

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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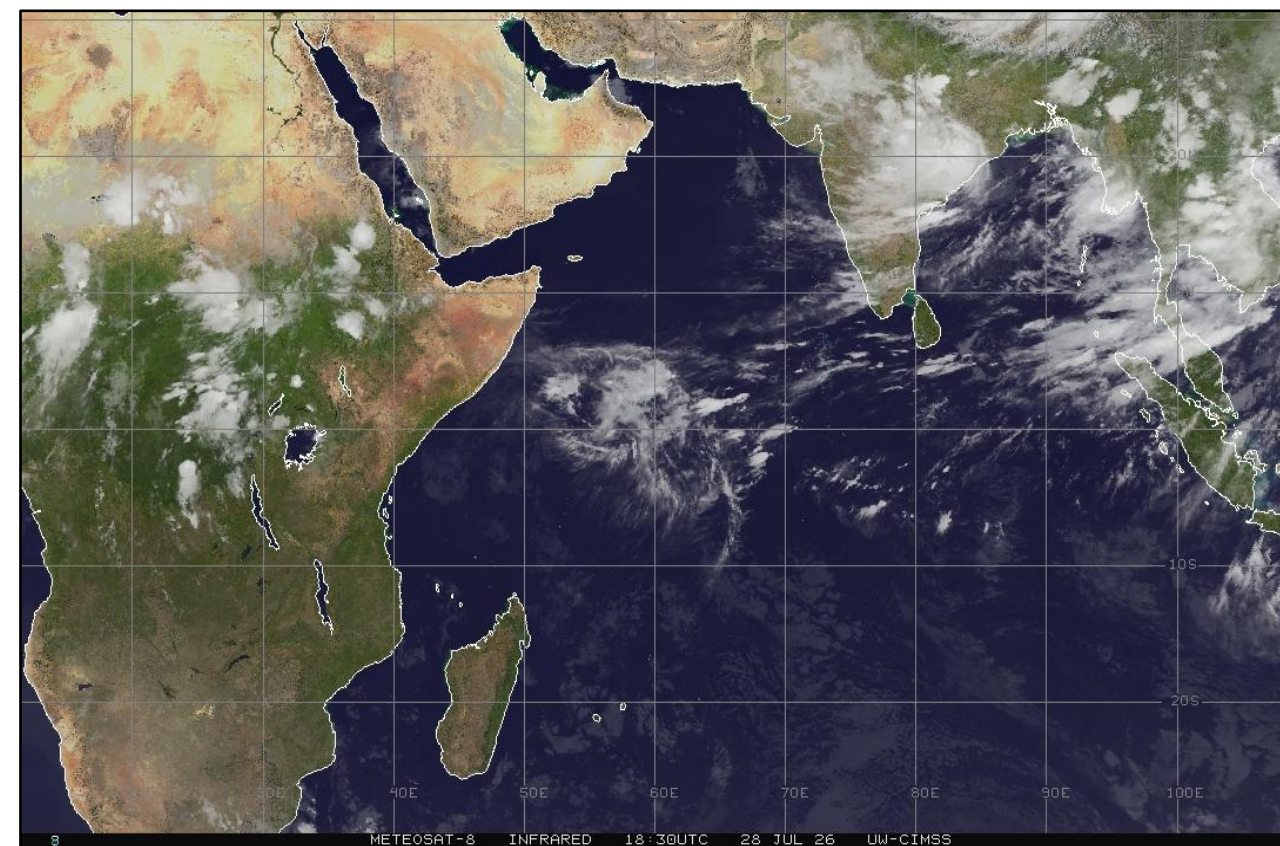
Date 2026.07.29

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WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.07.28/1400UTC to 2026.07.29/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.07.28

To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

Shear line is approximately along : 03N 60E, 03N 70E, 01N 80E, 01N 90E, 03N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 15, 20, 25, 40, 45, 70, 75.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 30, 35, 50, 65, 80.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 77E: SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 00

East of 77E: SW'ly/(10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10; gusting up to 25 kts in section 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 40, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in section : 05, 10

