

MEMBER ALERT



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MARITIME SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS WITH INDUSTRY (MSCI) NOTICE ON THE THREAT TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS FROM IRAN AND ITS PROXIES: GUIDANCE GENERALLY AS TO SHIPBOARD VIGILANCE

On January 6, 2020, the MSCI issued an Alert, *2020-001B-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Indian Ocean-Threat to Commercial Vessels from Iran and its Proxies*. This highlights the potential threat to US maritime – and by extension, other – interests in that region in light of recent geopolitical tensions.

As noted in the Club's Alert of 23 July, 2019, [*Enhanced Vigilance Recommended for Vessels Transiting Arabian Gulf \(AG\), Straits of Hormuz \(SOH\) and Gulf of Oman \(GOO\)*](#), Members are encouraged to maintain a high state of shipboard vigilance in relation to the particular issues highlighted in the Alert and generally in regard to threats to vessel safety.

The MSCI Alert, and other up-to-date notices, can be found at the US Maritime Administration's website at:

<https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci-alerts>

Members are also reminded that guidance on piracy and armed robbery can be found on the Club's website at:

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

Members are recommended to take note of this information and be guided accordingly.