

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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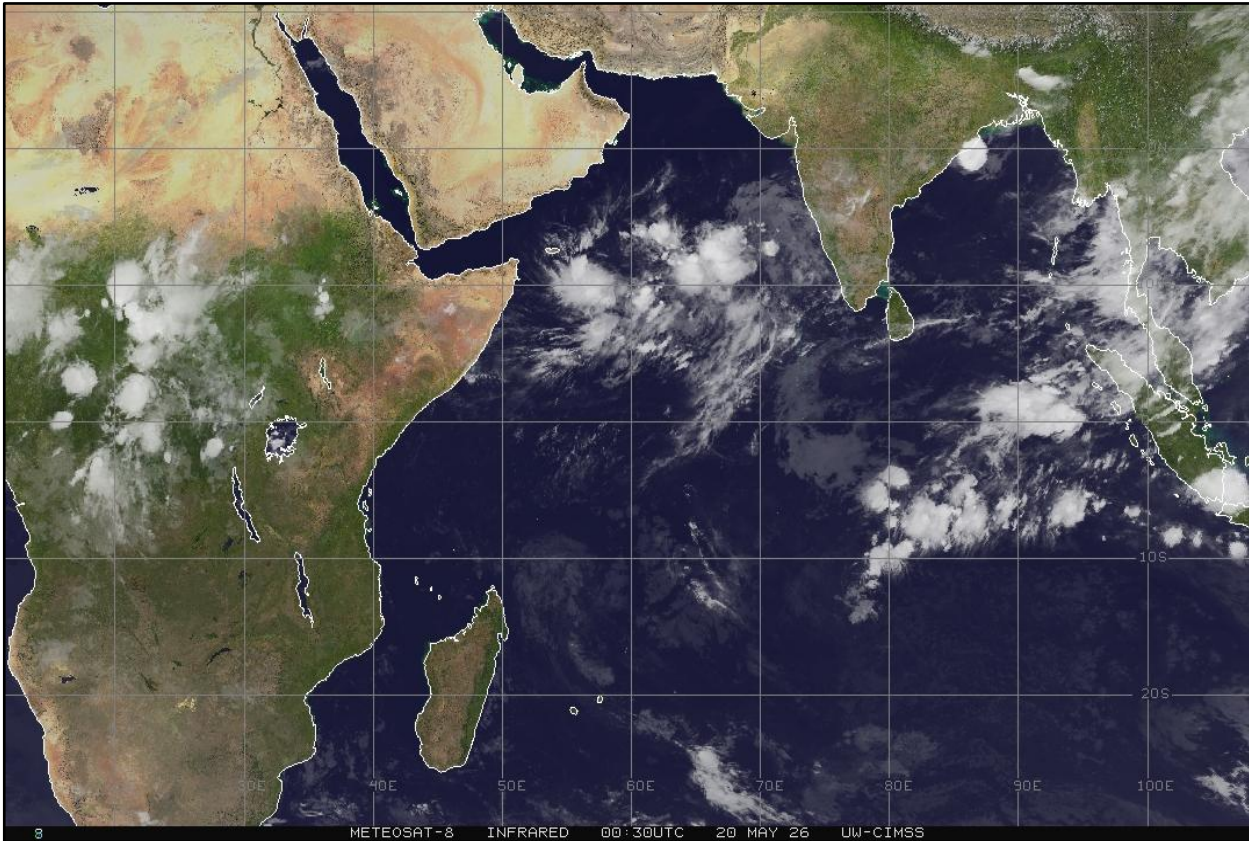
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Date 2026.05.20

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: 2026.05.20/0600UTC to 2026.05.20/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.20

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

SShear line is approximately along : 10S 60E, 08S 70E, 06S 80E, 03S 90E, 04N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 20, 30, 35, 50, 55, 65, 70, 75, 80
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 25
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

SW'y/(10-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 00, 05, 10, 15

South of Shear line:

