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OUR VISION....

To become the premier
marine logistics and
charter services company
in Nigeria, and a leading
and internationally
recognized marine
services provider in West
Africa.

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has raised an alarm over the alleged prevalence of anomalies in the clearance of the nation's exports. In a letter dated 20th March, 2013, with reference numbers NCS/T&T/I&E/017/VOL. XII, and assigned by the Deputy Comptroller-General in charge of Tariff and Trade, Mr. Julius Nwagwu, the Service lamented: "Reports reaching Headquarters indicate that anomalies are prevalent in the clearance of exports through the ports/borders."

The letter, a copy of which was sighted by **SHIPS & PORTS DAILY**, was titled CIRCULAR NO: 005/2013. RE: CLEARANCE PROCEDURE – GENERAL (EXPORT). The circular was addressed to all Deputy Comptrollers-General, all Assistant Comptrollers-General, All Customs Area Controllers (CAC) and All Unit Heads.

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NEWS WITHIN OUR SHORES

OSV Attacked by Pirates Off Nigeria

Offshore supply vessel Bourbon Arethuse, belonging to French company Bourbon, was attacked by pirates on Tuesday night, offshore Nigeria, IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed.

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NIMASA inspects 6,300 vessels in 2012

... As Nigerian ports lose 5.2m metric tonnes of cargo

The nation's apex maritime regulatory organ, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) carried out flag state inspections on no fewer than 5,274 vessels as part of its safety initiatives in 2012.

This is even as Nigerian ports experienced a dip in fortunes, losing 5.2 million metric tonnes of cargo last year. Minister of Transport, Senator Idris Umar, who disclosed these in Abuja on Monday during the 2013 Ministerial Platform organised by the Federal Ministry of Information to highlight the mid-term achievements of the administration of President Goodluck Jonathan, said that NIMASA also carried out port state inspections on 595 vessels and conditional survey of 507 vessels.

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Private Maritime Security Companies and Concerns for the Near Future

The international maritime security community celebrates one year without successful hijackings in the West Indian Ocean. This 'victory' is ascribed to the multinational flotilla's anti-piracy operations, but— from the author's perspective—the tactical advantage is stemming from the deployment of private armed escorts onboard merchant vessels.

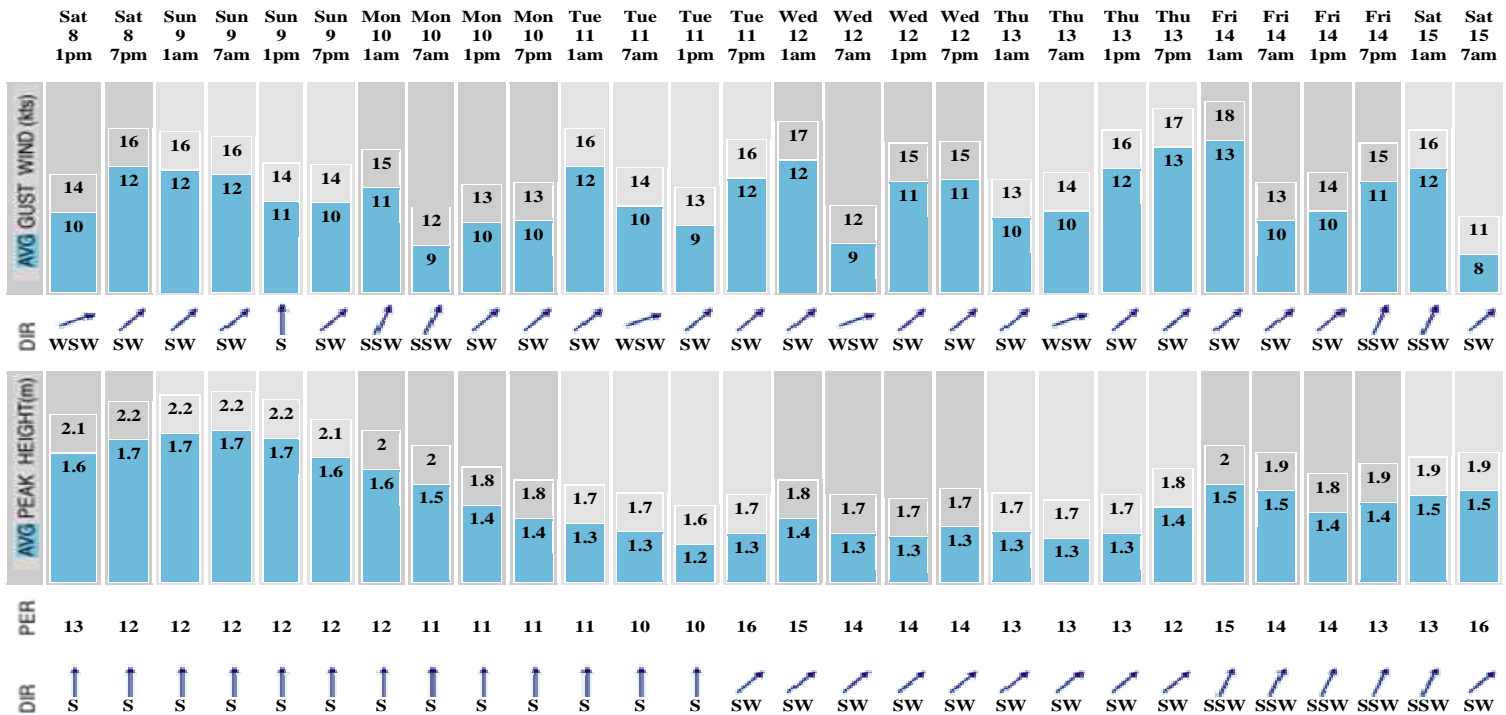
Albeit the current decline of the phenomenon in the region, all strategy planners recommend awareness and caution, since they realise that the root causes and causal factors still exist in the Somali coast and there is still a long way ahead before removing the East coast of Africa from the 'high risk' areas.

