

Incident Report :	09/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	4 Jun 2008 at 2030hrs.
Location of incident :	2° 36.85' N, 105°09. 9' E
Area Description :	<i>South China Sea</i>
Name/Type of Ship:	<i>Red Wing / Chemical tanker.</i>
<p>Details of Incident :</p> <p>The Liberia-registered chemical tanker, the <i>Red Wing</i> was en route to Singapore, transiting under ballast through South China Sea on 04 June 2008.</p> <p>At 2030 hrs on 4 June 2008, the chemical tanker was in approximate position 2° 36.85' N, 105° 9.9' E in South China Sea, when seven robbers armed with long knife and bars boarded the chemical tanker from wooden speed boat. Please refer to map below on the approximate location.</p> <p>The robbers left the vessel in 15 minutes after stealing cash and personal property of the crew. No crew was injured.</p> <p>The Singapore POCC activated the NAVTEX broadcast, warning vessels to keep sharp look out for craft approaching their vessels and enhance anti-piracy watch.</p>	
Reported by :	ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ISC :	Ship masters are advised to maintain vigilance at all times and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the vicinity.
Observations by ISC :	Since April 2008, this is the second incident which has been reported in proximity of this area. The first incident was reported on board Singapore registered

chemical tanker *Monalisa* on 13 April 2008 in approximately position 03° 16.18' N, 105°26. 68' E. Please see the map below.

Both the incidents occurred while the ships were steaming in the area during the hours of darkness and has been classified as less significant (Category 3) incidents.

The size of the group of robbers involved in these incidents was between five to seven men. They were usually armed with knives and bars.

The modus operandi appears to be opportunistic, hit and run operation. The robbers would board the ship from speed boat under cover of darkness and quickly escape in their speed boat after stealing cash and personal property of the crew. The robbers did not harm the crew or cause any damage to the vessel.



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