

22 December 2010

To: All CSO of HK registered ships

**Chinese Naval Vessels Escort Arrangement – Update**

The convoy schedule (January 2011); and

Satellite phone numbers of the Chinese Navy ships

**Convoy Schedule (January 2011)**

1. The China MRCC has provided the following convoy schedule for your information and planning purposes:

Eastbound convoys	Westbound convoys
Rendezvous position (Point B) is: <b>12-17.8N 043-49E</b>	Rendezvous position (Point A) is: <b>14-50N 053-50E</b>
Time: <b>0600 UTC</b>	Time: <b>0600 UTC</b>
5 January	2 January
11 January	8 January
17 January	14 January
23 January	20 January
29 January	26 January

From October, rendezvous position (Point A) is changed to **14-50N 053-50E**.

Eastbound and Westbound convoys' rendezvous time is changed to **0600 UTC**.

Satellite contact numbers of the Chinese Navy ships:

Zhoushan (529)	Inmarsat-F	Tel. No.: 773121949
		Fax. No.: 783121031
		Data No.: 783121079
	Inmarsat-M	Tel. No.: 763680289
		Fax. No.: 763680291
	Inmarsat-C	Data No.: 441300841
Xuzhou (530)	Inmarsat-F	Tel. No.: 773121697
		Fax. No.: 783120148
		Data No.: 600653653
	Inmarsat-M	Tel. No.: 764938481
		Fax. No.: 764938483
	Inmarsat-C	Data No.: 441219294
Qiandaohu (886)	Inmarsat-F	Tel. No.: 763681441
		Fax. No.: 600653654
		Data No.: 783122844
	Inmarsat-M	Tel. No.: 763681464
		Fax. No.: 763681466
	Inmarsat-C	Data No.: 441301223

To gauge the demand of Hong Kong registered ships seeking assistance from Chinese naval warships, ships scheduled to transit the Gulf of Aden are reminded of the need to submit a “ship movement report” via e-mail to the Hong Kong Marine Emergency and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (HKMRCC). The email address of HKMRCC is [hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk). Shipowner should submit the “ship movement report” 7, 5, 3, 2, 1 day(s) before the ship arriving the reporting line.

Shipowner is strongly advised that joining vessels should select their time of escort convoy according to the announced schedule and take the initiative to adjust their speed for appropriate time of arrival. Shipowner should also submit at least 2 days in advance confirmation of the time of the escort convoy intended to join in order to avoid applying of joining the escort convoy on arrival to the reporting line. Before sending the application, the masters and the shipowner should clearly confirm that they would join the navy escort.

Hong Kong shipowner of non Hong Kong registered ships may also apply for Chinese naval escort services by submitting the applications to the Beijing MRCC through the flag state embassy in Beijing under the following e-mail address:

[cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn](mailto:cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn) / [cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn](mailto:cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn)

Tel: 86 10 652 92221

Fax: 86 10 652 92245

Vessels joining the convoy shall follow the instruction of the Chinese escorting naval warships and shall not make early departure from the convoy without consent.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.

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