## Houthi release video of Eternity C sinking, industry condemns deadly attacks

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Screenshot from Houthi video.

A second video from the Houthi shows the attack on the Eternity C, as the industry unites in outrage over deaths of innocent seafarers.

Shipping industry organisations reacted in shock and anger over the attacks on the bulkers *Magic Seas* and *Eternity C* in the Red Sea by the Houthi in Yemen which resulted in the sinking of both vessels. Four seafarers from the *Eternity C* are reported to have died and many of the crew are unaccounted for.

Commenting on the attacks on the two vessels a joint statement from <u>ICS</u>, <u>Bimco</u>, European Shipowners/ECSA, <u>Intercargo</u> and <u>Intertanko</u> said: "These vessels have been attacked with callous disregard for the lives of innocent civilian seafarers and as an inevitable but terrible consequence, seafarers have been killed."

World Shipping Council President & CEO Joe Kramek, stated, "What we're seeing unfold in the Red Sea is shocking and unacceptable. Seafarers are being killed while simply doing their jobs."

"The World Shipping Council extends its deepest condolences to the families of those who have been lost, and our thoughts are with all those affected. These are devastating, deeply felt losses for the global shipping community." The latest attacks by the Houthi on commercial shipping came after a lull of over six months since 26 December 2024.

IMO Secretary General Arsenio Dominguez said: "After several months of calm, the resumption of deplorable attacks in the Red Sea constitutes a renewed violation of international law and freedom of navigation. Innocent seafarers and local populations are the main victims of these attacks and the pollution they cause."

The IMO Secretary-General called for intensified diplomatic and dialogue to address geopolitical conflicts impacting merchant shipping.

Industry organisations supported the call by the Dominguez. "We cannot allow attacks on commercial ships to become normalised or weaponised as political tools. The safety of those at sea, and the freedoms and rights of navigation, must be protected. We support the IMO Secretary-General's call for dialogue, to ensure the safety of seafarers," said Kramek from the WSC.

"We join with the IMO Secretary General in his denunciation of the attacks and we call on all stakeholders to uphold the safety and security of innocent civilian seafarers as they pass through this vital waterway, carrying the food, goods and energy the world's economy relies upon," read the joint statement from ICS, Bimco, European Shipowners/ECSA, Intercargo and Intertanko.

"This tragedy illuminates the need for nations to maintain robust support in protecting shipping and vital sea lanes. We urge that the international standards of freedom of navigation and the sanctity of human life are recognised, upheld and defended."

A video released by the Houthi confirms the sinking of *Eternity C* which was holed in by a missile resulting in water ingress which led it to sink.



Four seafarers are reported to have died in the attack while according to European naval force EU NAVFOR ASIPEDES six crew who jumped overboard, after lifeboats were damaged in the assault, have been rescued. There were 22 crew and three security officers on board the *Eternity C* and the fate of the other 15 remains unclear.

The Houthi stated they had "rescued" a number ship's crew provided them with medical care and "transported to them to a safe location". The statement from the Houthi would appear to confirm fears that a number of the crew had been kidnapped.

As with the 6 July attack on the Magic Seas the Houthi Yemini Armed Forces have released a slickly produced video of the assault on the Liberian-flagged *Eternity C*.

The video shows missile launches from land and strikes on the bulker. Drone footage shows extensive damage to the ship's bridge and accommodation block. The *Eternity C's* hull was also holed by one of the missile strikes and the ingress of water results in the sinking of the stricken vessel. The video closes with a shot of a speedboat heading towards a life raft.

The Houthi said the *Eternity C* was targeted as the owner Cosmoship had a vessel in its fleet that had called the port of Eliat in Israel. The Houthi have threatened to target any ships owned by companies that have vessels calling at ports in Israel.

Before the renewed attacks this week, there had been 112 incidents recorded in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden since November 2023, including six serious incidents, 42 minor incidents, 46 attempted attacks, and four hijackings, according to the Joint Maritime Information Centre (JMIC). Four mariners have been killed and two seriously injured in Houthi attacks on merchant ships.