



**AVANT  
GARDE  
MARITIME  
SERVICES**



With effect from:  
01 October 2014

## **TRANSIT PROCEDURE AT RED SEA - MV AVANT GARDE**

**Designated R/V Point 19° 50' N 37° 50' E**

When the ship is close by and within VHF range, M/V AVANT GARDE will contact the ship on **VHF Channel 16**

(Please note that due to weather conditions and various operational circumstances, MV AVANT GARDE may drift few miles from the designated RV. However MV Avant Garde will maintain her position within a radius of 10 NM from the RV location at all times)

The Master of the vessel is required to contact MV AVANT GARDE directly via e mail on [redsea@avantmaritime.com](mailto:redsea@avantmaritime.com) giving the ETA at the designated RV Point at least 72 hours in advance in order to obtain the transit clearance. Thereafter the ship's ETA needs to be updated regularly via e-mail 48, 24, 12 and 06 hours before arrival to MV AVANT GARDE with copies to:

■ [comops@avantmaritime.com](mailto:comops@avantmaritime.com) ■ [info1@avantmaritime.com](mailto:info1@avantmaritime.com) ■ [anura.a@avantmaritime.com](mailto:anura.a@avantmaritime.com)

MV AVANT GARDE could also be contacted on: +870 765 072 494 for Vessel's ETA updates to RV.

Our office in Sri Lanka (Commercial Vessel Protection Dept.) could be contacted 24/7 on following:

**Telephone: +94 112 053 140/1**  
**Fax: +94 112 053 142**  
**Inmarsat: +870 776 735 973**

**Email: [comops@avantmaritime.com](mailto:comops@avantmaritime.com)**  
**Chief Operations officer-Red Sea:**  
**Mobile: +94 773 083 273**

In order to enable a safe and swift transfer, it is advisable for the vessel to reduce speed to **2 knots** or as conditions permit and maintain a safe heading to provide a good lee side. Embarking/Disembarking usually takes around 30 minutes.

**The transfer is carried out by MV AVANT GARDE, RHIB boat or a Service Boat.**

**Please ensure the following**

- Pilot ladder lowered on the lee side prior to commencing the transfer.
- Clear the concertina wires around the ladder if it is laid less than 5 meters of free board.
- Life vests worn by all personnel at all times during the transfer.
- All equipment, weapons and ammunition secured by the Security Team prior to transfer.
- All weapons and ammunition cases should be clearly marked with the company Name, numbered and secured with padlocks.

If you anticipate any delay in making the RV position at the given ETA, please update MV AVANT GARDE at the earliest.