

Incident Report :	16/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	4 October 2008 at 0050hrs
Location of incident :	01° 12.5' N, 103° 54.5' E
Area Description :	Approx 2 nm east of Batu Berhanti Buoy, Indonesia
Name/Type of Ship:	<i>MV Sin Huat</i> /coaster
<p>Details of Incident :</p> <p>The Malaysian-registered ship, the <i>MV Sin Huat</i> was under way from Singapore to Sibu, Sarawak on 4 October 2008.</p> <p>At 0050 hrs on 4 October 2008, the ship was at 01° 12.5' N, 103° 54.5' E (approximately 2 nm east of Batu Berhanti buoy) in the east bound lane of the Straits of Singapore when three masked robbers armed with <i>parangs</i> (long knives) boarded the ship from a speed boat. Please refer to approximate location of ship below.</p> <p>The robbers damaged the VHF handset, stole the ship master's computer and cash, and the crew's personal belongings before escaping. No crew was injured.</p> <p>The ship master reported the incident to the Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC). The POCC promulgated a NAVTEX broadcast on the Safety Net warning all ships operating in the vicinity about the incident and advising them to maintain anti-piracy watch. The POCC also informed the MRCC of Putra Jaya and MRCC of Indonesia.</p>	
Reported by :	ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
Comments by ISC :	The ReCAAP ISC commends the ship master of the <i>MV Sin Huat</i> for reporting the incident to the authorities, in this case, the Singapore POCC who is

	also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). This enables the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) to initiate a NAVTEX broadcast warning all ships operating in the vicinity about the incident.
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