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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS, SKIPPERS
AND SHIP AGENTS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, FISHING VESSELS AND
RECREATIONAL CRAFT.**

EU Operation "Atalanta" to Counter Piracy in Waters off the Coast of Somalia.

[Marine Notice 53 of 2008](#) provided updated information regarding piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia.

The European Union, in an initiative to counter piracy off the coast of Somalia, has now commenced operation "Atalanta." This will be conducted from the EU Operational Headquarters (OHQ) in Northwood, UK and represents a further step by the EU in support of UN Resolutions 1814 and 1816.

Consequently all EU navy vessels deployed in the region will be under the control of the Operational Commander in Northwood. The Commander will decide the best option for protecting the shipping lanes, depending on the established priorities, the tactical situation and the number of naval assets available, etc.

Further information will be found at the Website www.mschoa.eu

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