

# **MEMBER ALERT**



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## **PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY: GUIDANCE FOR SECURITY THREATS IN THE GULF OF GUINEA**

Members are reminded that the waters of the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) and its contiguous regions continue to present significant security threats to ships transiting and operating within them. In 2020, 96% of all cases of maritime kidnappings were reported to have taken place in the GoG. Moreover, all three vessel hijackings reported in that year, and nine out of the eleven cases of vessels reported to have been fired upon, took place within that region.

As a result, the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) Maritime Security Committee has produced a set of quick reference [bridge cards](#) for use onboard ships transiting this area. They are applicable to all types of vessels.

Members are also reminded that the Club maintains a designated site with relevant guidance on piracy and armed robbery at:

<https://www.american-club.com/page/piracy>

Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.