

■ CUBA TRAFFIC INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) — Sea + Air Traffic, Sanctions & Pattern 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**.

35

Oil/Cargo Vessels

17

OFAC/EU/UK
Sanctioned

23

CRITICAL Risk

20

HIGH Risk

331

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

This report tracks 35 maritime vessels (sea), 5 aircraft (air) and 3 open cross-modal pattern alerts. 17 oil/cargo vessels and 2 aircraft carry confirmed sanctions. Of the 3 patterns, 1 are CRITICAL and 1 HIGH severity. Cuban military fleet (Marina de Guerra Revolucionaria) coverage: 21 vessels.

Highest-priority maritime threat at scan time: SANDINO (IMO 9441178) — sanctioned by OFAC (USA). See section 3 and Active Threats tab for full status.

Most recent enforcement event (2026-03-20): DEYNA. French Navy seized dark fleet tanker DEYNA near Algeria in joint operation with British allies. Vessel was en route from Murmansk to Port Said carrying sanctioned cargo. Intercepted in Alboran Sea/Mediterranean. 8th dark fleet seizure in enforcement campaign.

Most recent infrastructure event (2026-05-11): Cuba energy crisis ongoing as of May 11. UN experts call US oil blockade "energy starvation" with grave consequences for human rights. Oil imports effectively zero since Jan 2026. 18+ hour daily blackouts continue. Grid collapsed twice in March (Mar 5 and Mar 16, with latter last

2. CURRENT OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

■ Latest Infrastructure Event — 2026-05-11	Cuba energy crisis ongoing as of May 11. UN experts call US oil blockade "energy starvation" with grave consequences for human rights. Oil imports effectively zero since Jan 2026. 18+ hour daily blackouts continue. Grid collapsed twice in March (Mar 5 and Mar 16, with latter lasting 29h29m). Only two small oil vessels reached island in Q1 2026. Cuban ports (Matanzas, Havana, Cienfuegos, Santiago, Mariel) observed deserted in this scan.
■ Enforcement Activity (last 90 days)	4 seizure events recorded. See section 4 for full timeline.
■ Maritime AIS Anomalies (last 90 days)	52 dark-vessel events, 32 AIS spoofing detections. Indicates active sanctions-evasion tradecraft in tracked corridors.
■ Air Activity Pulse (last 30 days)	3 state-aircraft arrivals/departures observed; 1 military/loiter/UAV/transponder-off events. See sections 9.5 and the dashboard 'Patterns' tab for cross-modal alerts.
■ [CRITICAL] MIL_AIR_TRANSPONDER_DROP	Foreign mil aircraft loitered with transponder off (1×)
■ [HIGH] STATE_AIR_PARTNER_SHUTTLE	Recurring HAV↔CCS state shuttle (4×)
■ [MEDIUM] VESSEL_AIR_HANDOFF	Vessel arrival within 6h of state-aircraft arrival (1×)

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: [2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] Position: East Asia | Course: 158.8° | Speed: 0.4 kn | Draught: 13.6m (HEAVILY LOADED) | AIS: INTERMITTENT (24 hours ago) | Dest: FOR ORDERS | Status: Departed Nakhodka STS Offshore Russia May 5. Triple-sanctioned. In Russian Far East/Pacific, not approaching Caribbean. Loaded after STS transfer. 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: [2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] Position: North Russia (near Ust-Luga coast) | Course: 84.9° | Speed: 3.3 kn | Draught: 8.5m (partially loaded/ballast) | AIS: ACTIVE (2 min ago) | Dest: FOR ORDER | Status: Loitering in North Russia at low speed, departed Ust-Luga 66 days ago. Triple-sanctioned (EU/UK/US). Not approaching Cuba. ETA field shows Apr 27 (stale). 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: [2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] Position: West Africa | Course: 141.2° (SE) | Speed: 9.6 kn | Draught: 14.0m (HEAVILY LOADED) | AIS: INTERMITTENT (11 days ago) | Dest: FOR ORDERS | Status: Triple-sanctioned, Mozambique flag, departed Fos-sur-Mer France Apr 15. Heading SE off West Africa, heavily loaded. Could be heading to STS zone or transatlantic toward Caribbean. Source: VesselFinder

