

# MEMBER ALERT



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## **FIRST QUARTER 2019 MARITIME PIRACY UPDATE**

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has released its most recent report, *Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships*, for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2019. A summary of this quarterly update can be found at the the ICC's Commercial Crime Services website at <https://icc-ccs.org/index.php/1268-maritime-piracy-incidents-down-in-q1-2019-but-kidnapping-risk-in-gulf-of-guinea-persists>. While the report reveals fewer incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships than the first three months of 2018, the ICC's emphasizes the importance of information sharing and remaining ever vigilant in high risk areas.

To gain free access to the quarterly and annual IMB piracy and armed robbery reports, Members can register at <https://www.icc-ccs.org/piracy-reporting-centre/request-piracy-report>. Immediate access to these reports are granted upon completion of the online application.

Members are encouraged to access these updates regularly in order to properly assess the risks associated with transiting certain sea areas. Members are also recommended to follow industry guidance as recommended in [Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Sea \(BMP5\)](#), [Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies Masters and Seafarers](#), and [Guidelines for Owners, Operators and Masters for protection against piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea region](#).

As a reminder, Members are encouraged to visit the Club's website section on piracy and armed robbery at <https://www.american-club.com/page/piracy> which provides updated information on frequently asked questions on this subject, guidance for Members on the hiring of private maritime security companies, as well as relevant industry links on piracy and armed robbery.

For any questions regarding piracy and armed robbery at sea, Members are requested to contact the Managers.