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ATTENTION:
Members of FASA

ADVISORY AND SAFETY REMINDER – Elevated Threat Level in the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman & Adjacent Waters

Dear Members,

We wish to inform members that the maritime security situation in the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and adjacent coastal waters has significantly deteriorated. Based on confirmed reports and assessments from relevant authorities, the current threat level in the area is assessed to be CRITICAL¹.

Recent incidents have involved commercial vessels being struck by missiles and unmanned aerial systems, resulting in injuries to crew members and damage to vessels. At this stage, there is no indication that the vessels targeted were directly connected to any party involved in the ongoing conflict. The risk exposure appears broad and may affect vessels irrespective of flag, ownership, or cargo.

In addition to direct security threats, members should also be aware of the following operational concerns:

- Increasing port congestion due to delayed or suspended transits, which may heighten collision and anchorage risks.
- Reported GPS interference, including signal disruption, positional inaccuracies, and AIS irregularities.
- Irregular and unpredictable traffic patterns within the affected waters.

¹ Joint Maritime Information Center Update 001 – JMIC Advisory Note: 01 March 2026 (JMIC# 001-26)

ADVISORY TO MEMBERS

Members are strongly advised to exercise heightened vigilance and to review safety and security protocols for vessels operating in or approaching the affected areas. Recommended measures include:

- Enhancing bridge watchkeeping and verifying vessel positions using radar, visual bearings, and alternative navigational means. GPS should not be relied upon as the sole source of positional data.
- Cross-checking electronic navigation systems and treating anomalous readings with caution.
- Exercising care when responding to unsolicited VHF communications and verifying the authenticity of transmissions.
- Extending risk assessments to include port approaches and anchorages, not only transit routes.
- Reviewing war risk insurance coverage and ensuring compliance with any applicable notification requirements.

While no formal closure of the Strait of Hormuz has been declared, the current operating environment remains high-risk. Members are encouraged to conduct careful and continuous risk assessments before committing vessels to transit the affected area.

FASA does not make commercial determinations on behalf of members. However, we strongly encourage all shipowners and operators to give due consideration to crew safety and operational risk management in their decision-making process

Stay vigilant. Stay informed. Protect your crew.

We will continue to monitor and update you as the situation develops.

Safe sailing to all.

Yours sincerely,



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