

■ CUBA MARITIME INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) — Vessel Tracking & Sanctions Monitoring

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■■ **CRITICAL ALERT — ACTIVE SANCTIONS VIOLATION IN PROGRESS** Sanctioned Russian crude oil tanker ANATOLY KOLODKIN (IMO 9610808, 730,000 barrels) departed Primorsk, Russia on March 8, 2026. Analysts (Kpler, TankerTrackers) report vessel is en route to Matanzas, Cuba. AIS destination reads 'Atlantis' — spoofing suspected. Vessel is under US OFAC, UK HMT, and EU sanctions. OFAC expanded restrictions March 20, 2026, prohibiting Cuba from receiving Russian crude. Status: **ACTIVE THREAT**.

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Oil/Cargo Vessels

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OFAC/EU/UK
Sanctioned

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CRITICAL Risk

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HIGH Risk

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Vessel Movements

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Military Vessels

■ **OPERATION SOUTHERN SPEAR — U.S. Naval Interdiction Campaign | 7 dark fleet tankers seized (Dec 2025 – Feb 2026) | ~7 Million barrels intercepted | 17+ vessels still operating off Venezuela coast**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cuba faces a total energy collapse as of March 2026. The United States, under Operation Southern Spear (launched December 2025), has effectively disrupted Cuba's "dark fleet" oil supply network, seizing 7 shadow tankers carrying approximately 7 million barrels of Venezuelan and Russian crude oil destined for the island. Cuba is experiencing 18+ hour daily blackouts, airports have run out of jet fuel, and satellite imagery confirms a 50% reduction in nighttime illumination in major cities.

Russia is attempting to circumvent the US blockade by dispatching the sanctioned tanker ANATOLY KOLODKIN (730,000 barrels of Urals crude) from Primorsk port on March 8, 2026. OFAC expanded restrictions March 20, 2026, prohibiting Cuba from receiving Russian crude. Status: ACTIVE THREAT.

This report tracks 34 oil/cargo vessels and 20 Cuban military vessels (Marina de Guerra Revolucionaria) of intelligence interest. 17 oil vessels carry confirmed OFAC/EU/UK sanctions. Key networks: GAESA/Caroil Transport Marine Ltd. (Cyprus, OFAC 2019), Cubametales (OFAC July 2019), Sovcomflot/Rosnefteflot (Russian state). Military section covers MGR order of battle including SIGINT vessels, patrol craft, and coast guard units with recorded intelligence activity.

2. CURRENT OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

■ Cuba Energy Crisis Status	18+ hour daily blackouts nationwide. Airports operating on emergency reserves. 50% reduction in nighttime illumination per Bloomberg satellite analysis. Total collapse of domestic fuel distribution infrastructure.
■ US Naval Blockade (Operation Southern Spear)	Ongoing since December 10, 2025. USSOUTHCOM and INDOPACOM conducting active interdiction. 7 tankers seized, 17+ vessels remain in Venezuelan waters under surveillance. Trump administration declared national emergency on Cuba (2026).
■ Russian Oil Delivery Attempt	ANATOLY KOLODKIN (Sovcomflot/Russian Govt) departed Primorsk March 8, 2026 with 730,000 bbls. AIS spoofing detected — vessel broadcasting "Atlantis" as destination. Second Russian tanker reportedly also en route per CNBC/Kpler analysis.
■ OFAC Expanded Cuba Sanctions (March 2026)	US Treasury OFAC added Cuba to list of countries prohibited from transactions involving Russian crude or petroleum products. Any vessel delivering Russian oil to Cuba now faces secondary sanctions risk. Enforcement mechanism under review.
■ Cuban "Dark Fleet" Collapse	Cuba's shadow fleet operated 9 core vessels using AIS spoofing, flag rotation (Panama, Cameroon, Guyana, Timor-Leste), name changes, and ship-to-ship transfers. Network severely disrupted by US seizures. 5 of 9 core vessels now in US custody.

3. VESSEL INTELLIGENCE REGISTRY

34 oil/cargo vessels of intelligence interest tracked. Sorted by risk level (CRITICAL → LOW). Sanctioned vessels marked ■. See Section 3.3 for Cuban Military Fleet order of battle.

#	Vessel Name	IMO	Type	Flag State	Risk	Sanctions
1	AKADEMIK GUBKIN	9842190	Crude Oil Tanker	Russia	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
2	ANATOLY KOLODKIN	9610808	Crude Oil Tanker	Russia	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
3	AQUILA II	9281152	Suezmax Crude Oil Tanker	Panama (False Flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
4	DEYNA	9299903	Crude Oil Tanker	Mozambique (false flag / linked to Russia)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
5	ENIGMA	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Unknown	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
6	EQUALITY	N/A	Oil Products Tanker	Unknown (Non-Cuban tricolor flag)	■ CRITICAL	✓ CLEAR
7	ESPERANZA	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Cuba	■ CRITICAL	✓ CLEAR
8	GRINCH	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Russia (false flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
9	M SOPHIA	9289477	Crude Oil Tanker	Panama (False Flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
10	MARIA CRISTINA (ex-CARLOTA C)	9502453	Chemical/Oil Products Tanker	Cuba	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
11	MARINERA (ex-BELLA 1)	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Russia (False Flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
12	OLINA	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Unknown / False Flag	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
13	PETION	9295098	Products Tanker	Panama	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
14	SAGITTA	9296822	Aframax Crude Oil Tanker	Marshall Islands (False Flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
15	SANDINO	9441178	Chemical/Oil Products Tanker	Cuba	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
16	SKIPPER (ex-ADISA)	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker (Supertanker)	Guyanese (False Flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
17	UNIVERSAL	9384306	Crude Oil Tanker	Russia	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED

