

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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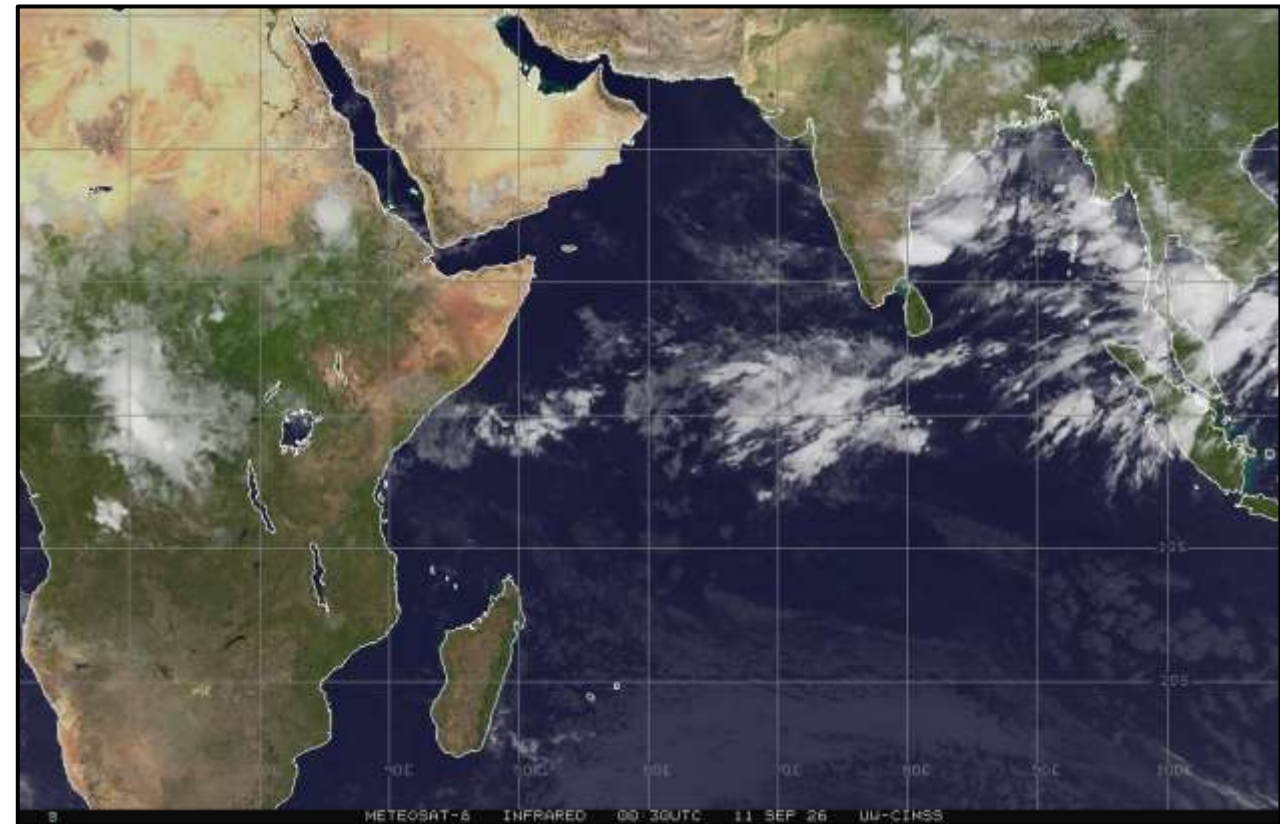
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Date 2026.09.11

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: 2026.09.11/0600UTC to 2026.09.11/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.11

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

Shear line is approximately along: EQ 60E, 02S 70E, 01S 80E, 03N 90E, 01N 100E.

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 30, 35, 50, 55, 60.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E: SW'ly to NW'ly / (10-15) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 20.

East of 70E: NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10, 25.

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 25.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 20, 30, 65, 70, 80, 85.

