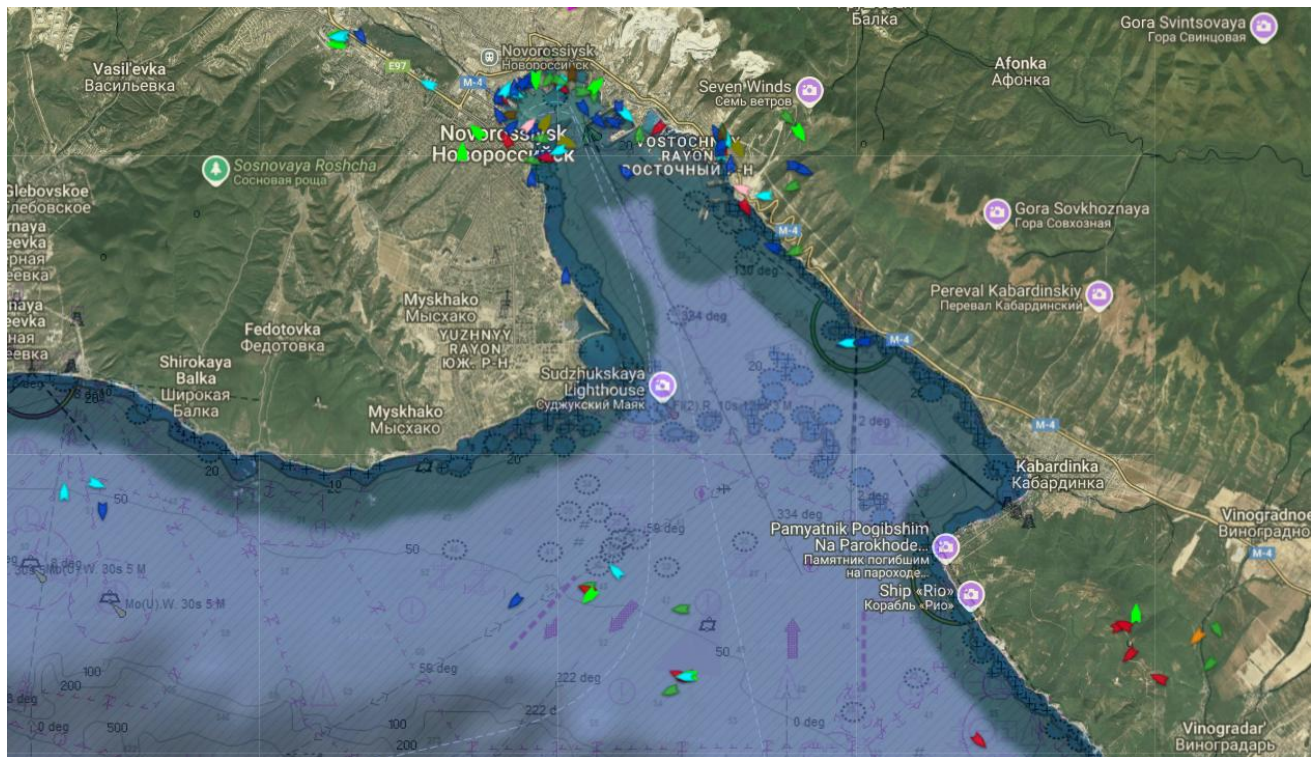


MARITIME SECURITY ADVISORY

No 26/08

Issue Date: 14 March 2026



**Subject: Tanker
struck, fire onboard,
extinguished by the
crew**

Area of Concern:
Novorossiysk port,
Black Sea, Russia
Federation

Date: 14-Mar 2026

Time: 05:00 UTC

Position:

Lat: 44°43'N

Long: 037°47'E

Reliability: **HIGH**

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Advisory Summary:

A projectile attack on off Novorossiysk port and Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) area reported early hours on March 14, 2026.

According to initial reports, a tanker sustained damages by fire at the manifold area, extinguished by the crew. A damage assessment is in progress. No injuries have been reported.

The Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) operations have not been affected and continue as normal.

Local authorities responded with emergency services. Communication disruptions and electronic interference with GPS jamming and AIS spoofing has been reported.

Key Points:

- Unidentified projectile attack commenced morning hours on March 14, 2026.
- Port facilities have been targeted. No reports yet for any damages.
- One tanker has been struck with no crew casualties.
- Fire at the vessel's manifold area has been extinguished by the crew.
- Communication disruptions and electronic interference with GPS jamming and AIS spoofing.

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- Ukrainian drones have repeatedly hit oil infrastructure at Novorossiysk in early March 2026, including an oil terminal in the port area, causing fires and civilian injuries.
- The Trump administration announced a temporary 30-day waiver on March 12, 2026, allowing the sale and delivery of Russian crude and petroleum products already loaded onto vessels at sea before that date, aimed at stabilizing global oil prices spiked by the Iran conflict. Ukrainian leaders, including President Zelensky, sharply criticized it as a boost to Moscow's war funding, a reason for triggering more aggression from the Ukrainian side.

Recommendations:

- Keep clear: Give the affected area a wide berth, maintain ≥ 5 nm from the impacted ships and from any vessel withholding AIS.
- Watchkeeping: Double visual/radar lookout, continuous recording (CCTV/handheld), maintain night orders for rapid course/speed changes.
- Hardening & readiness: Rig barriers/hoses, secure external access, verify citadel readiness, suspend non-essential deck work, PPE for fire teams.
- Reporting: Immediately report sightings/splashes/smoke/UAVs/small craft to local authorities with bearings, ranges, photos/video, radar/AIS plots, and keep updating until clear.
- Communications: Monitor distress/safety channels and VHF continuously, ensure satcom redundancy, pre-draft reports.
- AIS & GPS: Rely on traditional methods like radar, visual lookout, and compass bearings in the case of jamming and spoofing.
- Coordination & routing: Avoid loitering, deconflict with nearby traffic and naval units, follow local and port authorities instructions and review insurance/charter notifications.

END OF ADVISORY

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