West of 75E: VRB / (10-15)kts

East of 75E: SE'y / (10-20)kts

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 00, 05, 10

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 15, 30

Moderate in Sections : 20, 25, 35, 70, 75, 80, 85

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

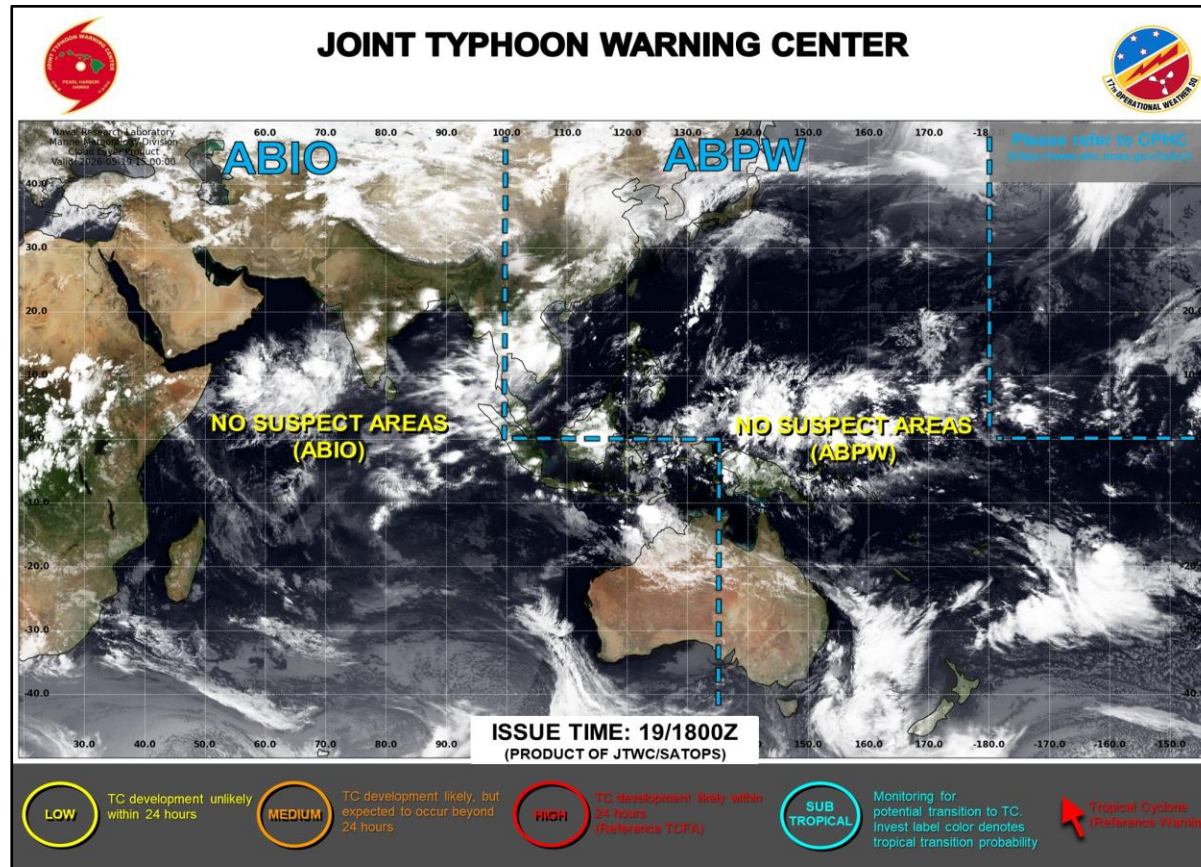
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



CYCLONE

Tropical Cyclone



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	01
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	01
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	04

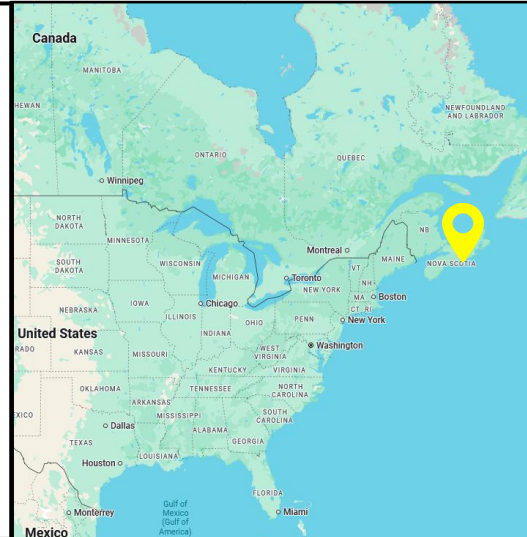
MARITIME INCIDENTS



18 May/ Four Boaters and Dog Rescued After Boat Capsizes Near Oak Island/ Canada

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.18	Canada	Near Oak Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Oak Island's Ocean Rescue Division utilised a rescue watercraft and the Mobile Drone Control Unit to locate and rescue the last two boaters. The water rescue crews subsequently met a civilian boat to transport the other two boaters and a dog back to shore.