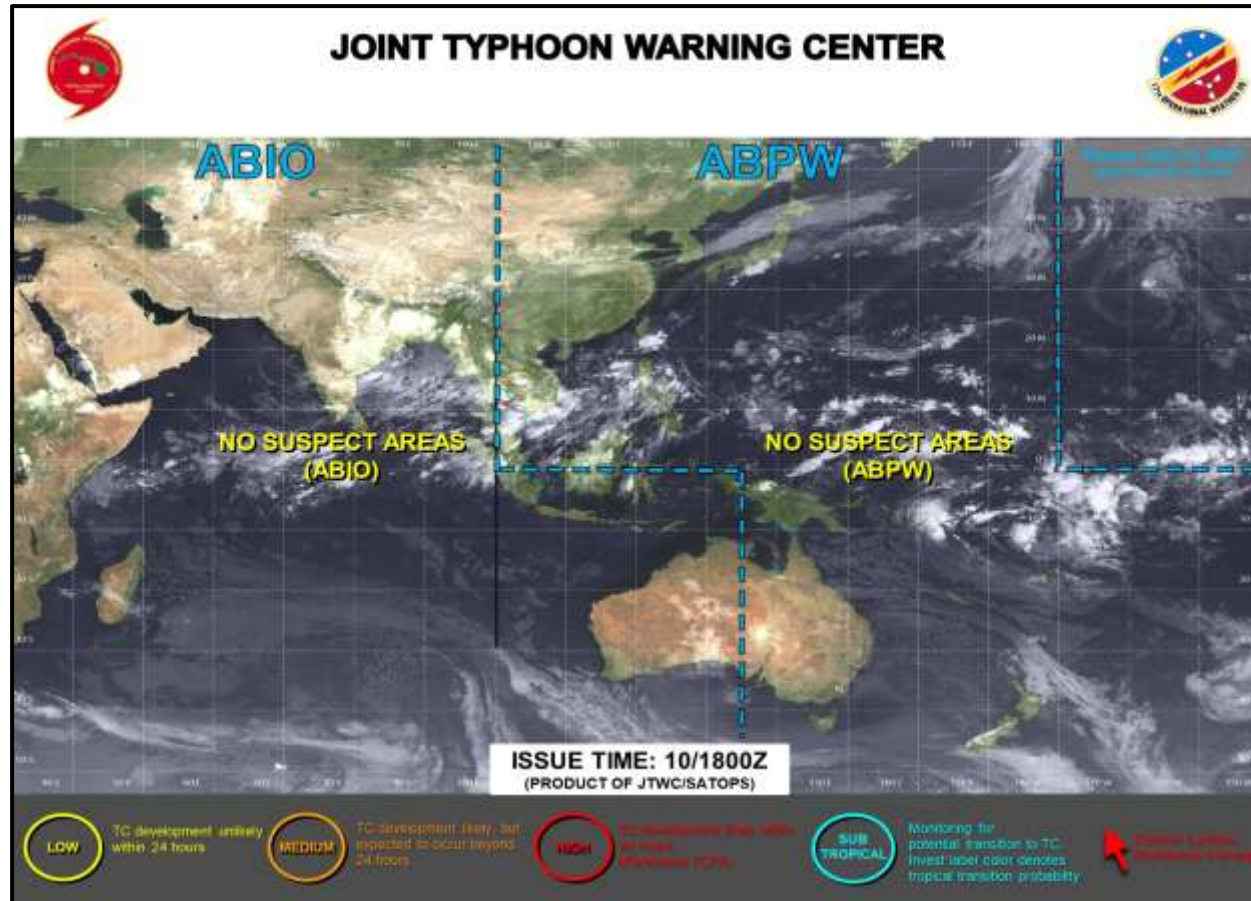
Moderate in sections : 15, 40, 45, 60, 75.

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>

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	02
Total Incidents	08

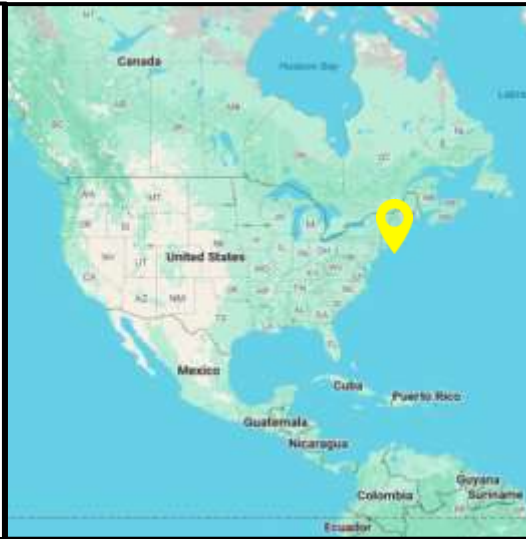
MARITIME INCIDENTS



09 Sep/One Person Dies When Petroleum Barge Explodes off Staten Island/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	USA	Mariner's Harbor, Arthur Kill, Staten Island, New York	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	A petroleum barge exploded at Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, causing a fire that killed one person and injured two firefighters