■ 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: [2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] Position: NW Atlantic Ocean (last known) | Course: 273° | Speed: 0.0 kn | Draught: 5.4m (ballast/empty) | AIS: DARK (117 days since ~Jan 15) | Dest: Not available | Status: Effectively disappeared. Last port Havana Dec 4, 2025. Stationary when last seen. Satellite shows position 50 min ago. OFAC sanctioned. Possible laid up or abandoned. 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: [2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] Position: Caribbean Sea | Course: 23° | Speed: 0.0 kn | Draught: 11.2m (LOADED) | AIS: DARK (78 days) | Dest: CUCFGOS (Cienfuegos) | Status: Loaded and stationary in Caribbean, dark for 78 days. Satellite pos 9 days ago. OFAC sanctioned. May be waiting for escort or window to approach Cuba. Source: VesselFinder

■ 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: [2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] Position: Caribbean Sea (last known) | Course: 89.7° | Speed: 10.0 kn | Draught: 8.3m | AIS: DARK (12 days, since ~Apr 29) | Dest: Not available | Status: Departed Cienfuegos Apr 19, went dark heading east at 10kn. Likely heading to Venezuela for clandestine oil load. Satellite tracking shows position 23 min ago. 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.

■ 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: [2026-05-08 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	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Status: No new Russian naval visits to Cuba found in 2026 OSINT. Last Russian port...
2	CAIMÁN	323011000	Submarine	Submarine (Foxtrot-class)	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Foxtrot-class submarine, dry-docked Cienfuegos. No change ...
3	CAMILO CIENFUEGOS	323040000	Intelligence/SIGINT	Intelligence Collection Vessel	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA (MarineTraffic map sweep shows no MGR vessel icons near Florida Straits/GTMO) Oper...
4	DELFIN	323010000	Submarine	Submarine (Foxtrot-class)	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Foxtrot-class submarine, Cienfuegos. Believed non-operatio...
5	VILLA CLARA	323041000	Intelligence/SIGINT	Intelligence Collection Vessel	■ CRITICAL	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: SIGINT vessel, likely paired with CAMILO CIENFUEGOS. No sp...
6	ANTONIO MACEO	323001000	Frigate	Frigate	■ HIGH	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Koni-class frigate, likely at Cienfuegos Naval Base. Few v...
7	BAHIA DE NIPE	323060000	Logistics/Support	Naval Replenishment Vessel	■ HIGH	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Fleet replenishment / logistics, likely in port. No deploy...
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	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Osa-II missile boat, likely at Cienfuegos. No exercise ind...
10	JOSE MARTI	323002000	Frigate	Frigate	■ HIGH	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Koni-class frigate, likely at Havana Naval Base. 3-4 vesse...
11	OCCIDENTE	323021000	Patrol Vessel	Patrol Vessel (Pauk-class)	■ HIGH	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Pauk-class patrol, likely paired with ORIENTE. No specific...

1 2	ORIENTE	323020000	Patrol Vessel	Patrol Vessel (Pauk-class)	■ HIGH	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Pauk-class patrol, likely operational in Florida Straits. ...
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	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Osa-II missile boat, likely at Cienfuegos. No exercise ind...
1 5	GUANTANAMO	323050000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Stenka-class coast guard, GTMO area. No vessel icons visib...
1 6	HABANA	323052000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Stenka-class coast guard, likely Havana area. Source: Mari...
1 7	ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD	323061000	Logistics/Support	Naval Transport	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Naval transport, Mariel Naval Facility. Mariel port appear...
1 8	PINAR DEL RIO	323051000	Coast Guard	Coast Guard Cutter	■ MEDIUM	[2026-05-11 13:21 UTC] AIS: NO DATA Operational assessment: Stenka-class coast guard, western Cuba / Florida Straits. ...
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. RECENT ENFORCEMENT TIMELINE

2026-05-11

Source: N/A

[INFRASTRUCTURE_FAILURE] Cuba National Electric Grid

Cuba energy crisis ongoing as of May 11. UN experts call US oil blockade "energy starvation" with grave consequences for human rights. Oil imports effectively zero since Jan 2026. 18+ hour daily blackouts continue. Grid collapsed twice in March (Mar 5 and Mar 16, with latter lasting 29h29m). Only two small oil vessels reached island in Q1 2026. Cuban ports (Matanzas, Havana, Ci

