and crew locked themselves in the citadel	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	STELLA KOSAN LPG tanker Singapore 9175 9373591	18/07/2011 07:10 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 38Nm WSW of Al Hudaydah, Red Sea Yemen 14° 36.10' N 042° 19.10' E	Armed pirates in nine skiffs surrounded the ship underway. One skiff with six pirates turned towards the tanker. Master took evasive manoeuvres. Security team on board the ship fired flares and warning shots. The pirates escaped	-	Raised alarm	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
6	RICH DUKE II Tanker Panama 56326 9524982	19/07/2011 20:35 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 60 NM West of Luanda Angola 08° 25.00' S 012° 21.00' E	Pirates in a speed boat approached the ship's port side underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and increased speed to maximum. Alarm raised, crew mustered and activated fire pumps. Eventually, pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed to maximum and raised alarm. Crew mustered and activated the fire pumps	Yes MRCC Angola	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

7	FORTUNE VICTORIA Product tanker Panama 40953 9321196	20/07/2011 13:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 30 NM NW of Assab, Red Sea Eritrea 13° 29.60' N 042° 35.90' E	Twelve pirates in two skiffs chased the ship underway. Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres. Security team on board the ship fired parachute rockets and warning shots. The pirates escaped	-	Raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	FRONT PRIDE Tanker Marshall Islands 79978 9018464	20/07/2011 15:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 24 NM North of Assab, Red Sea, Eritrea 13° 25.90' N	Seven pirates in a skiff chased and fired at the ship underway. Master increased speed and crew mustered. Security team on board the ship fired warning shots. The pirates abandoned attempted boarding	Pirates fired at the ship	Took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed to maximum and raised alarm and crew activated fire pumps and locked themselves in the citadel	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	The Marshall Islands and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	F BLUE Container ship Marshall Islands 7662 9065900	21/07/2011 11:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Red Sea, 13° 30.50' N 042° 35.00' E	Six pirates in one skiff armed with rocket propelled grenades fired at the ship. Master activated SSAS alert and crew locked themselves in the citadel. Armed security team on board the ship fired warning shots. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	Pirates fired at the ship	Master activated SSAS alert and crew locked themselves in the citadel	Yes UKMTO	The Marshall Islands	-
10	ABADEH Tanker Malta 56068 9187655	21/07/2011 11:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Around 24 NM NxE of Assab, Red Sea Eritrea 13° 25.00' N 042° 50.60' E	Sixteen pirates in four skiffs approached the ship underway. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Eventually pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	FRONT SPLENDOR Tanker Marshall Islands 79979 9104885	22/07/2011 05:36 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 30NM North Of Assab, Red Sea, Eritrea 13° 31.70' N 042° 42.20' E	About 20 pirates in three skiffs chased the ship underway. Master fired two flares when the skiffs closed in to about 700 metres. The pirates ignored the warning flares and continued chasing the tanker. When the skiffs came closer, the security team on board the ship fired flares and warning shots. A warship in the vicinity was dispatched for assistance	-	Master fired two flares	Yes Coalition Forces	The Marshall Islands and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	EVER ETHIC Container ship United Kingdom 76067 9241293	22/07/2011 09:42 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 00.40' N 048° 22.00' E	Six armed pirates in a skiff chased the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed to maximum and contacted Coalition Forces. Eventually, pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed to maximum, raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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13	ANDINET General cargo ship Ethiopia 11731 8318544	22/07/2011 10:29 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 56.00' N 048° 30.00' E	Armed pirates in a skiff fired at the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and managed to evade the attack. A warship in the vicinity assisted the ship and boarded the skiff	Pirates fired at the ship	Took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed to maximum, raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	EVER ETHIC Container ship United Kingdom 76067 9241293	23/07/2011 05:23 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 40NM of Assab Eritrea 13° 41.30' N 042° 57.40' E	Pirates in two skiffs chased the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Due to the razor wire rigged along the ship's side and the evasive manoeuvres the pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes UKMTO and Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	STINA KOSAN LPG tanker Singapore 9175 9374569	25/07/2011 09:26 LT	EAST AFRICA Southern part of Red Sea, 13° 44.60' N 042° 55.30' E	Pirates in three skiffs chased the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and a warning flare was fired, followed by one warning shot. The pirates continued chasing the ship and eventually abandoned attempted boarding	-	Fired warning flares	Yes UKMTO	ReCAAP ISC	-
16	AGISILAOS Marshall Islands 23270 9315745	30/07/2011 11:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Gulf of Guinea offshore Lagos	Six or seven pirates in a skiff approached the ship underway. The pirates were equipped with grappling hooks and ladders. The pirates escaped	-	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	WOODSTAR Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 31144 9347918	01/07/2011 23:41 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 3.7 NM south of Tg. Ayam Malaysia 01° 16.60' N 104° 12.80' E	Robbers in four fast boats attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, activated fire hoses, switched on deck lights and took evasive manoeuvres and crew directed searchlights towards the boats. The robbers escaped	-	Master raised alarm, activated fire hoses, switched on deck lights and took evasive manoeuvres and crew directed searchlights towards the boats	Yes Indonesian Navy and Marine Police and Singapore Navy	The Marshall Islands, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
2	VARG STAR Tanker Bahamas 38792 9045376	06/07/2011 23:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 4 NM South of Cotonou Benin 06° 15.60' N 002° 23.00' E	Ten robbers armed with guns attempted to board the ship at anchor using a hook attached to a rope. Alert crew raised the alarm. Master sent MAYDAY message via VHF and informed Cotonou signal station and the Navy. The next day the same robbers attempted to board the ship. Crew was alerted and parachute flares were fired. The pirates escaped	-	Alert crew raised the alarm and the Master sent MAYDAY message and fired parachute flares	Yes Pilot Station and Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	CAP PALMERSTON Container ship Liberia 22914 9344643	15/07/2011 22:30 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Cartagena Pilot Station Colombia 10° 18.90' N 075° 35.30' W	Three robbers in a small boat attempted to board the ship underway via the rigged pilot ladder. Alert duty O/S noticed the robbers and notified the bridge via VHF. Master increased speed and crew manually pulled the pilot ladder up. The robbers chased the ship for a few minutes and later abandoned attempted boarding	-	Raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Maritime Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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