A petroleum barge near Staten Island, New York, exploded, igniting a fire in a petroleum shipping container. The incident resulted in one fatality and two minor injuries among firefighters. Around 160 responders, including firefighters and hazardous-material teams, were deployed to extinguish the fire and secure the remaining petroleum. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.



Source -: <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/09/10/nyregion/staten-island-explosion.html>



MARITIME INCIDENTS

09 Sep/25 Killed in China Shipyard Fire as Xi Orders Safety Inspections/China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	China	East Asia	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name :OCEAN MELODY IMO :9303065 Type: Cargo	At the time of the fire, 42 people were on board. Twelve were evacuated safely, while five suffered injuries and were taken to hospitals. The bodies of the deceased were recovered from the affected areas.

A catastrophic fire on the foreign-flagged cargo ship Ocean Melody in Qingdao, China, resulted in at least 25 fatalities. In response, President Xi Jinping mandated nationwide safety inspections and a comprehensive investigation into the incident.



Source -: <https://www.telesurenglish.net/25-dead-shipyard-fire-china-inspections/>



PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY

10 Sep/ Panamanian Tanker New Andros Suffers Incident In Iraqi Waters/Iraqi

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.10	Iraqi	Iraqi Territorial Waters	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name:NEW ANDROS Type: Crude Oil Tanker	Panamanian-flagged crude oil tanker NEW ANDROS was struck by an unidentified device in Iraqi territorial waters on 09 Sep 26, causing a fire that was extinguished by Iraqi rescue boats, with no casualties reported among the 22 crew.

The Panamanian-flagged tanker NEW ANDROS was hit by an unidentified device in Iraqi waters, leading to a fire that was extinguished with help from Iraqi rescue boats. All 22 crew members were unharmed. The Panama Maritime Authority is investigating the incident and assessing risks to Panamanian vessels following ISPS Code and SOLAS protocols.



Source -: <https://dataportuaria.com/en/panama/current-affairs/panamanian-tanker-new-andros-suffers-incident-in-iraqi-water>

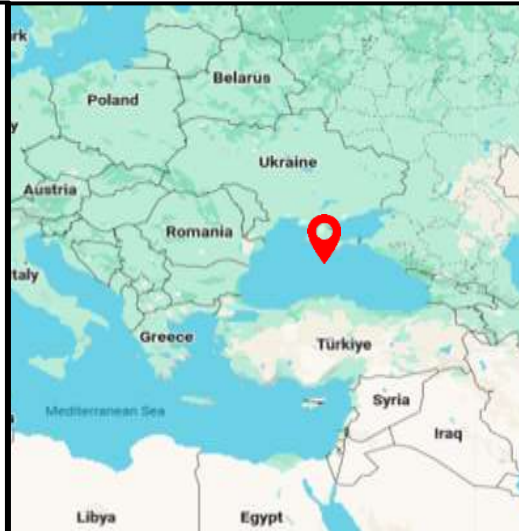
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09 Sep/ Azerbaijan Says Two Nationals Killed, Two Wounded in Drone Attack On Black Sea Cargo Ship/Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	Ukraine	Azerbaijan	Assault violations	-	In June, Azerbaijan reported that several of its citizens were part of the crews on cargo vessels attacked by drones in the Sea of Azov, resulting in the deaths of five Azerbaijani nationals. The details of the latest incident remain unverified, and it is unclear who was responsible for the attack.

On Wednesday, two Azerbaijani nationals were killed and two others wounded in a drone strike on a cargo ship in the Black Sea, as reported by Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry. The Ministry is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to the affected citizens, although details about the vessel remain unclear. This incident reflects a broader surge in drone attacks involving Russian and Ukrainian forces affecting commercial shipping in the region. The International Maritime Organisation condemned these attacks, emphasizing increased risks to civilian merchant vessels in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov.