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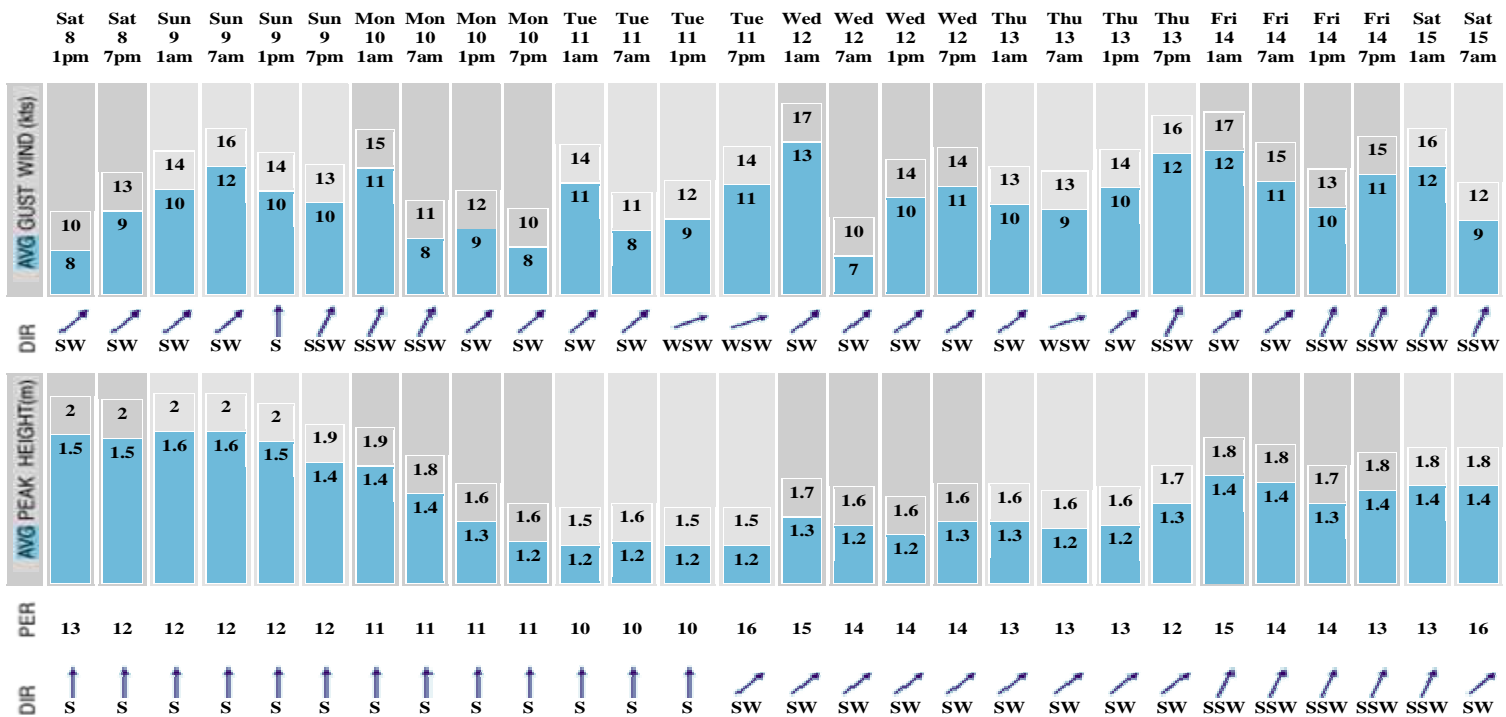
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