

■ 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

17

OFAC/EU/UK
Sanctioned

23

CRITICAL Risk

20

HIGH Risk

323

Vessel Movements

21

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 35 oil/cargo vessels and 21 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

35 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	LPG EMILIA	N/A	LPG Tanker	Cuba	■ MEDIUM	✓ CLEAR
34	LEMLAND	N/A	General Cargo Ship	Unknown	■ LOW	✓ CLEAR
35	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: [2026-05-08 13:15 UTC] Position: East Asia (Nakhodka STS Offshore, Russia) | Course: 302.9° | Speed: 0.8 kn | Draught: 13.6m (LOADED - heavy draught indicates full cargo) | AIS: ACTIVE (pos 3 days old) | Dest: FOR ORDERS, ETA Sep 5 | Last port: Nakhodka STS Offshore Russia, arrived May 5 | Status: NOT in Caribbean. At Russian Pacific coast after STS loading operation. Loaded cargo unknown destination. 120 days from declared ETA. | Sanctions: EU, UK (OFSI), US (OFAC) | Source: VesselFinder May 8 2026

■ 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: [2026-05-09 UTC] Position: North Russia (near Ust-Luga) | Course: 190.4° | Speed: 1.2 kn | Draught: 8.5m (partially loaded/ballast) | AIS: INTERMITTENT (5 days since last position) | Dest: FOR ORDER | Last port: Ust-Luga Anch. Russia ATD Mar 6 | Status: Vessel has returned to Russia, NOT heading to Cuba. Draught suggests partial cargo or ballast. Triple-sanctioned (EU/UK/US). EO 14404 further restricts any attempt to deliver to Cuba. | Source: VesselFinder

■ 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: [2026-05-08 13:15 UTC] Status: Dark fleet vessel. No recent AIS data. GAESA fleet collapse ongoing - sanctions and seizures have decimated Cuba's oil transport capability. 7 dark fleet tankers seized Dec 2025-Feb 2026 under Operation Southern Spear. | Source: web search May 8 2026

■ 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: [2026-04-28 13:00 UTC] Cameroon-flag shadow fleet tanker IMO 9333412. Loaded Ust-Luga Mar 21. Escorted English Channel Apr 8-9. Sanctions: OFAC/EU/UK. CRITICAL.

■ 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: [2026-05-09 UTC] Position: 22.15°N 80.49°W Cienfuegos Anchorage | Course: 0° | Speed: 0 kn | Draught: 8m | AIS: ACTIVE (21 min ago, terrestrial) | Nav Status: At Anchor | ATA: 2026-02-15 09:43 | Status: Cuban crude oil tanker anchored in Cienfuegos Bay since Feb 15 - nearly 3 months. 8m draught suggests partially loaded. Likely serving as floating storage given Cuba's inability to process/distribute fuel. One of only 2 tankers visible in all Cuban waters. | 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: [2026-05-09 UTC] Position: NW Atlantic Ocean (last known) | Course: 273° | Speed: 0.0 kn | Draught: 5.4m (ballast/empty) | AIS: DARK - 115 DAYS since last position (~Jan 15 2026) | Dest: Not available | Status: CRITICAL CONCERN - Cuban-flagged OFAC-sanctioned tanker has been AIS dark for nearly 4 months. Ballast draught when last seen. Could be operating covertly, laid up, or disabled. GAESA-linked vessel, now GAESA itself designated as SDN under EO 14404 (May 7). | Source: VesselFinder

■ 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: [2026-05-08 13:15 UTC] Status: GAESA/Caroil fleet vessel. Likely concentrated at Matanzas Bay with remaining reserves. GAESA designated under EO 14404 (May 1 2026). Caroil Transport Marine Ltd (Cyprus) sanctioned operator. Source: CiberCuba/OFAC May 8 2026			
■ 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: [2026-05-09 UTC] Position: Caribbean Sea (last AIS 10 days ago ~Apr 29) | Course: 89.7° | Speed: 10.0 kn | Draught: 8.3m | AIS: INTERMITTENT (10 days since last update) | Dest: Not available | Last port: Cienfuegos Cuba ATA Apr 19 | Status: Departed Cienfuegos heading east at 10kn. Possible voyage to Venezuela for cargo loading. AIS going dark again - pattern consistent with sanctions evasion. OFAC-sanctioned. | Source: VesselFinder

■ 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.

