

Joint Maritime Information Center

JMIC Information Note #128

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SUSPICIOUS APPROACH / ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE

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Situation

- While transiting inbound in the Straits of Hormuz on 0900 UTC 03 Feb. 2026, a vessel reported being hailed on bridge-to-bridge with direction to stop engines and prepare for boarding with no legitimate reason provided.
- Two small boats displaying mounted weapons made multiple approaches coming as close as 50 feet.
- The ship did not stop and continued its voyage.
- Vessels transiting the Straits of Hormuz have reported higher levels of electromagnetic and GPS interference impacting electronic navigation.
- Vessels transiting the Straits of Hormuz and adjacent waters have noted the presence of unmanned aerial vehicles.

Recommendations

- Vessels transiting the Straits of Hormuz are reminded to apply Best Management Practices (BMP) Maritime Security (MS) mitigations, remain vigilant, and maintain awareness of small craft operating in their vicinity.
- Vessels should be ready to navigate in the absence of electronic systems should they encounter interference.
- If suspicious activity or electronic/navigational interference is encountered, vessels are encouraged to report details to UKMTO.

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