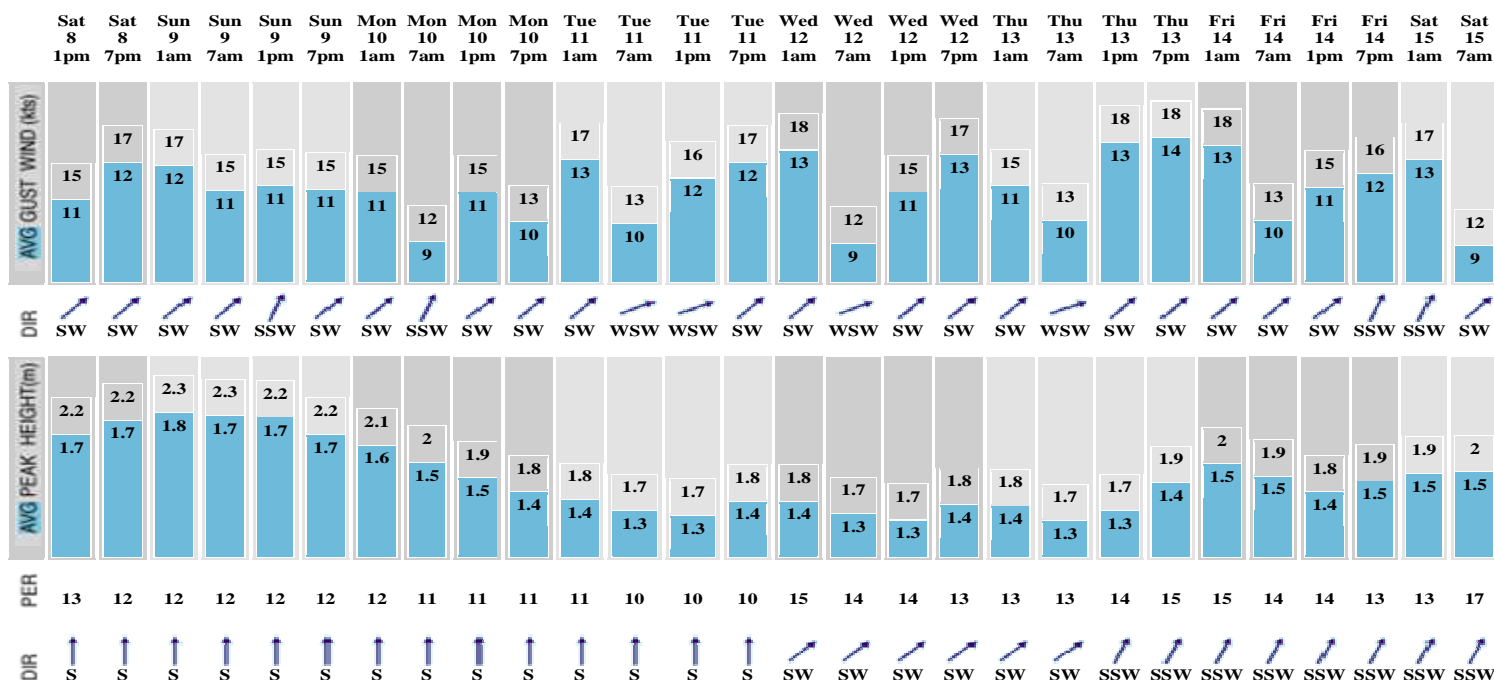
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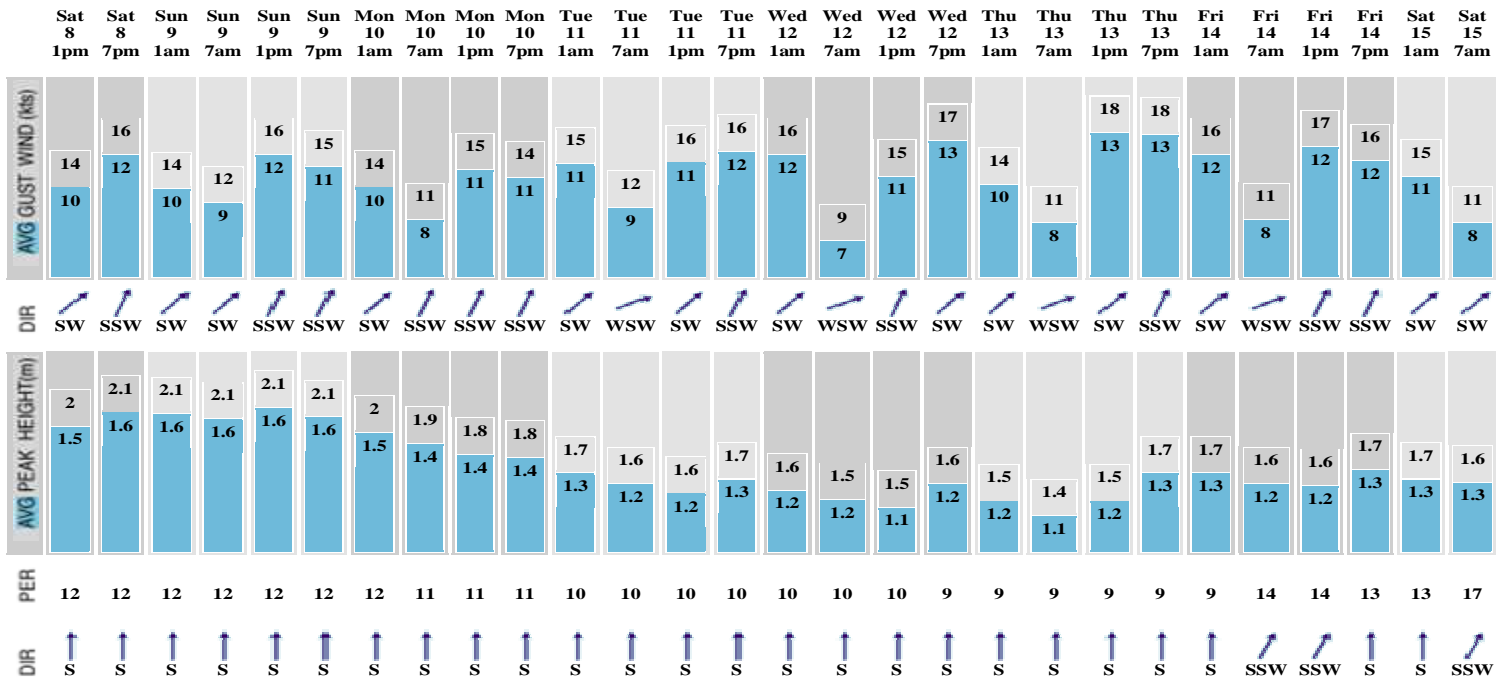
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