18	VERONICA	9256860	Crude Oil Tanker	Guyana (False Flag)	■ CRITICAL	■ SANCTIONED
19	ALICIA	N/A	Products Tanker	Cuba	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
20	ETHERA	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Guinea (falsified)	■ HIGH	■ SANCTIONED
21	EUGENIA GAS	8813099	LPG Tanker	Belize (formerly Liberian)	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
22	LPG C PASTORITA	9034729	LPG Tanker	Cuba	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
23	MARLIN AMMOLITE	N/A	Products Tanker	Cuba	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
24	NICOS IV (NICOS I.V.)	9103843	Oil/Chemical Tanker	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
25	OCEAN INTEGRITY	N/A	Products Tanker	Cuba	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
26	PRIMULA	N/A	Products Tanker	Cuba	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
27	SANDINO (Coastal variant / YELNYA)	N/A	Offshore Oil Tanker	Russia	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
28	SEA HORSE	9262584	Products Tanker	Hong Kong	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
29	VILMA	N/A	Crude Oil Tanker	Cuba	■ HIGH	✓ CLEAR
30	BELGIN SULTAN	N/A	Floating Power Plant	Turkey	■ MEDIUM	✓ CLEAR
31	GAS EXELERO	N/A	LPG Tanker	Cuba	■ MEDIUM	✓ CLEAR
32	GRETA	N/A	Container Ship	Belize	■ MEDIUM	✓ CLEAR
33	LEMLAND	N/A	General Cargo Ship	Unknown	■ LOW	✓ CLEAR
34	SEABOARD GALAXY	9970959	Container/Reefer Ship	USA	■ LOW	✓ CLEAR

3.1 CRITICAL RISK VESSEL PROFILES

■ VESSEL #1: AKADEMIK GUBKIN

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9842190	MMSI	273616040
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Russia
Built	2023	DWT	114,000
Registered Owner	JSC Rosneftflot (subsidiary of PJSC Rosneft)	Operator	JSC Rosneftflot
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2025-01-10
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Property of sanctioned Rosneft Oil Company; transporting sanctioned Russian crude to Cuba

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Position: 60°N 28°E (Baltic Sea, near Ust-Luga, Russia) | Speed: 1.5 kn | AIS: ACTIVE | Assessment: In Russian waters near loading terminal. Not currently en route to Cuba. Last Cuba delivery: Feb 2025 (790K bbls crude to Matanzas). OFAC sanctioned (Rosneftflot). May be loading for future Cuba delivery. Monitor for departure from Baltic. | Source: VesselFinder

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:7936025/vessel:AKADEMIK+GUBKIN>

■ VESSEL #2: ANATOLY KOLODKIN

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9610808	MMSI	273253130
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Russia
Built	2013	DWT	118,316
Registered Owner	Sovcomflot / Russian Government	Operator	Sovcomflot
Sanctioned By	EU, UK (OFSI), US (OFAC)	Sanction Date	2024-11-25
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Russian Shadow Fleet - illicit oil transport operations circumventing sanctions on Russia

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Position: NW Atlantic Ocean (AIS last reported ~Apr 6, satellite confirmed ~55 min ago) | Course/Speed: ~11.0 kn westbound | Draught: 8.5m (LOADED — 730K bbls Urals crude) | AIS Destination: FOR ORDER | ETA: Apr 26, 14:00 | AIS: INTERMITTENT (terrestrial AIS dark 16+ days, satellite tracking active) | Assessment: Vessel continues westward transit toward Caribbean. Destination "FOR ORDER" indicates evasive routing. Triple-sanctioned (US/UK/EU). Previously delivered 730K bbls at Matanzas Mar 31. May be repositioning for second cargo run or loitering pending UNIVERSAL delivery. | Source: VesselFinder/web OSINT

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:5090590>

■ VESSEL #3: AQUILA II

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9281152	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Suezmax Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Panama (False Flag)

Built	2004	DWT	115,000
Registered Owner	Unknown Beneficial Owner	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2022-09-15
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Dark fleet; illicit crude oil transport; AIS spoofing; extended dark activity

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Feb 9, 2026 in Indian Ocean by USINDOPACOM. In US custody. No AIS activity. Cargo being assessed. Part of Operation Southern Spear. IMO 9281152.

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/imo:9281152>

■ VESSEL #4: DEYNA

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9299903	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Mozambique (false flag / linked to Russia)
Built	—	DWT	80,000
Registered Owner	Unknown (Russian shadow fleet linked)	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	France/EU	Sanction Date	—
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK | Assessment: Dark fleet vessel, OFAC sanctioned. No active AIS detected. Status unknown — possibly laid up or operating covertly. Monitor for reactivation. | Source: web OSINT

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/imo:9299903>

■ VESSEL #5: ENIGMA

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Unknown
Built	—	DWT	—
Registered Owner	Unknown	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	US/EU/UK	Sanction Date	—
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Shadow fleet tanker

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Assessment: Dark fleet vessel, CRITICAL risk. No new AIS data. Status unknown. Continue monitoring. | Source: web OSINT

■ VESSEL #6: EQUALITY

✓ CLEAR

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Oil Products Tanker	Flag State	Unknown (Non-Cuban tricolor flag)
Built	—	DWT	—
Registered Owner	Unknown	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	None	Sanction Date	—
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-10 13:00 UTC] Position: 22.13°N 80.49°W (Cienfuegos Anchorage) | Speed: 0.0 kn | Draught: 8.0m (LOADED) | Status: At Anchor | AIS: ACTIVE. Present at Cienfuegos since discovery Mar 29 scan. Floating storage. No change. Source: MarineTraffic

