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**BULLETIN AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST
FOR SEAFARERS**

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Ships sailing off the Indian Ocean are recommended to maintain a heightened state of vigilance in light of the recent escalation of Houthi attacks using drones in the Indian Ocean.

Situation: Since the end of November 2023, multiple incidents involving drone and Missile attacks have taken place in the South red Sea, Gulf of Aden and lately in the Indian Ocean.

- MSC ORION was targeted by a UAV 200NM southeast of Socotra Island whilst the MV was transiting in the Indian Ocean, northbound toward Salalah (Oman). This attack confirms that potential attacks can take place in the Indian Ocean up to 800 nautical miles from the areas under Houthi control in Yemen.
- In light of this attack, assessed UAV range and last public statements, it is suggested to establish an alternative sea route no less than 150 nautical miles east of the current traffic routes. Additionally, it is recommended to implement random alterations in course and speed during NAVTRACKS, along with adopting a more restrictive AIS policy to minimize positional exposure.

This threat can be re-evaluated in the coming days.

Registration and reporting. It is crucial that vessels operating in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden, particularly those within 700 NM of the Somali coast adhere to the BMP5 recommendations. Any incidents should be promptly reported to MSCHOA and the UKMTO. Additionally, it is also worth highlighting that MSCHOA-registered ships receive near real-time information on security incidents in their vicinity.



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