



SAFETY MANAGEMENT MANUAL

8.3 Shipboard Piracy Planning

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish policies concerning shipboard anti-piracy preparation for Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) operated vessels covered by the Safety Management System.

2. Policy

- Each vessel shall prepare an anti-piracy contingency plan in the event the vessel enters areas of known piracy.
- Every crewmember shall review the ship's contingency plan and participate in drills prior to entering areas of known piracy.
- Each ship's plan shall include, but not be limited to, being prepared by identifying potential acts of piracy, locking down the vessel to keep boarders out and offering no resistance should the locked down vessel be breached.

3. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each Master to ensure that an anti-piracy contingency plan is developed for each vessel. That plan shall become part of the Safety Management System.

4. General

The plan shall be designed to accomplish two goals, making the ship a less desirable target being the result of achieving both. First, the plan shall strive to prepare each crewmember to effectively handle a piracy incident. Second, it shall display the ship's ability to prepare for and counter a piracy threat.

During all piracy activities, it is imperative to remember that personnel safety is of paramount importance.

To reduce the exposure to piracy activities, transit of the vessel through areas known to have experienced piracy activities shall be made during daylight hours whenever possible. Daylight transits reduce the element of surprise and increase the ability to detect and identify potential piracy elements.

5. Reporting

Should an act of piracy occur, the Master shall notify the Port Office as soon as possible.