



# Technical Circular

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## **Subject: St. Kitts & Nevis Maritime Circular – MC 113 22 Reg. Raised Security Level 2 for ships operating within the Black Sea.**

1. St. Kitts & Nevis Maritime Administration vide Marine Circular MC 113 22, dated 28 February 2022 has advised that with immediate effect, security level 2 should be applied to all St. Kitts flagged ships that are currently transiting within the Black Sea and in particular, the EEZ of Ukraine or Russia.
2. Further, the Administration has provided following recommendations to the ship owners/managers;
  - a) Undertake a new ship and voyage specific threat risk assessment before entering any region where there has been an incident, or the threat has changed.
  - b) After the risk assessment, review the Ship's Security Plan.
  - c) Review section 2 of BMP5, which outlines non-piracy threats and the Global Counter-Piracy Guidance.
  - d) Maintain a full and vigilant bridge watches; Note: at night, slow small boats with no wake are difficult to spot on radar.
  - e) Maintain a strict communication watch and establish communication with all vessels coming close. Do not allow small boats to approach or to come alongside. Use a searchlight for identification at night.
  - f) Ensure strict boarding controls in place.
  - g) Only lower accommodation gangways or ladders when necessary.
  - h) Rig outboard lighting where possible provided when they do not interfere with keeping a safe lookout, particularly over the stern and rig/use searchlights if available.
  - i) Monitor relevant VHF and other communication channels.
  - j) Check all fire-fighting equipment available for immediate use. Make sure the emergency fire pump is available if any maintenance is being undertaken.
  - k) Keep the Automatic Information System (AIS) on. There is no need to complete the field stating the last or next port of call.
3. Owners/ managers and masters of St. Kitts & Nevis flagged ships are advised to take note of the above and ensure compliance.

### **Enclosure:**

1. St. Kitts & Nevis Marine Circular MC 113 22, dated 28 February 2022



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# ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

## MARITIME CIRCULAR – MC 113 22

SECURITY ALERT RAISED TO LEVEL 2 FOR SHIPS OPERATING WITHIN THE BLACK SEA

### 1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this Maritime Circular is to advise Shipowner and Ship Managers of St Kitts and Nevis vessels that with immediate effect, Security Level II (2) should be applied to all ships that are currently transiting within the Black Sea and in particular, the EEZ of Ukraine or Russia.

### 2. Application

2.1. Further to the ongoing situation between Russian and Ukrainian Governments, the Department of Maritime Affairs has raised the security level to II (2) in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS Chapter XI-2, Regulation 3 & 7. All other trading areas outside of this region will remain at level I (1).

2.2. The increment of the security level will remain in force until further notice.

### 3. Recommendations

3.1. Shipowners and Ship Managers are recommended to:

- Undertake a new ship and voyage specific threat risk assessment before entering any region where there has been an incident, or the threat has changed.
- After the risk assessment, review the Ship's Security Plan.
- Review section 2 of BMP5, which outlines non-piracy threats and the Global Counter-Piracy Guidance.
- Maintain a full and vigilant bridge watches; Note: at night, slow small boats with no wake are difficult to spot on radar.
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If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Ryan', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature towards the right.

Liam Ryan  
International Registrar of Shipping and Seamen