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/shipid:715991>

■ VESSEL #7: ESPERANZA

✓ CLEAR

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Cuba
Built	—	DWT	—
Registered Owner	Cuban State (CUPET/GAESA)	Operator	Cuban State
Sanctioned By	None	Sanction Date	—
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-10 13:00 UTC] Position: 22.15°N 80.48°W (Cienfuegos Bay) | Speed: 0.0 kn | Draught: 8.1m | Status: At Anchor | AIS: ACTIVE | Dest: CUCFG (Cienfuegos). Cuban-flagged tanker moored at Cienfuegos since Feb 15. Likely floating storage for remaining fuel reserves. No change from last scan. Source: MarineTraffic

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/shipid:214577>

■ VESSEL #8: GRINCH

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Russia (false flag)
Built	—	DWT	—
Registered Owner	—	Operator	—
Sanctioned By	EU/France	Sanction Date	2026-01
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Russian shadow fleet tanker, sanctions evasion

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-03-29 13:13 UTC] SEIZED January 2026 by French Navy — first European seizure of Russian shadow fleet tanker. Carrying Russian crude in violation of EU sanctions. France was first EU nation to detain shadow fleet tanker. Preceded Belgium/France Operation Blue Intruder (ETHERA, March 1 2026). Source: USNI News 2026-03-02

■ VESSEL #9: M SOPHIA

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9289477	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Panama (False Flag)
Built	2004	DWT	21,500
Registered Owner	Unknown Shell Company	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2023-01-15
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Dark fleet operations; transporting sanctioned Venezuelan crude to Cuba

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Jan 7, 2026. Stateless dark fleet tanker. In US custody. IMO 9289477.

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/imo:9289477>

■ VESSEL #10: MARIA CRISTINA (ex-CARLOTA C)

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9502453	MMSI	323149000
Vessel Type	Chemical/Oil Products Tanker	Flag State	Cuba
Built	2011	DWT	12,000
Registered Owner	Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.	Operator	GAESA / Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2019-07-03
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Delivering Venezuelan petroleum products (gasoline) to Cuba; linked to PdVSA/Cubametales scheme

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK | Assessment: Cuban state vessel (OFAC sanctioned, Caroil/GAESA network). Believed serving as floating storage at Matanzas alongside Sandino, Ocean Integrity, Alicia, Marlin Ammolite, Pastorita. No fuel imports since Jan 9. Venezuela supply chain collapsed after Maduro capture Jan 3. | Source: CyberCuba/web OSINT

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:554321/vessel:MARIA+CRISTINA>

■ VESSEL #11: MARINERA (ex-BELLA 1)

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Russia (False Flag)
Built	2006	DWT	43,000
Registered Owner	Rosneft / Russian State Entity	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2023-02-24
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Dark fleet Russian oil tanker; illicit crude transport; sanctions evasion via name/flag change

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Jan 7, 2026. Russian flag. In US custody. Part of Operation Southern Spear.

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:-79.5/centery:21.4/zoom:7>

■ VESSEL #12: OLINA

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Unknown / False Flag
Built	2003	DWT	35,000
Registered Owner	Unknown Shell Company	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2022-10-01
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Dark fleet; Venezuelan crude oil transport to sanctioned destinations

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Jan 15, 2026. Venezuelan shadow fleet. In US custody.

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:-79.5/centery:21.4/zoom:7>

■ VESSEL #13: PETION

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9295098	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Products Tanker	Flag State	Panama
Built	2004	DWT	9,800
Registered Owner	Trocana World Inc.	Operator	Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2019-07-03
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Loading crude oil for Cubametales/PDVSA, transporting to Cuba in violation of sanctions. Operated by Caroil Transport Marine Ltd. (Cyprus).

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK | Assessment: Cuban state vessel (OFAC sanctioned, Caroil/GAESA network). Part of GAESA fleet. No active transit detected. Likely in Cuban waters serving as floating storage or laid up. Venezuela supply route severed. | Source: web OSINT

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:370785/vessel:PETION>

■ VESSEL #14: SAGITTA

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9296822	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Aframax Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Marshall Islands (False Flag)
Built	2005	DWT	73,000

Registered Owner	Hong Kong-based shell company	Operator	Unknown
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA), EU, UK HMT	Sanction Date	2022-04-06
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Sanctioned following 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine; illicit Russian oil transport

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Jan 20, 2026 in Caribbean by USSOUTHCOM. In US custody. Part of Operation Southern Spear. IMO 9296822.

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/imo:9296822>

■ VESSEL #15: SANDINO

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9441178	MMSI	323148000
Vessel Type	Chemical/Oil Products Tanker	Flag State	Cuba
Built	2009	DWT	30,000
Registered Owner	Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.	Operator	Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA)	Sanction Date	2019-07-03
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Operating in Venezuelan oil sector, transporting crude to Cuba in violation of E.O. 13850

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK (no signal for 50+ days) | Last known: anchored near Cuba (possibly Matanzas area) | Assessment: Cuban state vessel (OFAC sanctioned), previously carried 390-410K bbls from Nipe Bay to Matanzas in Feb 2026. Now believed serving as floating storage at Matanzas alongside other GAESA fleet vessels. No AIS transmission. | Source: web OSINT/CiberCuba

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:434978/vessel:SANDINO>

■ VESSEL #16: SKIPPER (ex-ADISA)

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	N/A	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker (Supertanker)	Flag State	Guyanese (False Flag)
Built	2005	DWT	300,000
Registered Owner	Unknown Shell Company	Operator	Unknown / PdVSA-affiliated
Sanctioned By	OFAC (USA) - Previously under name ADISA	Sanction Date	2022-11-03
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Moving illicit oil; in 2024 delivered 3M bbls Iranian oil to Syria; in 2025 hauling 1.8M bbls PdVSA crude to Cubametales

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Dec 10, 2025 in waters between Grenada and Trinidad. 1.8M barrels Venezuelan crude. US Navy custody. Part of Operation Southern Spear.

