Incident Alert

Incident Report: 05/2012

Name and Type of Ship: *Savvy* / Product tanker

Date/Time of Incident: 9 May 12 at 0208 hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 1° 38.0' N, 104° 50.0' E

Area Description: Approximately 30 nm northeast of Horsburgh Lighthouse

Details of Incident

On 9 May 12 at or about 0208 hrs, a Singapore-registered product tanker *Savvy* was underway at approximately 30 nm northeast of Horsburgh Lighthouse (1° 38.0' N, 104° 50.0' E) when approximately eight to ten pirates approached and boarded the vessel from two high speed boats. Armed with guns and chopping knives, the pirates boarded the vessel using a portable ladder on the poop deck.

Upon spotting the pirates onboard, the master raised the alarm, carried out evasive manoeuvres and sealed all access from inside leading to the accommodation blocks/ engine room. As the pirates failed to gain access to the accommodation block and the engine room, the pirates escaped in their speed boats at or about 0230 hrs. The incident was reported to the Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC), which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
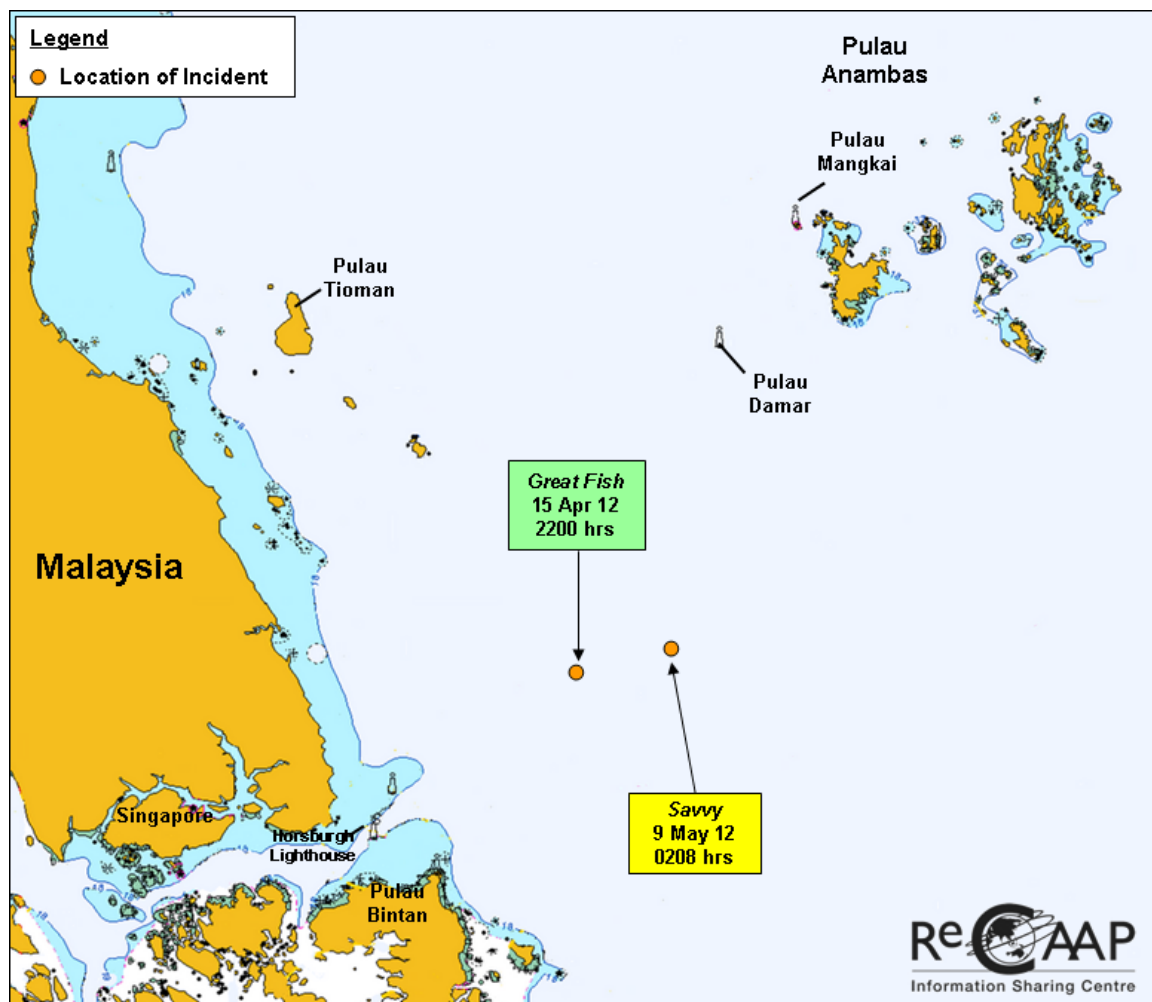
Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the second incident reported in the same vicinity in the South China Sea since January 2012. Please refer to the map below on the approximate location of the incidents.

Similar to the first incident involving a Panama-registered tanker *Great Fish*, this incident also involved pirates who were reportedly armed with guns but the vigilance and best management practices adopted by the crew of *Savvy* resulted in the successful evasion of the attack. The ship masters and crew operating in the vicinity were advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures.

The ReCAAP ISC encourages all ship masters and crew operating in the vicinity to exercise vigilance and report all incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.

Approximate location of the incident