

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	17/2011
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Valiant</i> / Petroleum product tanker
Date/Time of Incident:	26 Aug 11
Location of incident:	01° 25 N, 104° 29' E
Area Description:	Approximately 7 nm northeast of Horsburgh Lighthouse

Detail of Incidents

On 26 Aug 11 at or about 0225 hrs (local time), the manager of Singapore-registered petroleum product tanker, *Valiant* informed the Singapore's Police Coast Guard (PCG) that about seven to nine robbers had boarded the vessel while underway at approximately 7 nm northeast of Horsburgh Lighthouse (01° 25 N, 104° 29' E). The PCG, upon receipt of the report, proceeded to the location of the incident, and boarded the vessel for investigation. However, the robbers had left the vessel after stealing some shipboard equipment and the crew's personal belongings. The crew was not injured.

The Singapore's Port Operation Control Centre (POCC) had received distress alerts from the vessel, and tried to establish communication but was unable to contact anyone onboard the vessel. The POCC which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported the incident to Singapore's PCG and the Republic of Singapore Navy's Maritime Security Task Force – Information Fusion Centre (MSTF-IFC); and promulgated navigational broadcast of the incident to alert mariners in the vicinity. Please see map next page on the approximate location of the incident.

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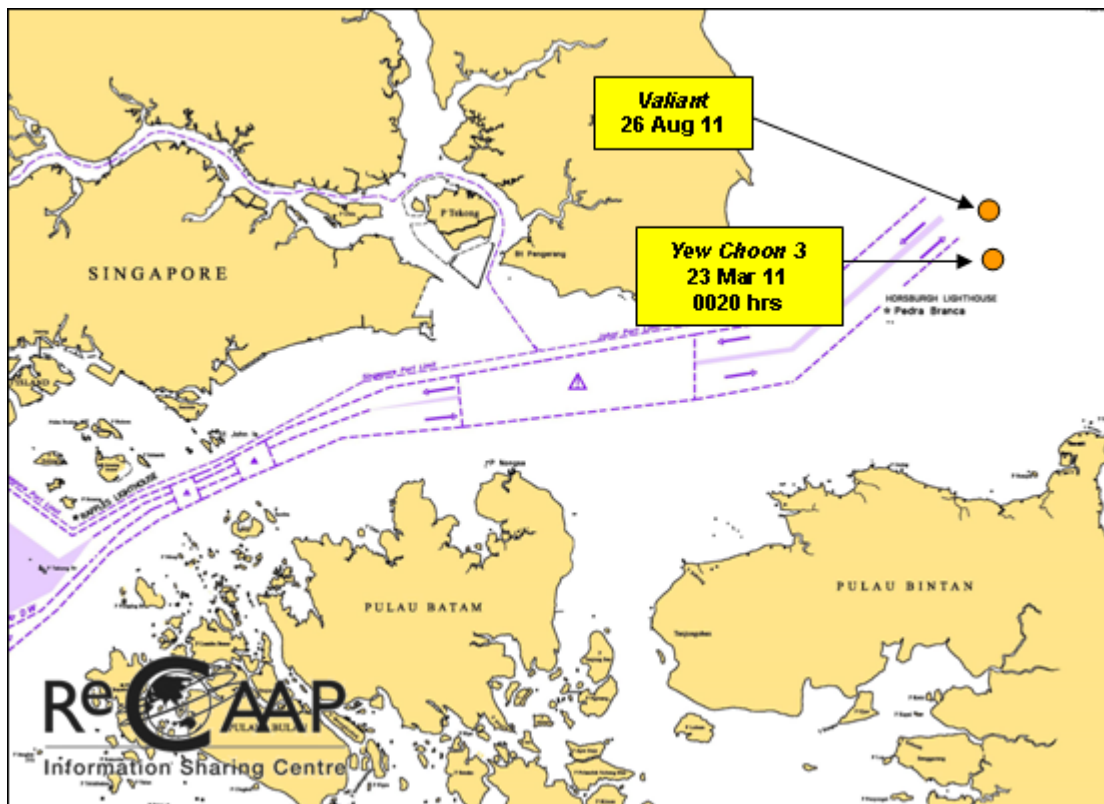
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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

Since January 2011, this is the second incident reported in the vicinity of Horsburgh Lighthouse. The first incident occurred on 23 Mar 11 involving *Yew Choon 3*, a tug boat towing barge *Yew Choon Marine 10* while underway 5.8 nm northeast of Horsburgh Lighthouse. Eight masked men armed with long knives boarded the tug boat from a fibre-glass boat. Throughout the incident, the Chief Engineer and the rest of the crew were hiding in the bedroom and control room respectively. The men stole a mobile phone and escaped in the fibre-glass boat.



Ship masters and crew are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures when in the vicinity especially during hours of darkness. The ReCAAP ISC encourages ship masters to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.



Approximate location of Incidents