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Now it's your turn to surprise pirates

P-Trap is a very simple and cost-effective defence against pirates. It creates a safety zone around the ship where it is vulnerable and keeps unwanted guests at a safe distance (**watch the demo on www.ptrap.com**). The Royal Dutch Navy, the Netherlands Coastguard and the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution successfully tested the system.

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**Above seen the 1969 built hopper grab dredger KMC PELLICAN under tow of the 1981 built COMARCO OSPREY offshore Malta on Wednesday 6th April, 2011 heading to Suez Canal.
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the pirated ship alongside their Emirati counterparts, but described the US forces as a “small number,” likely less than 10. None of the pirates was detained on US warships, Derrick-Frost said.

The **Arrilah-1** is a new 37,000-ton bulk carrier owned by the state-run Abu Dhabi National Tanker Co. (ADNATCO), which took delivery of the ship in January. WAM said it flies under a UAE flag, though it is listed in several shipping registries as operating under a Liberian flag. ADNATCO couldn't be reached for comment. The company's general manager, Ali Obaid al-Yabhouni, told WAM the crew was in good health and high spirits when they arrived.

Poland's foreign minister, Radek Sikorski, spoke to the ship's Polish captain after the rescue Monday. He told reporters the captain, whom he did not name, said one crew member was injured during the attack. “When the pirates seized the ship, the crew hid in a special gym room which served as a kind of a fortress for over half a day. The pirates could not force their way into it, even though they were using grenade launchers,” Sikorski told a news briefing. Sikorski thanked the UAE for rescuing the vessel, telling reporters he hopes the pirates “face a tough sentence.” **Source :** Khaleej Times

P-TRAP RECOGNIZED AT SEATRADE AWARDS

Anti-piracy efforts took center stage at recent awards ceremony



Piracy was the theme of the evening at the 23rd Seatrade Awards Ceremony Dinner, held April 4 at London's Guildhall. International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary-General, Efthimios Mitropoulos chaired the event which honored exceptional contributions made over the last year within the maritime industry. Westmark BV, based in The Netherlands, was named a finalist in the Safety at Sea category for its anti-piracy protection product, P-Trap®.

The Seatrade Special Award for Countering Piracy was presented to Ban Ki-moon,

Secretary-General United Nations (UN), and a separate award was dedicated to the seafarers of the world who have been endangered by maritime piracy. The awards were presented by HRH The Princess Royal, who highlighted the importance of finding solutions to the piracy problem, “Over 600 seafarers are currently being held hostage by pirates and there are more incidents on a weekly basis. Finding a suitable answer to piracy is an international problem and a solution must be found internationally.”

The P-Trap®, a passive non-lethal protection measure against pirates, was introduced to the international shipping community last year. Since then, multiple major marine transport companies, including Dockwise, have tested the system while sailing through the Gulf of Aden and other pirate-infested regions.

“The P-Trap® contributes to the hardening of a vessel, but even more importantly, in today's climate, it gives crew members an additional layer of protection, confidence and peace of mind that extends to their families at home as well,” said Lodewijk Westerbeek van Eerten, creator of P-Trap®.

The P-Trap® protects seagoing vessels from unwanted boarding attempts. Once deployed it offers continuous protection without monitoring and prevents seafarers from being placed in harm's way. The system is designed to withstand multiple simultaneously performed pirate attacks by means of two heavily constructed P-Trap® booms positioned on both sides of the vessel. Conductors are lowered to the waterline carrying P-Trap® lines along the entire length of the vessel. The propeller of a pirate vessel that sails within reach of the P-Trap® will become entangled in the lines, stalling the engine and immobilizing the propulsion of the attacking vessel. As a result, the P-Trap® line will break at a weak link and the pirates will have to clear their propeller.

A full-scale test was performed last year by the Royal Dutch Coast Guard in conjunction with the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Organization and the Royal Dutch Navy on the North Sea. Four simulated pirate attacks at varying speeds put the product to the test with promising results—in all cases the “pirates” were unable to come within five meters of the ship.



The **POS SYDNEY** in to Melbourne off Portsea Port Phillip Bay, 7-4-2011.
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