

Owner's Guidance Bulletin

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Applicability: All Technical Managers and our ships under their Management

Subject: Owner's guidelines for Maritime Security Alert

On behalf of the Owners, Oceanix request that all Technical Managers ensure that ships under their management follow the guidelines provided in this Bulletin with **immediate effect**. Sources have confirmed that there is an increased risk or likelihood of a security incident when transiting (entry & exit) through Strait of Hormuz into Arabian Gulf.

All vessels under Oceanix management are required to observe the following precautions as listed below.

- 1- 48 hours prior to entering the Hormuz TSS, the Master should notify the HSQE and Operations team at Oceanix.
- 2- 24 hours prior to entering the Hormuz TSS, ships should change security level to 3 and implement all anti-piracy measures possible.
- 3- Increase the bridge and engine watchkeeping level while transiting security alert area as per the attached circular.
- 4- Ensuring AIS destination is generic and not US related.
- 5- Whenever possible try to avoid transiting Hormuz TSS during the hours of darkness.
- 6- In the event of any incident or suspicious activity Owner must be informed immediately on +447885805644 (Capt Talha Qureshi).
- 7- If under attack, please contact NAVCENT directly on +97317850012.
- 8- In case of suspicious activity immediately contact watchkeepers@ukmto.org; [Tel:+442392222060](tel:+442392222060).
- 9- All ships should follow below mentioned waypoint route for entering and exiting Hormuz TSS and Arabian Gulf including North Arabian Gulf.

We believe that ensuring compliance with the above will help reduce the risk of a security incident and ensure safe transit in Arabian Gulf.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.