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 15, 75, 80

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 40, 60, 65, 70, 85

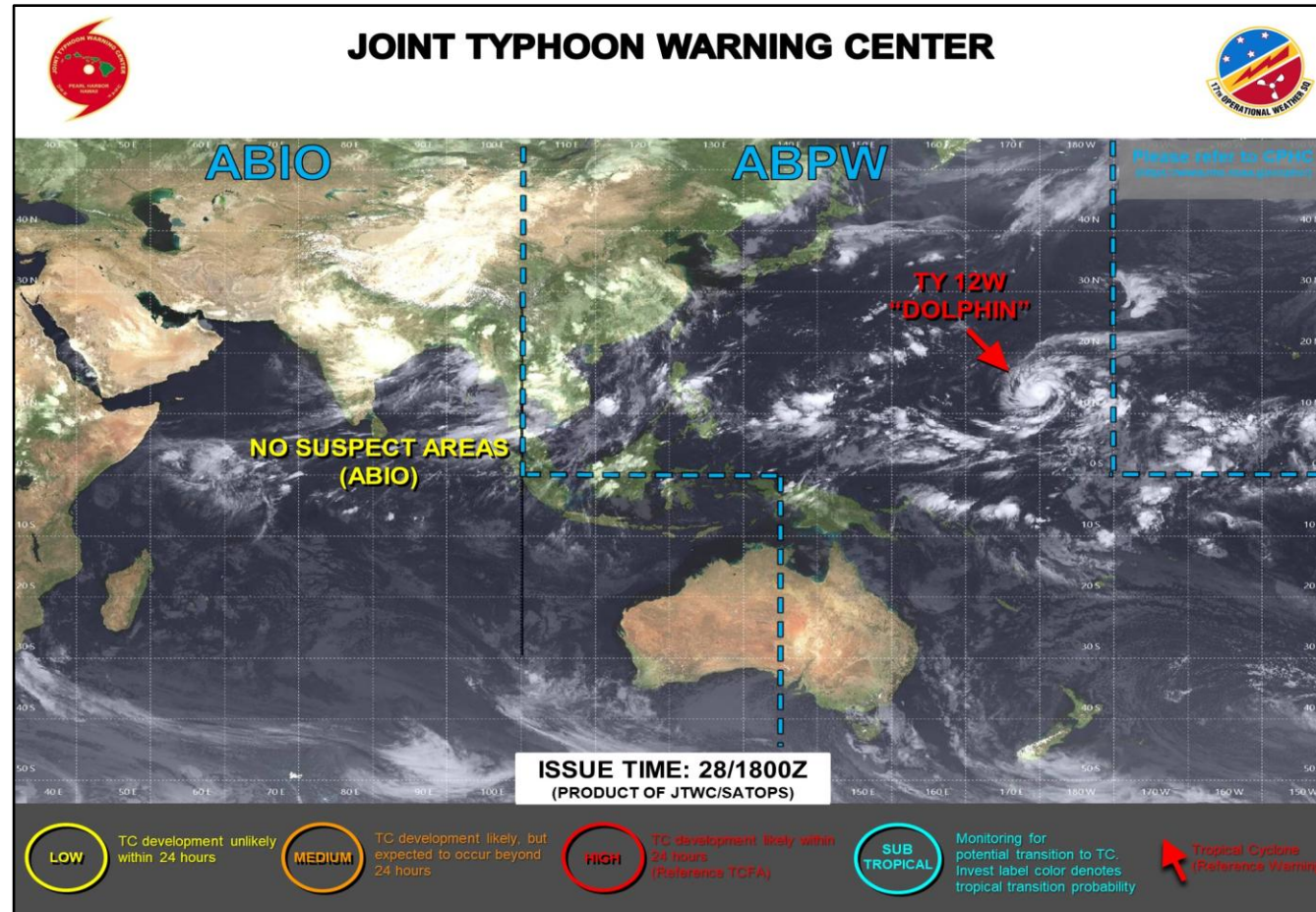
Moderate in Sections : 30, 45

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

CYCLONE



- Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



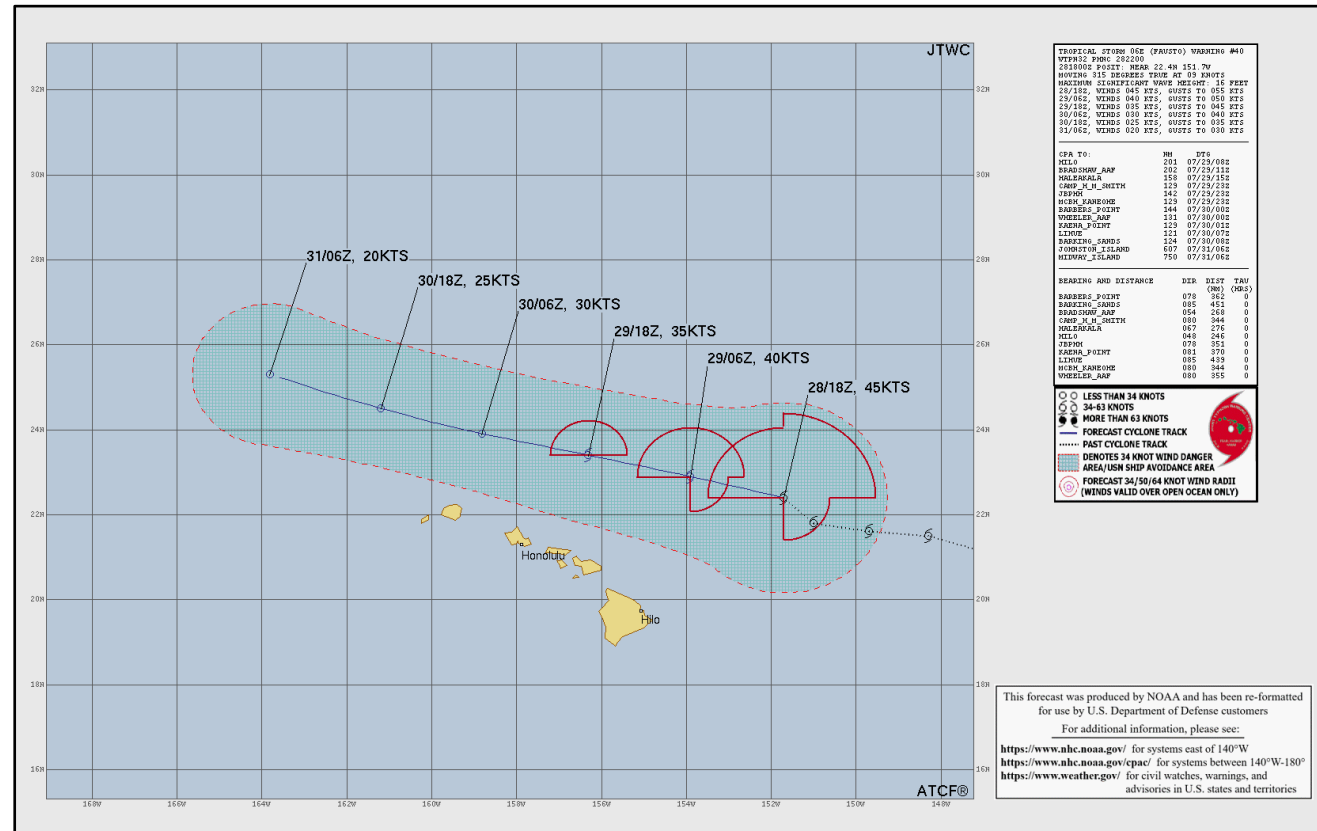
TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"



CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "FAUSTO"



• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



TROPICAL CYCLONE "GENEVIEVE"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	06

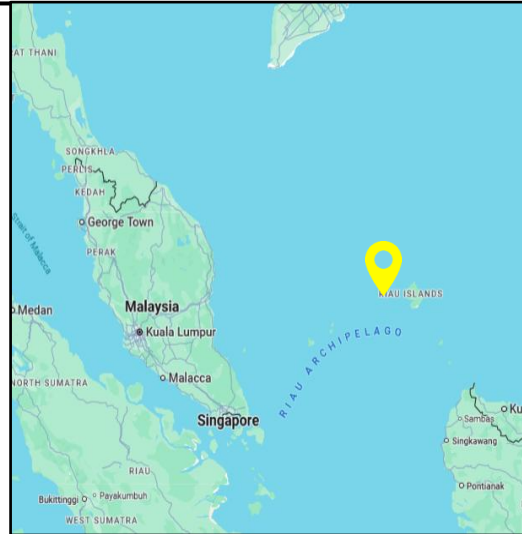
MARITIME INCIDENTS



25 Jul/ Crew Rescued After Tugboat Sinks/ Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.25	Indonesia	Anambas Islands	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Tug Boat	A joint search and rescue team evacuated four survivors to Tarempa Regional General Hospital for medical examinations.