■ MarineTraffic AIS Profile: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/vessel:SKIPPER>

■ VESSEL #17: UNIVERSAL

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9384306	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Russia
Built	—	DWT	—
Registered Owner	Sovcomflot	Operator	Sovcomflot
Sanctioned By	US/UK/EU	Sanction Date	—
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Russian shadow fleet tanker, Sovcomflot-owned, sanctions evasion

■ Intelligence Notes: [2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Position: NW Atlantic Ocean (AIS active, last seen <1 hr ago) | Speed: 4.9 kn westbound | AIS Destination: FOR ORDER | ETA: Apr 23, 08:00 | Assessment: Second Russian tanker (Sovcomflot, Barbados flag) transiting toward Cuba. Departed Baltic early April, English Channel Apr 8 with Admiral Grigorovich frigate escort. Russia Energy Minister announced Apr 2: "second ship being loaded." Violates OFAC GL 134a. ETA Caribbean Apr 23-29. CRITICAL — approaching interdiction zone. | Source: VesselFinder/MarineTraffic/UPI/Al Jazeera

■ VESSEL #18: VERONICA

■ SANCTIONED

IMO Number	9256860	MMSI	N/A
Vessel Type	Crude Oil Tanker	Flag State	Guyana (False Flag)
Built	—	DWT	—
Registered Owner	—	Operator	—
Sanctioned By	OFAC (E.O. 13224 / PSB Lizing)	Sanction Date	2022-02-22
Risk Level	CRITICAL		

■ Sanction Reason: Owned by PSB Lizing OOO, leasing subsidiary of sanctioned Russian Promsvyazbank (PSB). Designated for operating in Russia defense/financial sectors.

■ Intelligence Notes: MAR 26 SCAN (SECONDARY RUN): SEIZED Jan 15, 2026 off Venezuela. In US custody. Guyana false flag registered. Part of Operation Southern Spear. IMO 9256860.

3.3 CUBAN MILITARY FLEET — MARINA DE GUERRA REVOLUCIONARIA (MGR)

20 military vessels tracked. Includes surface combatants, submarines, SIGINT/intelligence collection vessels, patrol craft, coast guard, and logistics units. Sources: Jane's Fighting Ships, USNI, GlobalSecurity.org, MarineTraffic OSINT.

#	Vessel Name	MMSI	Role	Type	Risk	Intelligence Notes
1	ADMIRAL GRIGOROVICH	—	Frigate	Frigate	■ CRITICAL	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Assessment: Russian frigate Admiral Grigorovich — escorted tanker UNIVERSAL through English Chann...
2	CAIMÁN	323011000	Submarine	Submarine (Foxtrot-class)	■ CRITICAL	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Submarine CAIMÁN (Foxtrot-class) — dry-docked at Cienfuegos. No change. H...
3	CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	323040000	Intelligence/SIGINT	Intelligence Collection Vessel	■ CRITICAL	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK (expected for SIGINT ops) Assessment: SIGINT vessel CAMILO CIENFUEGOS — no AIS contac...
4	DELFIN	323010000	Submarine	Submarine (Foxtrot-class)	■ CRITICAL	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Submarine DELFIN (Foxtrot-class) — believed non-operational at Cienfuegos...
5	VILLA CLARA	323041000	Intelligence/SIGINT	Intelligence Collection Vessel	■ CRITICAL	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK (expected for SIGINT ops) Assessment: SIGINT vessel VILLA CLARA — no AIS contact. Coo...
6	ANTONIO MACEO	323001000	Frigate	Frigate	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK (likely in port) Assessment: Frigate ANTONIO MACEO (Koni-class) — believed at Cienfue...
7	BAHIA DE NIPE	323060000	Logistics/Support	Naval Replenishment Vessel	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Logistics vessel BAHIA DE NIPE — if underway, indicates extended MGR patr...
8	GRANMA	323030000	Fast Attack Craft	Fast Attack Craft (Osa-II)	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Fast attack craft GRANMA (Osa-II) — believed at Cienfuegos. Styx anti-shi...
9	JOSE MARTI	323002000	Frigate	Frigate	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK (likely in port) Assessment: Frigate JOSE MARTI (Koni-class) — believed at Havana Nav...
10	OCCIDENTE	323021000	Patrol Vessel	Patrol Vessel (Pauk-class)	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK/INTERMITTENT Assessment: Patrol vessel OCCIDENTE (Pauk-class) — joint patrol with ORI...
11	ORIENTE	323020000	Patrol Vessel	Patrol Vessel (Pauk-class)	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK/INTERMITTENT Assessment: Patrol vessel ORIENTE (Pauk-class) — likely operating in Flo...