2026-05-09

Source: —

[INFRASTRUCTURE_FAILURE] Cuban Port System

Live AIS map sweep confirms Cuban ports remain largely deserted. Matanzas oil terminal: ZERO vessels. Santiago de Cuba: EMPTY. Mariel SEZ: EMPTY. Nuevitas: EMPTY. Only activity: Cienfuegos (2 Cuban tankers at anchor as floating storage - ESPERANZA since Feb 15, VILMA since Apr 29) and Havana (few cargo vessels + LPG EMILIA for orders). US oil blockade under Operation Southern S

2026-05-09

Source: USCG

[CRIME_EVENT] Rustic migrant vessel (26ft)

CBP Air and Marine Operations and USCG interdicted 26-foot rustic vessel with 28 Cuban migrants north of Havana. 20 males, 7 females, 1 child repatriated to Bahía de Cabañas, Cuba via USCG Cutter Isaac Mayo. Ongoing migration crisis driven by energy crisis and economic collapse.

2026-05-08

Source: —

[FOREIGN_MILITARY_VISIT] PLA / China

Chinese PLA wargame in Xuchang simulated combat operations in Western Hemisphere with forces near Cuba, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean. Chinese intelligence facilities confirmed at Bejucal, Salao, and Wajay Cuba. PLAN hospital ship CNS Silk Road Ark deployed to Caribbean region. Pentagon assessed China considering Caribbean bases for power projection. No Chinese naval combat ves

2026-05-08

Source: —

[INFRASTRUCTURE_FAILURE] Cuba National Grid

Cuba energy crisis continues to deepen as of May 2026. Grid meets only 50-70% of daily power needs. Six total grid collapses in 18 months (latest Mar 2026). Russian oil from ANATOLY KOLODKIN (730K bbls delivered Mar 31) running out per Apr 30 reports. UNIVERSAL tanker with 270K bbls diesel stranded mid-Atlantic. All major Cuban ports (Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Havana) observed empty

2026-05-08

Source: US (OFAC) / EU

[DELIVERY] UNIVERSAL

Russian tanker UNIVERSAL (IMO 9384306) drifting mid-Atlantic with 270K bbls diesel bound for Cuba. Departed Vysotsk Russia mid-April. Stalled ~1972nm from Havana under sanctions pressure. Speed 2-3kn erratic. Sovcomflot vessel sanctioned by US and EU. OFAC GL 134a explicitly prohibits Cuba from receiving Russian petroleum. New EO 14404 further restricts. Bloomberg reports vesse

2026-05-07

Source: US State Department / OFAC

[DESIGNATION] GAESA (Grupo de Administración Empresarial S.A.)

US State Department designated GAESA under EO 14404 for operating in financial services sector of Cuban economy. GAESA controls major Cuban military-commercial enterprises including Caroil (oil import network). Wind-down period through June 5, 2026. One individual also designated.

2026-05-07

Source: U.S. Department of State

[DESIGNATION] GAESA (Grupo de Administración Empresarial S.A.)

GAESA designated as SDN under EO 14404 for operating in the financial services sector of Cuba. Also designated: Ania Guillermina Lastres Morera (GAESA executive president) and Moa Nickel (Cuban-Canadian joint venture). Foreign companies have until June 5, 2026 to wind down dealings with GAESA-linked entities. Critical impact on Cuba oil fleet - GAESA controls Caroil tanker oper

2026-05-07

Source: —

[MILITARY_ACTIVITY] USSOUTHCOM

US deploying additional personnel to SOUTHCOM amid Cuba tensions. State Department strengthened disaster preparedness supply center in South Florida. Civilian advisors integrated at SOUTHCOM facilities as part of new humanitarian and contingency strategy. SAWC (Autonomous Warfare Command) announced via US Embassy Havana. Combined with EO 14404 sanctions and Trump rhetoric, repr

2026-05-07

Source: US (State Dept/OFAC)

[DESIGNATION] GAESA / Moa Nickel S.A. / Ania Lastres Morera

State Department designated GAESA (financial services sector), Moa Nickel S.A. (metals/mining sector), and Ania Guillermina Lastres Morera (GAESA Executive President) under EO 14404. GAESA controls ~40% of Cuban economy. Foreign businesses given until June 5 to terminate dealings or face secondary sanctions. Marco Rubio vowed to intensify pressure on Cuban military elites.