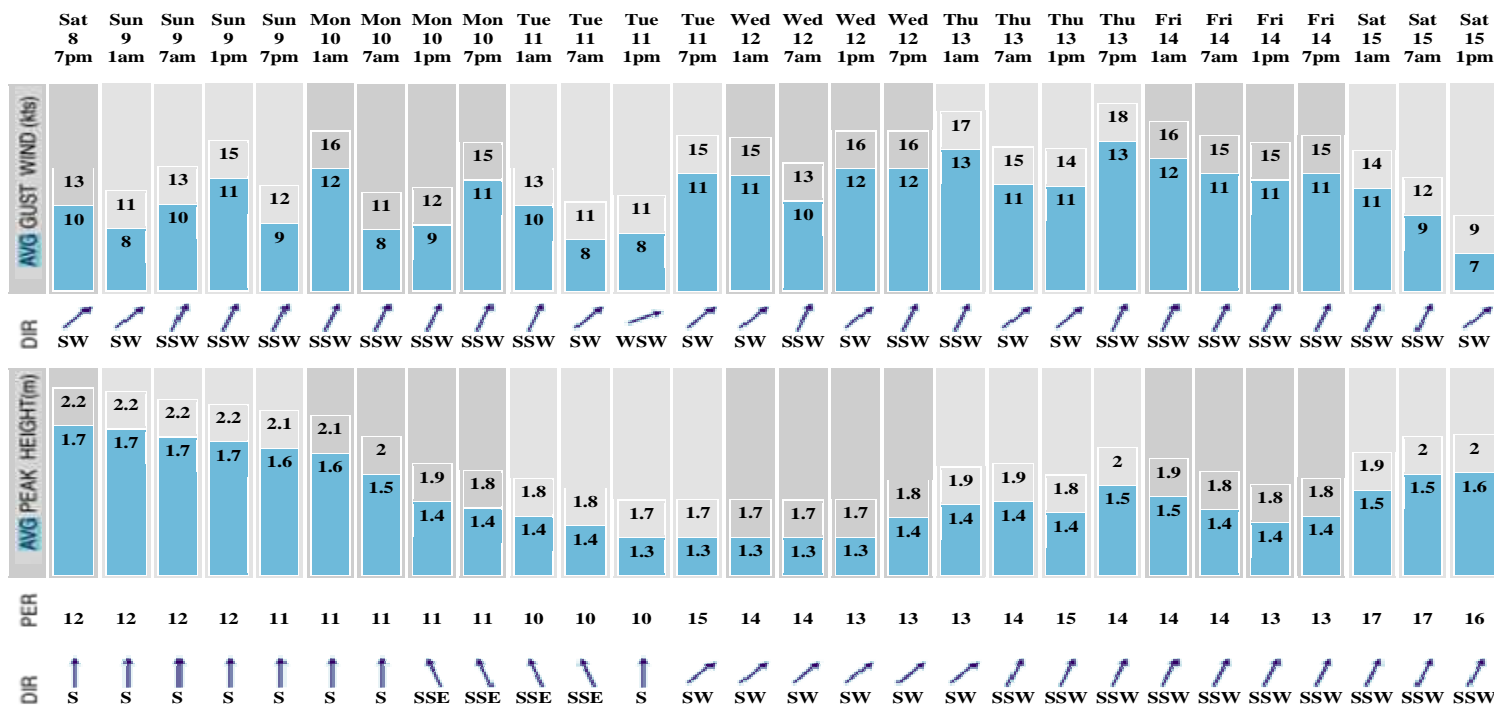
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Market index as at 7th June 2013