Crews from multiple agencies rescued four boaters and a dog after a boat capsized near Lockwoods Folly Inlet in Oak Island on 18 May 26 afternoon. Officials responded to reports of the incident at 1426 hrs. Two of the boaters were in the water, while a passing civilian boat rescued the other two boaters and the dog.



Source -: <https://www.wect.com/2026/05/19/photos-four-boaters-dog-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-near-oak-island/>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



19 May/ Somali Piracy Warning/ Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.19	Somalia	Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden	Piracy	-	The Joint Maritime Information Center (JMIC) has increased the threat level in Somali coastal waters to "severe", urging mariners to stay vigilant, follow Best Management Practice for Maritime Security (BMP MS) guidelines, and report suspicious activities to the UKMTO and MSCIO.

While piracy levels in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden are lower than in the past, recent incidents highlight that the threat remains. In 2026, the International Maritime Bureau has reported six incidents potentially linked to Somali piracy, including three hijacked merchant vessels still under pirate control. Vessels operating in these waters should increase vigilance and adhere to best management practice guidance.



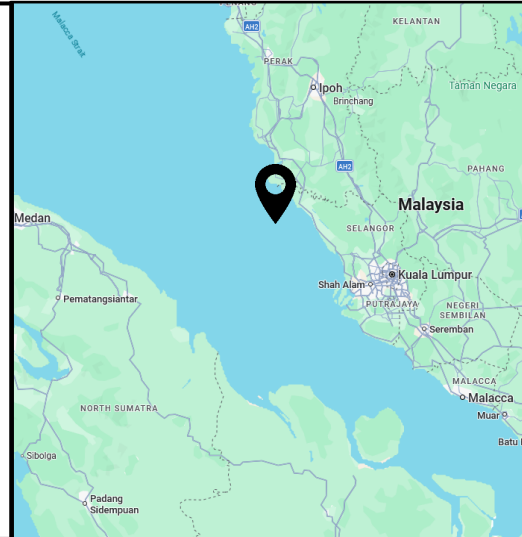
Source -: <https://www.gard.no/en/insights/somali-piracy-warning/>



16 May/ Illegal Migrant Ship Drowned Again In Malaysian Waters/ Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.16	Malaysia	Southwest Of Apong River	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing		Sixteen victims were rescued, including 10 men (two Bangladeshis and eight Indonesians) and six Indonesian women aged 24 to 50.

Another incident involving a boat carrying undocumented foreigners, including migrants from Bangladesh and Indonesia, occurred in Malaysian waters, resulting in the vessel sinking due to a leak. This event took place on Saturday (16/5) at coordinates 2.1 nautical miles southwest of the Apong River, Sabak Bernam, Selangor. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency responded promptly by deploying the Bagan Datuk Maritime Ship (KM) and a tugboat for rescue operations.



Source -> <https://voi.id/en/news/575814>

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



18 May/ High Levels Of Toxic 'Forever Chemicals' Found Off Coast Of Southern England/ United Kingdom

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.18	United Kingdom	Solent strait	Chemical spill	-	The chemicals likely entered the environment from wastewater treatment facilities, sewage discharges, old landfills, and adjacent military locations.

Scientists have detected elevated levels of toxic PFAS, or "forever chemicals", in the soil, water, and marine food chain of the UK's Solent Strait, including protected environmental sites. Some pollution levels were found to be 13 times higher than safe thresholds for coastal waters, while other samples, although below legal limits for individual chemicals, failed tests for cumulative toxicity. The samples were collected from the Solent Strait, situated between the Isle of Wight and the mainland, which is part of the Channel.



Source -: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/may/19/toxic-pfa-forever-chemicals-channel-southern-england-solent>



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The information in this report has been sourced from various internal and external parties, including international and local stakeholders, maritime agencies, and open sources. The report analyzes incidents to identify trends and discrepancies, aiming to improve the safety and security of mariners and seafarers. While efforts have been made to ensure data accuracy, users should exercise due diligence. Some incident locations may be approximate. IFC-Colombo requests stakeholders' cooperation in reporting incidents for more accurate analysis of maritime threats. The views expressed in this report do not reflect those of the Sri Lanka Navy or Government of Sri Lanka.

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