2026-05-07

Source: Cuba

[INFRASTRUCTURE_FAILURE] Cuban SEN

Cuba energy crisis continues 2026-05-07. ~1,278 MW peak vs 3,000 MW demand (57% deficit). 18+ hr blackouts. Near-zero imports since Jan 2026. Cuba ports (Matanzas, Havana, Cienfuegos) confirmed deserted on AIS — zero tanker traffic. Diaz-Canel warned Russian oil running out.

2026-05-07

Source: Cuba

[MILITARY_ACTIVITY] Cuban FAR/MGR

Cuba reactivated Cold War-era SAM systems (S-75/S-125/2K12) after Trump threats and US FLEX2026 exercise. Senior official confirmed military preparing for possible US assault. All MGR vessels AIS dark consistent with wartime readiness. Heightened territorial defense posture.

2026-05-05

Source: US Department of Defense

[MILITARY_ACTIVITY] USSOUTHCOM / SAWC

USSOUTHCOM deploying Specialized Autonomous Warfare Command (SAWC) in Caribbean AOR. Secretary Rubio met SOUTHCOM commander Gen. Donovan May 5-7 at Heads of Mission Conference with Cuba map prominently displayed. Autonomous systems deployed for maritime interdiction and surveillance. President Trump stated May 1 US would "take Cuba almost immediately" after Iran operations.

2026-05-05

Source: USSOUTHCOM

[CRIME_EVENT] Unknown drug trafficking vessel

USSOUTHCOM second lethal kinetic strike in 24 hours on drug trafficking vessel in Caribbean. Two suspected narco-terrorists killed. Since September 2025, Operation Southern Spear has killed 188+ drug traffickers across dozens of strikes.

2026-05-05

Source: —

[MILITARY_ACTIVITY] USS Abraham Lincoln

Trump threatens USS Abraham Lincoln deployment to Cuba after Iran operations (Operation Epic Fury). States carrier will stop 100 yards off Cuban coast. SOUTHCOM deploying additional personnel. SAWC (Autonomous Warfare Command) announced. USS Iwo Jima and San Antonio already repositioned off northern Cuba. However AP sources report no imminent military action planned. Rubio not

5. SANCTIONS EVASION TACTICS & INDICATORS

■ AIS Spoofing / False Position Broadcasting	Vessels transmit false GPS coordinates or fake destinations to disguise true track. Common patterns: broadcasting a destination unrelated to the actual port call, or transmitting "NUC" (not under command) while actively discharging cargo. Detection: cross-reference AIS with satellite imagery (Kpler, TankerTrackers).
■ AIS Blackouts / Signal Suppression	Vessels turn AIS transponders off entirely to disappear from tracking. Multi-month dark gaps are typical for sanctioned tankers and are frequently combined with name or flag changes during the blackout window. Detection: gap analysis in AIS history, satellite SAR imagery.
■ False Flag Operations	Vessels register under flags-of-convenience to avoid scrutiny. Common flags rotated through in the Cuba dark fleet: Panama, Cameroon, Guyana, Timor-Leste, Marshall Islands. Detection: cross-check IMO against flag-registry databases; flag changes within 30 days are a strong indicator (see pattern_alerts FLAG_HOPPING).
→ ■ Vessel Name / Identity Changes	Complete identity changes to remove vessel from sanctions tracking, typically combined with new flag registration and shell-company ownership changes. Detection: track IMO numbers (permanent) rather than vessel names. The IMO survives any rebrand.
■ Ship-to-Ship (STS) Transfers	Cargo transferred between vessels at sea to obscure origin. Known floating-storage locations include the Gulf of Batabanó STS zone south of Cuba. Detection: satellite imagery of anchorage areas, anomalous speed patterns, AIS-dark rendezvous in pattern_alerts (AIS_DARK_RENDEZVOUS).
■ Shell Company Networks	Beneficial ownership concealed through layered shells. Typical structure: Vessel → Marshall Islands LLC → Cyprus/HK management → state-linked beneficial owner. See Section 6 for the current sanctioned-entity registry. Detection: beneficial-ownership databases, Panama/Pandora Papers analysis.
■ Circumvention Routes	Recurring maritime corridors: Venezuela → Caribbean → Cuba; Russia (Primorsk/Ust-Luga) → Atlantic → Cuba/Venezuela; STS transfers staged near Canary Islands or Cyprus. Recurring air corridors: HAV ↔ Caracas, HAV ↔ Moscow, HAV ↔ Tehran. See the dashboard map "Traffic Corridors" layer for the live set.
✈ ■ ADS-B Spoofing / Transponder Drops (air dimension)	Aircraft turn off Mode-S transponders or broadcast false callsigns/registrations. Sanctioned-operator aircraft often switch callsign mid-flight or drop ADS-B on approach to Cuban airspace. Detection: ADS-B Exchange, OpenSky historical replay; see pattern_alerts (MIL_AIR_TRANSPONDER_DROP, STATE_AIR_PARTNER_SHUTTLE).

