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Situation

JMIC received report of an attack on a merchant vessel by small craft 15nm west of Yemen. The security team and the small craft exchanged fire, which resulted in the small craft retreating. The vessel reports all crew safe and is proceeding to next port of call. Further reporting suggests that this incident appears to be a misunderstanding between local fishermen and shipboard security. This incident is not related to piracy or Houthi activity. Lookouts should be careful to discern legitimate fishing from piracy.

Recommendation

Mariners are reminded to apply BMP(MS) mitigations and remain vigilant and maintain awareness of small crafts operating in their vicinity.

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