■ 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: [2026-05-08 13:15 UTC] Position: North Atlantic ~1972 miles from Havana (as of Apr 27) | Speed: 2-3 kn (drifting/erratic) | AIS: INTERMITTENT | Dest: Undeclared (Cuba suspected) | Status: 270K bbls Russian diesel. Drifting mid-Atlantic under sanctions pressure. ETA end of May at earliest. | Source: Bloomberg/CiberCuba May 8 2026

■ 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)

21 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	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: No new intelligence this scan. Russian Krivak-class frigate. No 2026 reports of Russian naval port...
2	CAIMÁN	323011000	Submarine	Submarine (Foxtrot-class)	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK Base: Cienfuegos dry dock Operational assessment: Foxtrot-class submarine. Dry-docked. No...
3	CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	323040000	Intelligence/SIGINT	Intelligence Collection Vessel	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected on MarineTraffic Last known: Florida Straits/GTMO patrol area Operat...
4	DELFIN	323010000	Submarine	Submarine (Foxtrot-class)	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK Base: Cienfuegos Operational assessment: Foxtrot-class submarine. Assessed non-operationa...
5	VILLA CLARA	323041000	Intelligence/SIGINT	Intelligence Collection Vessel	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: SIGINT vessel, coordinates with CAMILO CIENFUE...
6	ANTONIO MACEO	323001000	Frigate	Frigate	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Base: Cienfuegos Naval Base Operational assessment: Koni-class friga...
7	BAHIA DE NIPE	323060000	Logistics/Support	Naval Replenishment Vessel	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: Fleet replenishment vessel. Not visible on any...
8	CNS SILK ROAD ARK	—	Logistics/Support	Hospital Ship	■ HIGH	[2026-05-06] Chinese PLA Navy hospital ship on 200-day humanitarian mission in Latin America/Caribbean. Port calls Jamai...
9	GRANMA	323030000	Fast Attack Craft	Fast Attack Craft (Osa-II)	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Base: Cienfuegos Operational assessment: Osa-II fast attack missile ...
10	JOSE MARTI	323002000	Frigate	Frigate	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Base: Havana Naval Base Operational assessment: Koni-class frigate, ...
11	OCCIDENTE	323021000	Patrol Vessel	Patrol Vessel (Pauk-class)	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: Pauk-class patrol vessel. Not visible. Joint p...

1 2	ORIENTE	323020000	Patrol Vessel	Patrol Vessel (Pauk-class)	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: Pauk-class patrol vessel. Not visible on Flori...
1 3	RFS SOOBRAZITELNY	—	Frigate	Steregushchiy-class Corvette	■ HIGH	[2026-05-06] Russian corvette/frigate. No new specific position data. Monitor for return visit. Src: OSINT
1 4	SIERRA MAESTRA	323031000	Fast Attack Craft	Fast Attack Craft (Osa-II)	■ HIGH	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Base: Cienfuegos Operational assessment: Osa-II missile boat. Not vi...
1 5	GUANTANAMO	323050000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: Stenka-class coast guard. GTMO area sweep show...
1 6	HABANA	323052000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: Stenka-class coast guard. Not visible on any s...
1 7	ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD	323061000	Logistics/Support	Naval Transport	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Base: Mariel Operational assessment: Naval transport. Mariel port co...
1 8	PINAR DEL RIO	323051000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-09 UTC] AIS: DARK - no signal detected Operational assessment: Stenka-class coast guard. Western Cuba/Florida...
1 9	USAV WILSON WHARF	—	Logistics/Support	Landing Craft Utility (LCU-2011)	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-28 13:00 UTC] USAV logistics. Operating near Santiago de Cuba.
2 0	USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	—	Patrol Vessel	Littoral Combat Ship	■ MEDIUM	[2026-04-28 13:00 UTC] USS Wichita LCS-13. Active FLEX2026 Key West Apr 24-30. Testing detect/track/intercept. Operating...
2 1	USNS LARAMIE (T-AO-203)	—	Logistics/Support	Fleet Oiler	■ LOW	[2026-04-28 13:00 UTC] USNS Laramie T-AO-203. Active Florida Straits at-sea replenishment. FLEX2026 deployment.