1 2	RFS SOOBRAZITELNY	—	Frigate	Steregushchiy-class Corvette	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Assessment: Russian corvette — last reported Apr 18 in Atlantic/northern waters. May have been pa...
1 3	SIERRA MAESTRA	323031000	Fast Attack Craft	Fast Attack Craft (Osa-II)	■ HIGH	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Fast attack craft SIERRA MAESTRA (Osa-II) — last known: Gulf of Batabanó ...
1 4	GUANTANAMO	323050000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Coast guard GUANTANAMO (Stenka-class) — likely patrolling GTMO area 12nm ...
1 5	HABANA	323052000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK/INTERMITTENT Assessment: Coast guard HABANA (Stenka-class) — previously observed esco...
1 6	ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD	323061000	Logistics/Support	Naval Transport	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Naval transport ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD — Mariel Naval Facility. No change de...
1 7	PINAR DEL RIO	323051000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] AIS: DARK Assessment: Coast guard PINAR DEL RIO (Stenka-class) — western Cuba / Florida Straits...
1 8	USAV WILSON WHARF	—	Logistics/Support	Landing Craft Utility (LCU-2011)	■ MEDIUM	[2026-03-29 13:13 UTC] Position: 21°11.340'N / 75°10.590'W (north Cuban coast, heading NW from GTMO) Course: NW Spee...
1 9	USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	—	Patrol Vessel	Littoral Combat Ship	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Position: Key West / Florida Straits Assessment: USS Wichita (LCS-13) entered Key West mid-Apri...
2 0	USNS LARAMIE (T-AO-203)	—	Logistics/Support	Fleet Oiler	■ LOW	[2026-04-22 13:00 UTC] Position: Florida Straits / Key West area Assessment: USNS Laramie (T-AO-203) fleet oiler suppo...

3.3.1 MILITARY VESSEL RECORDED ACTIVITY

Vessel	Activity	Location	Date	AIS	Sanctions Flag	Notes
USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	PATROL	Key West / Florida Straits	2026-04-22	✓ ACTIVE	—	Entered Key West mid-April. Active patrol Florida Straits. Part of increased US
USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	PATROL	Florida Straits	2026-04-21	✓ ACTIVE	—	Freedom-class LCS operating in Florida Straits near Key West/Cuba Apr 18-20. Str
ADMIRAL GRIGOROVICH	ESCORT	English Channel	2026-04-08	✓ ACTIVE	—	Escorted UNIVERSAL+ENIGMA through English Channel. Shadowed by RFA Tideforce.
ADMIRAL GRIGOROVICH	ESCORT	English Channel / North Atlantic	2026-04-08	✓ ACTIVE	—	Russian frigate escorted UNIVERSAL + ENIGMA through English Channel Apr 8. Shado

ORIENTE	PATROL	Northern Cuba / Villa Clara Province	2026-03-28	✓ ACTIVE	—	AIS DARK — No Florida Straits transmissions detected during March 28 scan. MGR p
OCCIDENTE	DARK	Northern Cuba / Florida Straits	2026-03-28	✓ ACTIVE	—	AIS DARK during March 28 scan. No transmissions detected. Joint patrol with ORIE
USAV WILSON WHARF	TRANSIT	North Cuba coast (21°11.340N / 75°10.590W)	2026-03-28	✓ ACTIVE	—	March 28, 2026 01:14 — USAV Wilson Wharf (LCU-2011) departed Guantanamo Bay Nava
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	DARK	Unknown — SIGINT patrol area (Florida Straits / GTMO perimeter)	2026-03-26	✓ ACTIVE	—	CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIS dark as of Mar 26 live MMSI check (323040000 — no position
HABANA	ESCORT	Havana	2026-03-24	✓ ACTIVE	—	HABANA likely provided coast guard escort for Nuestra América humanitarian aid c
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	PATROL	Florida Straits / GTMO perimeter	2026-03-24	✓ ACTIVE	—	CAMILO CIENFUEGOS (SIGINT vessel) on active intelligence-gathering patrol. Mar 2
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	ARRIVAL	Havana Naval Base	2026-03-01	✓ ACTIVE	—	Returned to Havana Naval Base after extended patrol. Resupply and crew rotation
HABANA	INTERCEPT	Cayo Falcones	2026-02-25	✓ ACTIVE	—	ENGAGEMENT: Cuban Border Guard Troops patrol vessel intercepted Florida-register
BAHIA DE NIPE	STS	Cuban EEZ — South Coast	2026-02-22	✓ ACTIVE	—	Underway replenishment with ORIENTE and OCCIDENTE. Transferred fuel and stores.
ORIENTE	PATROL	Cuban EEZ — North Coast	2026-02-20	✓ ACTIVE	—	Routine EEZ patrol. Intercepted and escorted 3 unauthorized vessels.
SIERRA MAESTRA	EXERCISE	Gulf of Batabanó	2026-02-14	✓ ACTIVE	—	Live-fire exercise. Fired 2x SS-N-2C Styx anti-ship missiles at target drone. Ex
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	DARK	Guantanamo Bay Perimeter (International Waters)	2026-02-10	■ ■ DARK	—	AIS dark 8 days. Satellite confirms vessel near GTMO perimeter. Suspected monito
SIERRA MAESTRA	EXERCISE	Gulf of Batabanó	2026-02-10	✓ ACTIVE	—	SIERRA MAESTRA (Osa-II missile boat) conducted live-fire exercise in the Gulf of
VILLA CLARA	DARK	Guantanamo Bay Perimeter	2026-01-20	■ ■ DARK	—	Extended dark period near GTMO. Coordinated with CAMILO CIENFUEGOS. US Navy P-8
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	PATROL	Florida Straits (International Waters)	2026-01-15	■ ■ DARK	—	AIS intermittent. Satellite imagery confirms SIGINT collection near US naval exe
ORIENTE	PATROL	Florida Straits / Northern Cuba	2026-01-15	✓ ACTIVE	—	ORIENTE (Pauk-class) shadowed USCG cutter during Operation Southern Spear Jan 20

4. OPERATION SOUTHERN SPEAR — SEIZURE TIMELINE

Dec 10, 2025

Source: USN/DOJ

SKIPPER (ex-ADISA) — VLCC

Seized by US Navy off Venezuela coast. Flying false Guyanese flag. Cargo: 1.8 million barrels Venezuelan crude. Of that, 1.1 million barrels destined for OFAC-sanctioned Cubametales. Civil forfeiture complaint filed DC.

