

Joint Maritime Information Center

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Enhanced Security – Conditions for Orderly Transit

Area of Concern:
Strait of Hormuz

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Regional Threat Level: **CRITICAL**

1. Conditions for transit of the Strait of Hormuz

JMIC is sharing information on the following page for the awareness of owners, operators, and Mariners. Specifically, it details U.S. enhanced security to enable transits through the Strait of Hormuz.

The maritime security threat level in the SoH remains **CRITICAL** due to ongoing regional military operations. Mariners should expect increased naval presence, enhanced force protection postures, potential VHF hailing, and congestion near anchorage areas.

Masters should consider:

- Continuous monitoring of VHF Channel 16
- AIS transmission in accordance with company policy
- The proximity and dangers of any reported mines or threats along intended transit routes
- Reporting unusual activity to recognized reporting centers

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Conditions for Orderly Transit of the Strait of Hormuz

Details: The U.S. has established an enhanced security area to support Strait of Hormuz transits south of the Traffic Separation Scheme.

Position/Area: South of the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Strait of Hormuz

Action: Vessels choosing to transit the Strait of Hormuz should consider routing via Oman territorial waters south of the Traffic Separation Scheme. Due to anticipated traffic volume, coordination with Oman authorities via VHF channel 16 is advised to maintain safety of navigation.

Transit via or in close proximity to the Traffic Separation Scheme should be considered extremely hazardous due the presence of mines that have not been fully surveyed and mitigated.

Operators are encouraged to carefully review risk assessments and routing ahead of transit.