Source -: <https://freepresskashmir.news/2026/09/10/azerbaijan-says-two-nationals-killed-two-wounded-in-drone-attack-on-black-sea-cargo-ship/amp/>

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY



11 Sep/Mystery Projectiles Strike Ships Near Oman's Coast/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.11	Oman	Arabian Sea	Attacked in High-risk areas	-	The UKMTO has warned vessels in the area to be cautious as authorities investigate the origin and intent of certain projectiles, highlighting the need for enhanced maritime safety and security measures.

Four unidentified projectiles hit two vessels 4 nautical miles west of Khasab, Oman, igniting one ship, while the status of the other remains unclear. This event, observed by another vessel's master 6 nautical miles south, was reported by UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).



Source -: <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/3975636-mystery-projectiles-strike-ships-near-omans-coast>

IUU FISHING



09 Sep/Navy Nabs Suspect With Fish Caught By Destructive Practice In Muthur/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	Sri Lanka	Muthur	Destructive Fishing Practices	-	Sri Lanka Navy apprehended a suspect and seized about 820 kg of fish believed to have been caught using explosives during a search operation in Muthur on 09 Sep 26.

Sri Lanka Navy personnel intercepted a suspicious lorry in Muthur, seizing approximately 820 kg of fish believed to have been caught using explosives. One 40-year-old suspect was arrested, and the lorry and fish consignment were handed over to Muthur Police for legal action.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/sepember/navy-nabs-suspect-with-fish-caught-by-destructive-practice-in-muthur.html>



11 Sep/Iran Reports Explosions On Qeshm, Sirik, Jask Amid Tanker Attacks/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.01	Iran	Hormozgan Province	Other Military / Coastguard activities	-	Several explosions were reported in coastal areas of southern Iran, such as Sirik, Minab, and Qeshm Island, with authorities indicating that the sounds likely originated from the sea.

Multiple explosions occurred in southern Iran's coastal regions, particularly in Sirik, Minab, and Qeshm Island. Iranian media attributed the blasts to "hostile projectiles," with authorities suggesting they came from the sea. There is currently no information regarding casualties or damage.



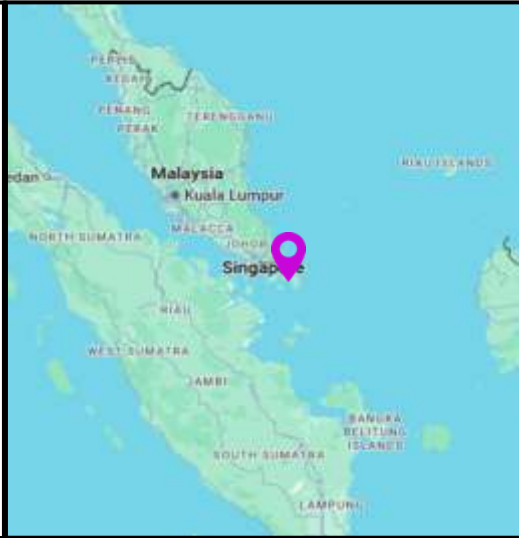
Source -: <https://www.samaa.tv/2087356525-iran-reports-explosions-on-qeshm-sirik-jask-amid-tanker-attacks>



10 Sep/Risks To Offshore Industry and Offshore Vessels Multiplying, Conference Hears/Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	Singapore	Singapore	Other Military / Coastguard activities	Commercial vessels Offshore Support Vessels specific vessel	The offshore industry and commercial vessels are increasingly exposed to risks from geopolitical tensions and state-backed actors, facing threats that now encompass sanctions, cyber-attacks, sabotage, seizures, detentions, and attacks on maritime infrastructure, in addition to piracy and terrorism.

At the 2026 Offshore Support Journal Conference Asia, Brian Braun from Control Risks emphasized the growing geopolitical and security threats to offshore and commercial shipping, such as state-backed targeting, sanctions, cyber-attacks, sabotage, vessel seizures, drone attacks, and disruptions to subsea infrastructure. He indicated that commercial vessels may be leveraged for geopolitical purposes based on their flag, ownership, operator, charterer, or cargo, independent of direct conflict involvement.



Source -: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/risks-to-offshore-industry-and-offshore-vessels-multiplying-conference-hears-89955>



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