Jan 7, 2026

Source: USSOUTHCOM

M SOPHIA (IMO 9289477)

USSOUTHCOM seizure in Caribbean Sea. Described as "stateless, sanctioned dark fleet motor tanker". AIS transponder off for approximately 5 months prior to capture. Flying false Panamanian flag at time of seizure.

Jan 7, 2026

Source: US Forces

MARINERA (ex-BELLA 1)

Seized by US forces in Atlantic Ocean near Iceland. Russian oil tanker. Changed name from BELLA 1 and changed flag to evade sanctions. Part of Russian shadow fleet delivering crude to Cuba and Venezuela.

Jan 15, 2026

Source: USSOUTHCOM

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5th seizure in US shadow fleet interdiction campaign. Caribbean Sea operation. Part of Venezuelan PdVSA shadow fleet. Operating under false flag. Exact IMO not confirmed in open sources.

Jan 20, 2026

Source: USSOUTHCOM

SAGITTA (IMO 9296822) — Aframax

USSOUTHCOM announcement: vessel "operating in defiance of President Trump's established quarantine of sanctioned vessels in the Caribbean." Owned by Hong Kong-based shell company. Sanctioned by US Treasury post-Ukraine invasion 2022.

Feb 9, 2026

Source: INDOPACOM

AQUILA II (IMO 9281152) — Suezmax

Seized by INDOPACOM in Indian Ocean — unprecedented deep water interdiction. History of extended dark activity (signal blackouts). Had departed Venezuelan waters January 2026 with ~700,000 barrels crude. Falsely broadcast as Panamanian-flagged. Expands US enforcement beyond Caribbean to global waters.

Mar 20, 2026

Source: OFAC/USSOUTHCOM

■■ ANATOLY KOLODKIN — ACTIVE THREAT

SANCTIONED Russian tanker (US/UK/EU) en route to Matanzas, Cuba. 730,000 barrels Russian Urals crude. AIS spoofing — broadcasting "Atlantis" as destination. OFAC expanded Russia oil sanctions to cover Cuba on this date. Status: APPROACHING CUBA. Interception decision pending.

5. SANCTIONS EVASION TACTICS & INDICATORS

■ AIS Spoofing / False Position Broadcasting	Vessels transmit false GPS coordinates or fake destinations. ANATOLY KOLODKIN broadcasts "Atlantis" while heading to Matanzas, Cuba. SEA HORSE broadcasted "not under command" approximately 1,300 nautical miles from Cuban waters while actually discharging cargo. Detection method: Cross-reference AIS with satellite imagery (Kpler, TankerTrackers).
■ AIS Blackouts / Signal Suppression	Vessels turn off AIS transponders entirely to disappear from tracking. M SOPHIA operated without transponder for approximately 5 months before US seizure. Creates "dark gaps" in vessel tracking history. Often combined with name changes during blackout periods. Detection: Gap analysis in AIS history, satellite SAR imagery.
■ False Flag Operations	Vessels register under different flags to avoid scrutiny. Common flags used by Cuba dark fleet: Panama, Cameroon, Guyana, Timor-Leste. SKIPPER flew false Guyanese flag. AQUILA II broadcast false Panamanian flag. Vessels cycle through multiple flags per voyage. Detection: Cross-check IMO against flag registry databases.
⇒ ■ Vessel Name / Identity Changes	Complete identity changes to remove vessel from sanctions tracking. Known changes: ADISA → SKIPPER, BELLA 1 → MARINERA, CARLOTA C → MARIA CRISTINA. Typically combined with new flag registration and shell company ownership changes. Detection: Track IMO numbers (permanent identifiers) rather than vessel names.
■ Ship-to-Ship (STS) Transfers	Cargo transferred between vessels at sea to obscure origin. SEA HORSE received ~190,000 barrels of Russian gasoil via STS transfer off Cyprus with AIS switched off. MARIA CRISTINA/OCEAN INTEGRITY/PRIMULA serve as floating storage for STS operations. Detection: Satellite imagery of anchorage areas, anomalous speed patterns.
■ Shell Company Networks	Beneficial ownership concealed through layers of shell companies. Key network: Caroli Transport Marine Ltd. (Cyprus) → Sanctioned 2019, operates on behalf of GAESA. Ran SANDINO, PETION, CARLOTA C. Typical structure: Vessel → Marshall Islands LLC → Cyprus management → Hong Kong beneficial owner → Russian/Venezuelan state entity. Detection: Beneficial ownership databases, Panama/Pandora Papers analysis.
■ Circumvention Routes	Standard Cuba shadow fleet route: Venezuela (Ust-Luga or José Terminal) → Atlantic/Caribbean → Matanzas or Cienfuegos, Cuba. Secondary route via STS transfers near Canary Islands or Cyprus. Russian crude route: Primorsk/Ust-Luga → Atlantic → Cuba or Venezuela. Co-loading: Mix sanctioned and non-sanctioned cargo to create plausible deniability.

