Incident Alert



Incident Report: 01/2010

Date/Time of Incident: 21 January 2010 at 1400 hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 14° 33.74′ N, 120° 55.24′ E

Area Description: Anchorage Area, Manila Bay, Philippines

Name and Type of Ship: MT British Holly / Tanker

Details of Incident

On 21 January 2010 at about 1400 hrs, the Isle of Man-registered tanker *British Holly* was anchored at the anchorage area of Manila Bay, Philippines when the duty crew noticed some wet footprints on the deck. On inspection of the whole deck, he discovered the ship's inflatable life raft of six person capacity and two immersion suits were missing. Please see location of incident below.

The ship master reported the incident to the Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) Manila, Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) who informed the Philippine Coast Guard Action Center (PCGAC). The PCGAC then directed the Philippine Coast Guard's Port State Control Center Manila (PSCCM) to investigate the incident and render assistance to *British Holly*.

The PSCCM dispatched a patrol craft to the location of the tanker at about 1445 hrs on 21 January 2010. Through the ship master, it was gathered that the robbers could have boarded the tanker using grapnel hook.

The PSCCM personnel advised the master to take necessary precautionary measures while at anchor. The tanker departed for its next port of call on the same day.

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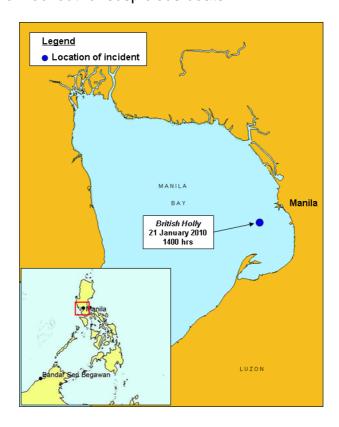
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The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre advises ship masters and crew of all types of ships to maintain vigilance at all times and take necessary measures while at anchor.

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Ship masters, ship owners and ship operators are encouraged to report all incidents to the Philippine Coast Guard Command Center at telephone numbers +63-2-527-3877, +63-2-527-8481 to 89 (local 6136 and 6137) immediately after an actual or attempted attack. This is to facilitate follow-up action and investigation by the coast guard in response to the incident and issue precautionary warning to ships operating in the vicinity to be on lookout for suspicious boats.



Location of incident

