Piracy Update - Naval Convoys and Anti-piracy Planning Chart  
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Further to the ongoing piracy problems in the Gulf of Aden and Somali Basin, Members are advised that naval forces from various countries are continuing to organise convoys in the Gulf of Aden in order to protect vessels from piracy attacks. The convoys are additional to the group transit system operating through the Internationally Recognised Transit Corridor (IRTC). Information regarding convoys including registration and reporting requirements, rendezvous locations and transit speeds are published regularly on the “live advice” section of the Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) website. However, as previously advised, Members and their vessels will need to register with the MSCHOA in order to sign in and access the live advice content. Vessels joining a convoy should still report to the naval forces in the region in the normal manner, following the advice contained in Best Management Practices (Version 3).

Members are also advised that the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) has recently published a new edition of its “Anti-Piracy Planning Chart – Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea”. The planning chart has been produced as part of an initiative driven by the European Union Naval Force and contains useful anti-piracy information for vessels transiting the area. A low resolution version of the chart is available on the UKHO website.

Members requiring a high resolution copy of Best Management Practices (Version 3) or further advice should contact the Loss Prevention Department.