

Joint Maritime Information Center

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Military Operations North of Musandam Peninsula

Area of Concern:

Strait of Hormuz

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Regional Threat Level: **CRITICAL**

1. Advisory of Military Operations in Vicinity of the Strait of Hormuz North of the Musandam Peninsula

JMIC is sharing information on the following page for the awareness of owners, operators, and Mariners. Specifically, it details U.S. operations north of the Musandam peninsula.

The maritime security threat level in the SoH remains **CRITICAL** due to ongoing military conflict. 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
- Demonstrating clear transit intentions
- Compliance with direction of blockading forces
- 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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MILITARY OPERATIONS NORTH OF THE MUSANDAM PENINSULA AREA OF OMAN

Military operations will be conducted within the area north of the Musandam Peninsula in the Strait of Hormuz (SOH).

Iran continues to attempt illegal control of the Strait of Hormuz, to include dangerous and illegal mining that places ships and mariners at risk. The United States is committed to freedom of navigation. As a result, the U.S. Navy Central Command is providing notice to mariners and airmen that dangerous military activities will be taking place.

Action: All Mariners are advised to:

- Avoid the Traffic Separation Scheme of the SOH
- Coordinate transit with U.S. Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS)
- Maintain continuous watch on VHF Channel 16
- Comply immediately with instructions from U.S. forces
- Navigate in accordance with COLREGS

Warning: Iran continues to attempt to impede mine clearance and safe transit of the SOH. U.S. forces operating in the SOH are on high alert for Iranian attack. Vessels are advised to follow the direction of U.S. Forces. Any vessel that does not comply with the direction of U.S. Forces may be determined to be an imminent threat and subject to proportionate measure of self-defense in accordance with international law.

ANY VESSEL OBSERVED TO BE ENGAGED IN, OR SUPPORTING, MINE-LAYING ACTIVITIES WILL BE TARGETED BY U.S. FORCES IN SELF DEFENSE

Period: Until further notice. Any changes will be detailed via advisory update.

Authority: U.S. Naval Forces Central Command

Questions: Questions from owners and operators transiting this area should be directed to NAVCENT NCAGS at: m-ba-navcent-ncags@us.navy.mil