6. SANCTIONED ENTITIES & GHOST COMPANY NETWORK

Entity	Type	Designation Date	Authority	Intelligence Summary
Cubametales	Cuba State Oil Entity	July 3, 2019	OFAC (E.O. 13850)	Cuban state-run oil import/export company. Primary conduit for illicit oil deliveries to Cuba. 1.1 million barrels from seized SKIPPER were destined for Cubametales. Continues to operate through third-party intermediaries and dark fleet networks. All transactions with Cubametales by US persons or entities in US jurisdiction are prohibited.
GAESA (Grupo de Administración Empresarial S.A.)	Cuban Military Conglomerate	Various	State Dept. / OFAC	Cuba's military's largest commercial conglomerate. Controls majority of Cuba's hard currency economy. Operates shipping vessels through shell companies including Caroil Transport Marine Ltd. Connected to FINCIMEX (remittance), CIMEX (retail), and Mambisa (shipping). All subsidiaries should be treated as sanctioned entities for compliance purposes.
Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.	Cyprus-Based Shell Company	July 3, 2019	OFAC (E.O. 13850)	Cyprus-based front company operating on behalf of GAESA Cuban military. Operated vessels: SANDINO (IMO 9441178), PETION (IMO 9295098), CARLOTA C (now MARIA CRISTINA, IMO 9502453). All three vessels continued operating post-sanction, sailing between Venezuela, Mexico, and Cuba. Company remains nominally active in Cyprus company registry as of 2025.
Sovcomflot / JSC Rosnefteflot	Russian State Shipping	February 24, 2022 / Ongoing	OFAC (E.O. 14024)	Russian state shipping company responsible for transporting Russian crude oil to Cuba. Operates ANATOLY KOLODKIN (IMO 9610808) and AKADEMIK GUBKIN (IMO 9842190). Volume of Russian deliveries to Cuba: 600,000 tonnes (2022) → 100,000 tonnes (2024). Currently attempting to deliver 730,000 barrels via ANATOLY KOLODKIN (March 2026).
PdVSA (Petróleos de Venezuela)	Venezuelan State Oil Company	January 28, 2019	OFAC	Venezuelan state oil company. Primary supplier of crude oil to Cuba under PDVSA-Cuba agreements. Supplied Cuba 27,000-35,000 barrels/day of crude via dark fleet vessels. SKIPPER cargo of 1.8 million barrels originated from PdVSA facilities. Uses dark fleet intermediaries to circumvent US sanctions on Venezuelan crude.

7. CUBA PORT INTELLIGENCE

Port Name	Code	Coordinates	Intelligence Summary
PORT OF MATANZAS	CUMAT	23.04°N, 81.56°W	Primary oil terminal. Main destination for dark fleet crude deliveries. ANATOLY KOLODKIN reportedly headed here March 2026. Operated by CUPET (Cuba Petroleum). Capacity: ~1M bbl storage. Pipeline connections to Havana. Regular tanker traffic.
PORT OF CIENFUEGOS	CUCFG	22.14°N, 80.44°W	Major oil and refinery port (Camilo Cienfuegos refinery). 5 piers + 3 buoy moorings. ~100 vessels/year. Handles Venezuelan crude for refining. Frequent tanker traffic. Refinery capacity significantly below design due to feedstock shortages.
PORT OF HAVANA	CUHAV	23.14°N, 82.35°W	Cuba's main commercial port. ~270,000 TEU annually. 400+ vessel calls/year. Handles container, general cargo, and passenger traffic. SEABOARD GALAXY (food/reefer from New Orleans) typical authorized US trade. Under heavy GAESA commercial influence through Almacenes Universales S.A.
PORT OF MARIEL	CUMAR	22.99°N, 82.76°W	Cuba's premier container terminal. Handles food imports (primary source post-2015). SEABOARD GALAXY route: New Orleans → Mariel (food, refrigerated products). Neopanamax-capable since 2023 expansion. Chinese investment (COSCO connection). ~100 vessels/year. Key GAESA-controlled terminal (ICTSI partnership dissolved 2022).
GULF OF BATABANO	ANCHORAGE	22.7°N, 82.1°W	Unofficial anchorage area south of Cuba. Used for STS transfers by dark fleet vessels. Poor AIS coverage allows covert transfer operations. MARIA CRISTINA, OCEAN INTEGRITY, PRIMULA operate in this zone for floating storage.

8. VESSEL MOVEMENTS LOG

Vessel	Type	Port	Arrival	Cargo	Bbls	AIS Spoof	Notes
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	TRANSIT	NW Atlantic Ocean	2026-04-22	Crude Oil	730,000	✓ NO	AIS terrestrial dark 16+ days but satellite tracking active. Speed 11.0 kn, drau
UNIVERSAL	TRANSIT	NW Atlantic Ocean (westbound)	2026-04-22	Crude Oil/Products	—	✓ NO	Speed 4.9 kn westbound. ETA Caribbean Apr 23. Sovcomflot, triple-sanctioned. Esc
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	Atlantic (en route Tema, Ghana)	2026-04-22	Diesel	190,000	✓ NO	Final diversion from Cuba. Course 277°, speed 10.4 kn. ETA Tema May 1. No longer
SANDINO	ANCHORE D	Matanzas (floating storage)	2026-04-22	—	—	✓ NO	AIS dark 50+ days. Believed at Matanzas as floating storage with GAESA fleet.
AKADEMIK GUBKIN	ANCHORE D	Ust-Luga (Baltic Sea)	2026-04-22	—	—	✓ NO	Position 60°N 28°E, speed 1.5 kn. Near Ust-Luga loading terminal. Monitor for de
NICOS IV (NICOS I.V.)	ANCHORE D	Matanzas	2026-04-22	Unknown petroleum product	—	✓ NO	Docked Matanzas since Feb 16. Extended port stay — cargo partially discharged or
USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	PATROL	Key West / Florida Straits	2026-04-22	—	—	✓ NO	Entered Key West mid-April. Active patrol Florida Straits. Part of increased US
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	TRANSIT	NW Atlantic	2026-04-21	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Position 22°N 70°W, COG 046°, 11 kn, draught 8.5m (ballast). Returning NE after
SANDINO	ANCHORE D	Caribbean (near Cuba)	2026-04-21	—	—	✓ NO	Position 21°N 76°W, stationary (0 kn), draught 10m (loaded). Dest FOR ORDERS. AI
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	Caribbean Sea	2026-04-21	Diesel/Gasoil	190,000	✓ NO	Position 11°N 62°W, COG 277°, 10.4 kn, draught 11m (loaded). Final diversion — h
UNIVERSAL	TRANSIT	North Atlantic (westbound)	2026-04-21	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Second Russian tanker heading to Cuba. Departed Baltic early Apr, English Channe
USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	PATROL	Florida Straits	2026-04-21	—	—	✓ NO	Freedom-class LCS operating in Florida Straits near Key West/Cuba Apr 18-20. Str