Four crew members were rescued after their Indonesian tugboat sank near the Anambas Islands due to rough weather. They survived for approximately three hours in an inflatable life raft before being rescued on 25 July 26 by the cargo vessel MV Shanghai Voyager, which notified Indonesian search and rescue authorities.



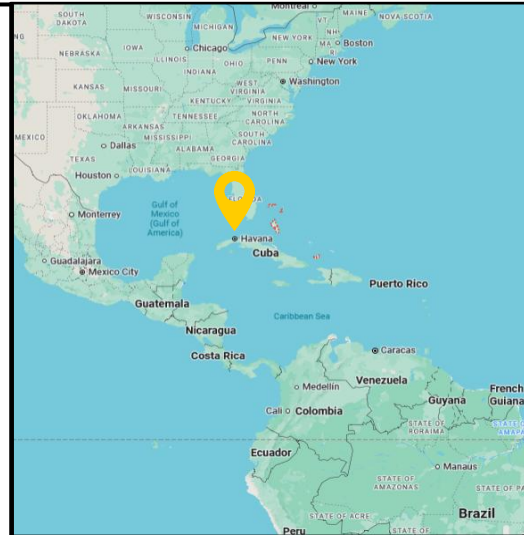
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/4-rescued-after-tugboat-sinks-in-indonesias-anambas-waters-amid-severe-weather/>



25 Jul/ \$2.8 Million Marijuana Shipment Intercepted/ Bahamas

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.25	Bahamas	Southwest of Great Inagua	Seizure of narcotics	Ultra-fast rigid inflatable boat	Three individuals were apprehended, and the confiscated drugs were transferred to the RBDF for further legal action, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The U.S. Coast Guard intercepted a suspected drug-smuggling vessel near the Bahamas, seizing approximately 2,380 pounds of suspected marijuana valued at \$2.8 million. The operation occurred about 80 miles southwest of Great Inagua, with the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Charles Sexton collaborating with the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the Homeland Security Cutter-Ocean. The crew discovered 97 bales of suspected marijuana on board.



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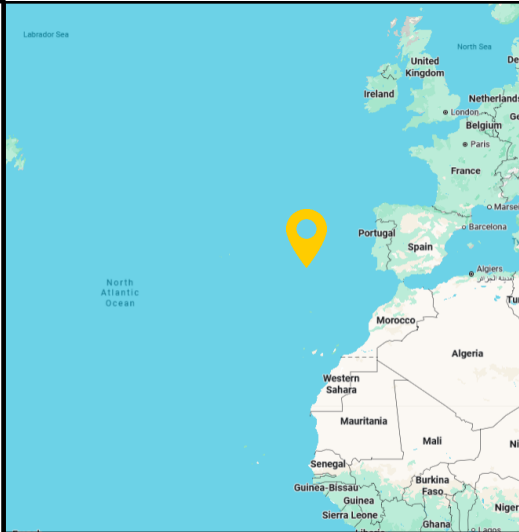
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28 Jul/ 2.6 Tons of Cocaine Worth \$570M Seized/ Portugal

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	Portugal	Atlantic Ocean	Sea based drugs trafficking/ Crystal methamphetamine/ Cocaine	Ultra-fast rigid inflatable boat	"Go-fast" vessels are specialized crafts, measuring 10 to 16 meters long, equipped with multiple high-powered engines that can exceed speeds of 70 knots.

Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese law enforcement authorities seized over 2.6 tons of cocaine in the Atlantic Ocean off Portugal, valued at an estimated €500 million (\$570 million). The operation, led by Italy's Guardia di Finanza in collaboration with Spanish and Portuguese authorities, was directed by prosecutors in Brescia. The drugs were located on an ultra-fast rigid inflatable boat (RIB).



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/2-6-tonnes-of-cocaine-worth-570-million-seized-by-police-in-atlantic-ocean/>



25 Jul/ US Forces Board Tanker, Disable Another Vessel/ United State

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.25	United State	Gulf of Oman	Other military/ Coastguard activities	Name – Charminar Flag – Comoros Type - Tanker	The U.S. naval blockade against Iran is still fully enforced.

