



WARNING 05/19

REPORTED SUSPICIOUS APPROACH IN GULF OF ADEN

IFC-IOR has received information from MSCHOA that at 1332 UTC / 03 Sep, a merchant vessel was approached by one suspicious speed boat with more than two POB in position 12 08.1 N 044 35.5 E. The vessel was able to evade the attack and was reported safe along with crew. Following points merit attention:-



- (a) While one perpetrator was sighted at forward part of speed boat, another was sighted at the aft manning the motor while others were reportedly lying low.
- (b) A long aluminum ladder was sighted onboard the speed boat.
- (c) There was no sighting of weapons onboard
- (d) The speed boat was having a long hull with two outboard motors. Color of hull reported to be light green with yellow stripe on the bow

VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO KEEP WELL CLEAR OF THIS POSITION AND TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION IF IN VICINITY. WHILE NAVIGATING IN THE REGION VESSELS ARE URGED TO OPERATE AT A HEIGHTENED STATE OF READINESS, IMPLEMENT SELF PROTECTION MEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE VERSION 5 (BMP5). REPORT ANY SUSPECTED OR ACTUAL PIRATE ACTIVITY TO

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