CURRENCIES

	Price	Change
EUR-USD	1.3218	 1.68%
GBP-USD	1.5558	 2.37%
USD-NGN	159.7	 0.95%

COMMODITIES

	Price	Change
ICE-BRENT	104.8	 4.64%
ICE WTI	96.23	 5.05%
ICE GO	875	 4.29%

EQUITY INDICES

	Value	Change
DOW	15,248.12	 0.88%
FTSE 100	6,411.99	 -2.60%
NIKKEI	12,877.53	 -6.51%

OUR MISSION.....

To be an exemplary marine focused company in the delivery of marine logistics, procurement, charter and services; known for unwavering adherence to global operational and safety standards and synonymous with reliability, efficiency, ethics and integrity

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	Price	Change
UK-1YR	72.83	 -0.44%
GMY-1YR	108.34	 4.55%
US- 1YR	88.73	 0.89%

"Note that change indicated represents movement from last weekend's close values"



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ISO Technical Specification of LNG Bunkering Published

The long awaited ISO Technical Specification of LNG bunkering was published on June 6th on the International Association of Oil & Gas producers' (OGP) website for review. The document has been developed by an international committee of experts with representatives from classifications societies, LNG suppliers, flag states, equipment suppliers, shipping companies etc.

Johan Algell of White Smoke Consulting represents Sweden in the committee. The importance of the document is yet to be seen but it has been requested by many. If well received it will, together with the forthcoming IGF code, have the ability to fill the regulatory gap identified and become a major contribution to the development of LNG as the future main fuel for shipping.

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ECSSR: The Challenges of Piracy in Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea

The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) launched a symposium on the 4th of June 2013, under the title The Challenges of Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea. It was organized in collaboration with the Yemen International Affairs Center (YIAC).

The symposium has been attended by a number of diplomats, strategic experts, specialists in International Maritime and International Law and counter terrorism.

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