6. SANCTIONED ENTITIES & GHOST COMPANY NETWORK

Entity	Type	Designation Date	Authority	Intelligence Summary
Caroil Transport Marine Ltd.	COMPANY · Cyprus	2019-07-03	OFAC (USA)	Facilitating Venezuelan oil transfers to Cuba. Operating in Venezuelan oil sector per E.O. 13850.
Cubametales	GOVERNMENT · Cuba	2019-07-03	OFAC (USA)	Operating in Venezuelan oil sector. Cuba's state-run oil import/export company. E.O. 13850.
GAESA (Grupo de Administración Empresarial S.A.)	GOVERNMENT · Cuba	2017-11-08	OFAC (USA)	Military conglomerate of Cuban Armed Forces. Controls majority of Cuban economy including ports, hotels, tourism, trade. E.O. 13757.
JSC Rosnefteflot	COMPANY · Russia	2025-01-10	OFAC (USA)	Subsidiary of sanctioned PJSC Rosneft. Operates crude oil tankers delivering Russian oil to Cuba and other sanctioned destinations.
PdVSA (Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.)	GOVERNMENT · Venezuela	2019-01-28	OFAC (USA)	State oil company of sanctioned Venezuelan government. Supplying crude oil to Cuba via shadow fleet tankers.
Empresa de Navegación Mambisa	GOVERNMENT · Cuba	2004-04-01	OFAC (USA) - Historical	Cuban state shipping company. Historical OFAC designation. Connected to GAESA operations.

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. Operated by CUPET (Cuba Petroleum). Capacity: ~1M bbl storage. Pipeline connections to Havana. Regular tanker traffic when supply available.
PORT OF CIENFUEGOS	CUCFG	22.14°N, 80.44°W	Major oil + refinery port (Camilo Cienfuegos refinery), co-located with MGR naval base. 5 piers + 3 buoy moorings. ~100 vessels/year. Handles Venezuelan crude for refining. 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. 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). Neopanamax-capable since 2023 expansion. Chinese investment (COSCO connection). Co-located naval facility. ~100 vessels/year. Key GAESA-controlled terminal.
PORT OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA	CUSCU	19.99°N, 75.83°W	Second-largest port; eastern Cuba commercial gateway. Sees periodic state-aircraft and foreign-government delegations via co-located SCU airport. Bulk + general cargo.
GULF OF BATABANO	ANCHORAGE	22.7°N, 82.1°W	Unofficial anchorage area south of Cuba. Recurring STS-transfer activity by dark-fleet vessels. Poor AIS coverage allows covert operations. Pairs with the dashboard "STS Transfer Zone" overlay.

8. VESSEL MOVEMENTS LOG

Vessel	Type	Port	Arrival	Cargo	Bbls	AIS Spoof	Notes
SEA HORSE	TRANSIT	West Africa (off Guinea coast)	2026-05-11	Oil Products	—	✓ NO	MAJOR ROUTE CHANGE: Heading to Gibraltar from Port-Kamsar Guinea. Draught 11.0m
DEYNA	TRANSIT	West Africa	2026-05-11	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Triple-sanctioned. Heading SE from Fos-sur-Mer France. Draught 14.0m (HEAVILY LO
ANATOLY KOLODKIN	ANCHORED	North Russia (near Ust-Luga)	2026-05-11	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	AIS active. Loitering North Russia coast at 3.3kn heading 84.9°E. Draught 8.5m.
AKADEMIK GUBKIN	TRANSIT	East Asia (Russian Far East)	2026-05-11	Crude Oil	—	✓ NO	Departed Nakhodka STS Offshore May 5. Draught 13.6m (HEAVILY LOADED). Course 158
EUGENIA GAS	ANCHORED	Gulf of Mexico	2026-05-11	LPG	—	✓ NO	Stationary in Gulf of Mexico. Dest Altamira Mexico. Draught 6.9m. Last port Coat
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, drau
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.

9. INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

■ HIGH-CONFIDENCE ASSESSMENT

[CRITICAL] MIL_AIR TRANSPONDER_DROP: Foreign mil aircraft loitered with transponder off Suspected Chinese KJ-500 dropped transponder 320nm NE of Cuba and loitered for >45 min before reappearing northbound. Tracked: 35 vessels, 5 aircraft, 3 open patterns (1 CRITICAL).

■ TOP OPEN PATTERN ALERTS

- [CRITICAL] MIL_AIR_TRANSPONDER_DROP — Foreign mil aircraft loitered with transponder off (1×)
- [HIGH] STATE_AIR_PARTNER_SHUTTLE — Recurring HAV↔CCS state shuttle (4×)
- [MEDIUM] VESSEL_AIR_HANDOFF — Vessel arrival within 6h of state-aircraft arrival (1×)

■ SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE ALERT

17 oil/cargo vessels and 2 aircraft in scope carry confirmed sanctions. Risk indicators to flag during compliance review: AIS / ADS-B gaps, recent flag or registration changes, opaque beneficial ownership, routing through Cuba, Venezuela, Russia or Iran, transponder drops near naval/airbase zones.

■ RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Maintain continuous AIS + ADS-B coverage on every CRITICAL vessel and aircraft in registry.
2. Screen all vessels and aircraft calling Cuba against OFAC SDN list and IMO/ICAO databases.
3. Track STS transfer activity in Gulf of Batabanó and identified threat zones.
4. Monitor state-aircraft shuttle patterns (HAV↔CCS, HAV↔SVO, HAV↔THR) for sanctions touchpoints.
5. Watch foreign-mil overflights and transponder drops within 200nm of Cuban airspace.
6. Cross-reference any new dark-vessel + dark-aircraft event in the same 6-hour window as potential cross-modal handoff.

9.5 AIR TRAFFIC & PATTERN ALERTS

Tracked aircraft: 5 total — 2 military, 3 state, 2 sanctioned operator, 1 critical-risk.

Callsign	ICAO24	Type	Operator	Cat	Risk
CMU8888	71BC44	Y-9 / KJ-500	PLAN/PLAAF	MILIT	CRITIC
RA-96005	424A12	Il-96-300PU	Russia Special Flight	STATE	HIGH
YV3001	0D08F7	B737-300	Conviasa	STATE	HIGH
PLN001	AC8B23	Il-96-300	Cubana de Aviación	STATE	MEDIUM
RCH842	AE001F	C-17 Globemaster I	USAF	MILIT	LOW

Open pattern alerts (cross-modal anomalies):

[CRITICAL] MIL_AIR TRANSPONDER_DROP — Foreign mil aircraft loitered with transponder off

Suspected Chinese KJ-500 dropped transponder 320nm NE of Cuba and loitered for >45 min before reappearing northbound.

[HIGH] STATE_AIR_PARTNER_SHUTTLE — Recurring HAV↔CCS state shuttle

Cuban state transport and Conviasa rotated 4 times in 10 days between Havana and Caracas; coincides with sanctioned-entity sightings at HAV.

[MEDIUM] VESSEL_AIR_HANDOFF — Vessel arrival within 6h of state-aircraft arrival

Sanctioned tanker docked at Havana ~5h after Russian state-aircraft arrival; possible personnel/cargo handoff.

Recent air movements:

Type	Callsign	Airport	Route	Trans.	Time
DEPARTURE	CUB0008	HAV	MUHA → SVMI	ACTIVE	2026-05-11 08:41
ARRIVAL	VOC4501	HAV	SVMI → MUHA	ACTIVE	2026-05-10 20:41
ARRIVAL	RFF7045	HAV	UUEE → MUHA	ACTIVE	2026-05-09 20:41
MIL_OVERFLIGHT	—	—	ZBAA → —	OFF	2026-05-08 20:41

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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