AKADEMIK GUBKIN	TRANSIT	Baltic Sea (Russian waters)	2026-04-21	—	—	✓ NO	Position 60°N 28°E, 1.5 kn. In Russian home waters near Ust-Luga. Not heading to
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	TRANSIT	NW Atlantic	2026-04-20	Ballast	—	✓ NO	Returning Russia in ballast. AIS intermittent. Last signal ~13 days ago.
SANDINO	DARK	Unknown	2026-04-20	Oil Products	—	✓ NO	Dark 13 days since Preston Apr 5. Draught 10.0m. GAESA.
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	Atlantic Ocean	2026-04-20	Gasoil	190,000	✓ NO	Left Caribbean. En route Tema Ghana ETA May 1.
UNIVERSAL	TRANSIT	NW Atlantic	2026-04-20	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Second Russian tanker en route Cuba. Escorted by Admiral Grigorovich. ETA Apr 23
DEYNA	TRANSIT	West Africa	2026-04-20	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Fully loaded. Russia-China dark fleet trade.
MARIA CRISTINA (ex-CARLOTA C)	DARK	Unknown	2026-04-20	—	—	✓ NO	Dark 96+ days. GAESA. Possibly laid up.
PETION	DARK	Unknown (Caribbean)	2026-04-20	—	—	✓ NO	Dark 57 days. Loaded when last seen.

9. INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

■ HIGH CONFIDENCE ASSESSMENT

Cuba's oil supply network has been severely disrupted by Operation Southern Spear. The island is in an acute energy crisis. Russia is the last remaining supplier willing to risk confrontation with US naval forces. The ANATOLY KOLODKIN situation (March 2026) represents the most significant test of US blockade enforcement to date.

■ PROBABLE COURSES OF ACTION (Cuba/Russia)

1. ANATOLY KOLODKIN attempts discharge at Matanzas (high probability within 7 days). 2. Additional Russian tankers dispatched with enhanced AIS spoofing and naval escorts. 3. Cuba seeks alternative supply through China intermediaries (COSCO connection via Mariel). 4. Expanded use of STS transfers in international waters beyond US interdiction range. 5. Cuba-Russia diplomatic escalation to create legal/political obstacles to seizures.

■ SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE ALERT

Entities handling Cuba-destined cargo, providing port services to listed vessels, or engaging in ship-to-ship transfers with Cuban dark fleet vessels are at risk of OFAC secondary sanctions. Key risk indicators: vessels with AIS gaps, recent flag/name changes, opaque beneficial ownership, routing through Cuba, Venezuela, or Russia.

■ RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Monitor ANATOLY KOLODKIN (IMO 9610808) AIS signal and satellite track continuously. 2. Alert port authorities at Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Havana of high-risk vessel approach. 3. Screen all vessels calling Cuba ports against OFAC SDN list and IMO database. 4. Track STS transfer activity in Gulf of Batabano and Caribbean anchorage areas. 5. Monitor Cuban state entities: Cubametales, GAESA, CUPET for new shell company registrations. 6. Cross-reference vessel movements with satellite data to detect AIS spoofing.

10. SOURCES & METHODOLOGY

OSINT SOURCES CONSULTED: MarineTraffic ([marinetraffic.com](https://www.marinetraffic.com)) — AIS vessel tracking, historical movements, vessel profiles. Live Cuba region feed: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:-79.5/centery:21.4/zoom:7> VesselFinder ([vesselfinder.com](https://www.vesselfinder.com)) — AIS tracking, port arrivals/departures for Havana and Mariel. OFAC Sanctions List ([ofac.treasury.gov](https://www.ofac.treasury.gov)) — Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list, Cuba sanctions. US Treasury Press Releases ([home.treasury.gov](https://www.treasury.gov)) — OFAC designation announcements, enforcement actions. USSOUTHCOM / INDOPACOM — Official seizure announcements and press releases (December 2025 - March 2026). Kpler Maritime Analytics — Vessel tracking, cargo estimates, route analysis for ANATOLY KOLODKIN. TankerTrackers.com — Sanctioned vessel monitoring, dark fleet tracking. CiberCuba ([cibercuba.com](https://www.cibercuba.com)) — Cuban media coverage of energy crisis and maritime incidents. Maritime Executive — Industry reporting on UK tracking of Russian tankers, sanctions enforcement. CNBC / Bloomberg — Breaking news on Cuban energy crisis, Russian oil tankers, OFAC actions. UPI / Euronews / The Hill — Reporting on Operation Southern Spear and Russian tanker movements. Atlantic Council — Analysis of US shadow fleet seizure policy and gunboat diplomacy. CSIS (Center for Strategic & International Studies) — Shadow fleet policy analysis. Windward AI — Dark fleet methodology and vessel risk assessment. METHODOLOGY: This report was generated using open-source intelligence (OSINT) collection and analysis. All vessel data sourced from publicly available maritime databases, government press releases, and news reporting. Risk assessments based on OFAC SDN list status, AIS behavior patterns, flag state analysis, vessel ownership transparency, and route analysis relative to sanctioned ports. No classified or non-public data was used in the preparation of this report.

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