3.3.1 MILITARY VESSEL RECORDED ACTIVITY

Vessel	Activity	Location	Date	AIS	Sanctions Flag	Notes
USNS LARAMIE (T-AO-203)	PATROL	Florida Straits	2026-04-28	✓ ACTIVE	—	At-sea replenishment operations Florida Straits. Part of FLEX2026 deployment.
USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	PATROL	Key West	2026-04-25	✓ ACTIVE	—	Freedom-class LCS maintaining active patrol in Florida Straits. Entered Key West
USNS LARAMIE (T-AO-203)	PATROL	Florida East Coast	2026-04-25	✓ ACTIVE	—	MSC replenishment oiler heading south off east coast of Florida at 7.7 kn. Part

USS WICHITA (LCS-13)	PATROL	Key West / Florida Straits	2026-04-24	✓ ACTIVE	—	FLEX2026 exercises Apr 24-30. Testing detect/track/intercept with USVs and AI. O
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	2026-04-09	✓ ACTIVE	—	Russian Black Sea Fleet frigate. Escorted UNIVERSAL + ENIGMA through English Cha
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

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

OLINA

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
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	West Africa (off Guinea coast)	2026-05-09	Oil Products	—	✓ NO	Course 52° speed 10kn. Draught 11m (loaded). ETA Gibraltar May 12. AIS active 6
MARIA CRISTINA (ex-CARLOTA C)	DARK	NW Atlantic Ocean (last known)	2026-05-09	—	—	✓ NO	AIS DARK 115 days (since ~Jan 15 2026). Last position NW Atlantic, speed 0, draught
ESPERANZA	ANCHORED	Cienfuegos Anchorage	2026-05-09	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	At anchor since Feb 15. Draught 8m. AIS active (21 min). Serving as floating sto
VILMA	ANCHORED	Cienfuegos Anchorage	2026-05-09	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Arrived Cienfuegos anchorage Apr 29. Draught 7.2m. AIS active (5h ago). Second o
LPG EMILIA	ANCHORED	Havana Harbor	2026-05-09	LPG	—	✓ NO	Cuban LPG vessel in Havana. Destination FOR ORDERS - awaiting instructions. Cuba
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	TRANSIT	Ust-Luga Anchorage	2026-05-08	CRUDE OIL (EMPTY/BALLAST)	—	✓ NO	North Russia near Ust-Luga. Ballast (8.5m draught). Returned after Mar 31 Matanz
AKADEMIK GUBKIN	ANCHORED	Nakhodka STS Offshore	2026-05-08	CRUDE OIL (LOADED)	—	✓ NO	East Asia at Nakhodka STS. Draught 13.6m = LOADED. Arrived May 5. Dest FOR ORDER
UNIVERSAL	TRANSIT	—	2026-05-08	DIESEL (270K bbls)	—	✓ NO	Drifting mid-Atlantic ~1972nm from Havana. Speed 2-3kn erratic. 270K bbls diesel
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	ANCHORED	—	2026-05-07	—	—	✓ NO	Anchored N Russia ballast 8.5m. 3d stale. Returned from Caribbean.
SANDINO	TRANSIT	—	2026-05-07	—	—	✓ NO	Caribbean heading E 89.7° at 10kn. 8d stale. Possibly en route Venezuela.
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	—	2026-05-07	Gasoil	—	✓ NO	Off W Africa heading N to Gibraltar 10.2kn. LOADED 11.0m. Left Caribbean.
AKADEMIK GUBKIN	ANCHORED	—	2026-05-07	—	—	✓ NO	Anchored E Asia. 0.8kn. Not near Cuba.
MARIA CRISTINA (ex-CARLOTA C)	DARK	—	2026-05-07	—	—	✓ NO	DARK 113 days. Since ~Jan 15. OFAC sanctioned.
EUGENIA GAS	ANCHORED	—	2026-05-07	LPG	—	✓ NO	Anchored GoM. Flag Belize. Dest Altamira. Not Cuba-bound.

SEABOARD GALAXY	TRANSIT	—	2026-05-07	Containers	—	✓ NO	Caribbean 17.1kn to Guatemala. Normal commercial.
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	TRANSIT	—	2026-05-06	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	North Russia drifting 1.2kn. Ballast 8.5m. Returned from Caribbean.
SANDINO	DARK	—	2026-05-06	—	—	✓ NO	AIS dark 7 days. Last Caribbean 89.7°/10kn. Ballast 8.3m. Dep Cienfuegos Apr 19.
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	—	2026-05-06	Oil Products	—	✓ NO	West Africa→Gibraltar 10kn. Loaded 11m. LEFT CARIBBEAN.
AKADEMIK GUBKIN	STS	Nakhodka STS	2026-05-06	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Nakhodka STS May 5. Loaded 13.6m. NOT heading Cuba.
UNIVERSAL	DARK	—	2026-05-06	Diesel	270,000	✓ NO	STALLED NW Atlantic ~1000mi from Cuba since mid-April. 270K bbls diesel. Russian

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.home.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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