

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

MARITIME CYBERSECURITY PRIMER

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Scope

RISKS

What cyber risks exist in the maritime domain?

CASE STUDIES

Including an ECDIS related hit in 2022

FOLLOW-ON POINTS

5 things hydrographers need to know about cybersecurity

WHAT CYBER RISKS EXIST IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN?

DIGITAL TOOLS

A growing reliance on these from merchant and military mariners

OLD & COMPLEX INFRA-STRUCTURE

Understanding and pinpointing threats while identifying digital vulnerabilities

CYBER STAFF - A RARE COMMODITY

Lack or absence of IT and cybersecurity literate staff onboard ships and ashore

STRATEGY & PLANS

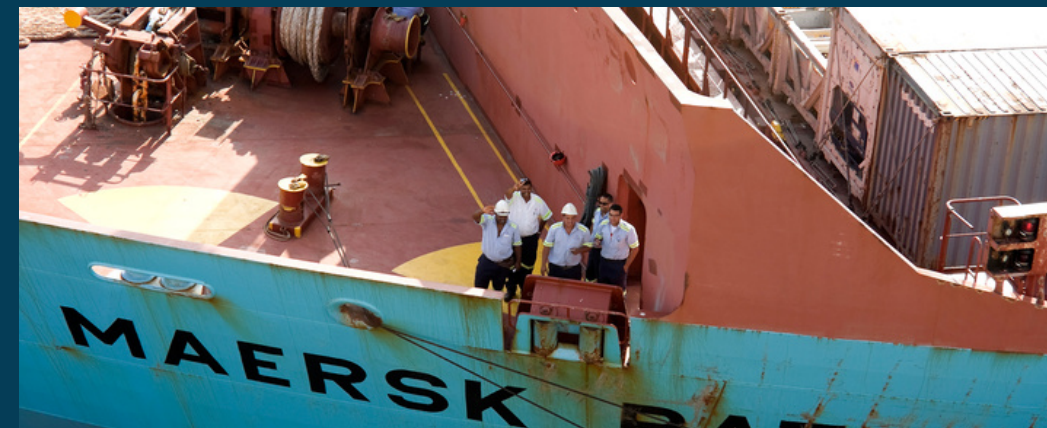
Business recovery plans not tested with ownership often unclear

CASE STUDIES



JNPT 2022

Jawaharlal Nehru Port
Container Terminal (JNPT),
India, Ransomware



MAERSK 2017

NotPetya malware designed to
spread on computer
information system networks



ECDIS 2022

Crew members unknowingly
use infected USB stick for chart
updates

5 THINGS HYDROGRAPHERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CYBERSECURITY

Threat Landscape

Cybersecurity is about more than protecting data

Leadership Focus

Executives must focus on risk, reputation, and business continuity

Knowledge

Senior hydrographic leaders must be knowledgeable participants

Defence in Depth

A layered technology approach and human oversight is needed

Mindset

Cybersecurity is an organisational problem, not just technical

Conclusion

UNDERSTAND

Hydrographic vulnerabilities & priorities

STRESS-TEST

Your cybersecurity strategy

INVEST

In cybersecurity training

COLLABORATE

At local, national, and regional levels

68%

DISCUSS CYBERSECURITY
AT SENIOR LEVEL
REGULARLY OR
CONSTANTLY

9%

DO NOT DISCUSS
CYBERSECURITY AT BOARD
LEVEL IN FORTUNE 500
COMPANIES



60%

**HAVE PUBLISHED A CYBERSECURITY PLAN BUT
HAVE YET TO STRESS-TEST IT**

Cyber questions senior hydrographers need to ask

1. What are our most important assets and how are we protecting them?

2. What are the layers of protection we have put in place?

3. How do we know if we've been breached? How do we detect it?

4. What are our response plans in the event of an incident?

5. What is our role, at hydrographic office board level, in an incident?

6. What are our business recovery plans in the event of a cyber incident?

7. Is our cybersecurity investment enough?