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Somali pirates have migrated

Recent reports of attacks in the Gulf of Aden suggest that Somali pirates have migrated into the area, possibly operating from a '[mother ship](#)' to attack shipping from speedboats and armed with guns and rocket propelled grenade launchers.

The IMB maintains its advice that ships not making scheduled calls to ports in Somalia should keep as far away as possible from the Somalia coast – [ideally more than 200 nautical miles](#).

The Association understands there is other advice that ships transiting the Gulf of Aden should - where possible:

- stay no more than 35 to 40 nautical miles off the coast of Yemen
- not pass between the island of Socotra and Somalia
- stay at least 50 nautical miles to the north or east of the coast of Socotra.

The following links are available on the IMB piracy website:

[Securing your ship with a non-lethal electrifying fence](#)

[Track your ship with a reliable ship tracking device](#)

Report incidents to:

[UK Maritime Trade Operations \(MTO\)](#) operates a Merchant Vessel Voluntary Reporting Scheme.

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[Click here for details of how to report](#)

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Members and ships are advised to report immediately any attacks and suspicious movements of craft to UKMTO in the first instance and then to the IMB piracy reporting centre