



# Merchant Marine **Notice**

Panama Maritime Authority  
General Directorate of Merchant Marine  
Control and Compliance Department

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## GULF OF GUINEA

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1. The Panama Maritime Administration strongly encourages all Panama Flagged vessels transiting from Lagos to the creek of the Niger Delta to increase the security measures established by this Administration through anti-piracy Merchant Marine Circulars, in particular MMC-238; taking into consideration the recent publication of the militant coalition known as the Reformed Niger Delta Avengers (RNDA).
2. This Administration strongly recommends to all Ship-owners, Operators and Captains of Panama Flag vessels, to exercise extreme caution when operating in the Gulf of Guinea and Nigeria and to:
  - Follow the relevant guidance provided by BMP5 and the Global Counter-Piracy Guidance;
  - Continue on maintaining the utmost vigilance and increased security conditions aboard, in case necessary in order to protect the vessel and crew during the time of passage in these waters.
  - Undertake a new ship- and voyage-specific threat risk assessment before entering any region where there has been an incident or the threat has changed.
  - After the risk assessment, review the Ship's Security Plan.
  - Maintain a full and vigilant bridge watches; Note: at night, slow small boats with no wake are difficult to spot on radar.
  - Maintain a strict communication watch and establish communication with all vessels coming close. Do not allow small boats to approach or to come alongside. Use a searchlight for identification at night.
  - Monitor relevant VHF and other communication channels.
  - Check all fire-fighting equipment available for immediate use. Make sure the emergency fire pump is available if any maintenance is being undertaken.
3. This Administration urges all ship-owners, operators, Company Security Officers (CSO) and Ship Security Officers to verify that the LRIT System and the AIS work properly at all times, in order to send continuous positions of the vessel.



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4. All Panama Flag vessels transiting in these areas are to be expected to comply in accordance with the international requirements related to position reporting, if not, the Panama Maritime Authority may penalize such breaches to such provisions according to our national legislation, if they fail to formally report through LRIT and AIS to our Administration at proper times.

5. In case of any incident or suspicious activities in the area, please contact:

**Maritime Ships Security Department** (weekdays from 08:30 to 16:30 hrs. local time)  
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Phone: +507-501-5037 / 5085 / 5020  
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**IMB (International Maritime Bureau) Piracy Reporting Centre**  
Phone: +60-3-2031-0014 (manned 24/7 everyday)  
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