The U.S. military conducted a boarding of the Comoros-flagged tanker M/T Charminar in the Arabian Sea to enforce its blockade against Iran. Separately, another tanker was disabled in the Gulf of Oman for allegedly disregarding warnings, according to U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). After the verification boarding, the M/T Charminar was allowed to continue its voyage.



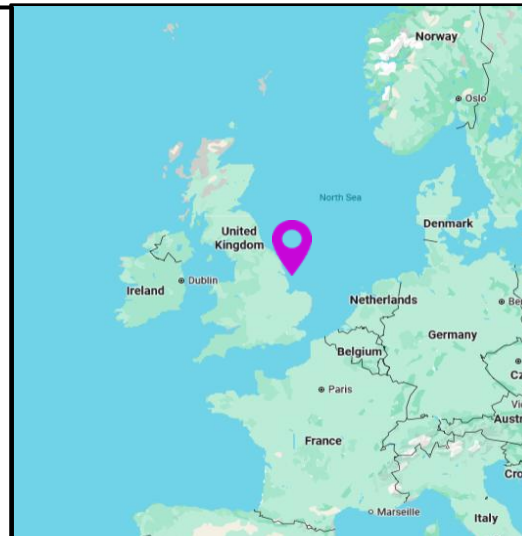
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/video-us-forces-board-tanker-m-t-charminar-disables-another-in-the-gulf-of-oman/>



28 Jul/ Uncrewed Ship Launches, Recovers Drone/ United Kingdom

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	United Kingdom	Open Ocean	Foreign affairs	-	The UKDI-funded demonstrator successfully validated the technical integration of the T-UAS with the Pioneer modular payload architecture, demonstrating strong operational performance in open-ocean sea states. This lays the groundwork for further development and potential commercial deployment at scale.

ACUA Ocean and Teledyne FLIR Defense completed two days of demonstrations for the UK MOD and offshore industry partners, following funding from UK Defence Innovation. The project showcased an integrated tethered uncrewed aerial system (T-UAS) and uncrewed surface vessel (USV). Teledyne FLIR's SkyCarrier™ UAS autonomously launched a SkyRanger® R70 drone from ACUA Ocean's USV Pioneer, the UK's first Lloyd's Register-certified remotely operated vessel, aimed at providing long-endurance maritime intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for the Royal Navy and other UK defence clients.



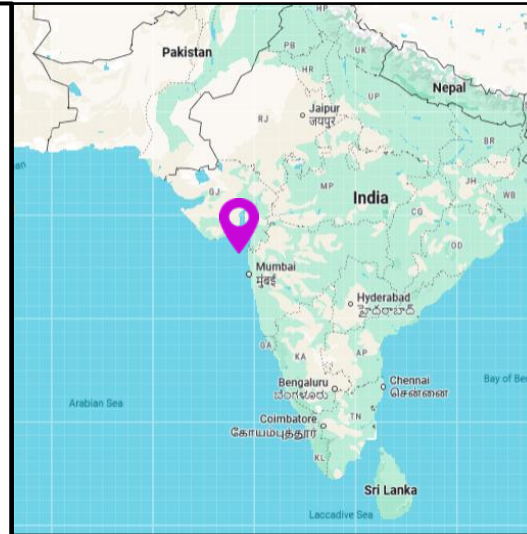
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/britains-first-certified-crewless-ship-just-launched-and-recovered-its-own-drone-in-the-open-ocean/>



28 Jul/India Receives Record Edible Oil Shipment from Argentina/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	India	Mundra Port	Foreign affairs	Name - MT Bangus	The operation reflects India's ongoing reliance on foreign sources for edible oil refining and domestic usage, highlighting its status as a leading importer.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) has achieved a record by handling India's largest single vessel shipment of edible oil, discharging 66,800 metric tons of Degummed Soybean Oil from the MT Bangus at Mundra Port. This cargo, arriving from San Lorenzo, Argentina, marks a significant milestone in India's liquid bulk cargo sector.



Source - : <https://www.marineinsight.com/mundra-port-handles-indias-largest-ever-edible-oil-vessel-parcel-from-argentina/>



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