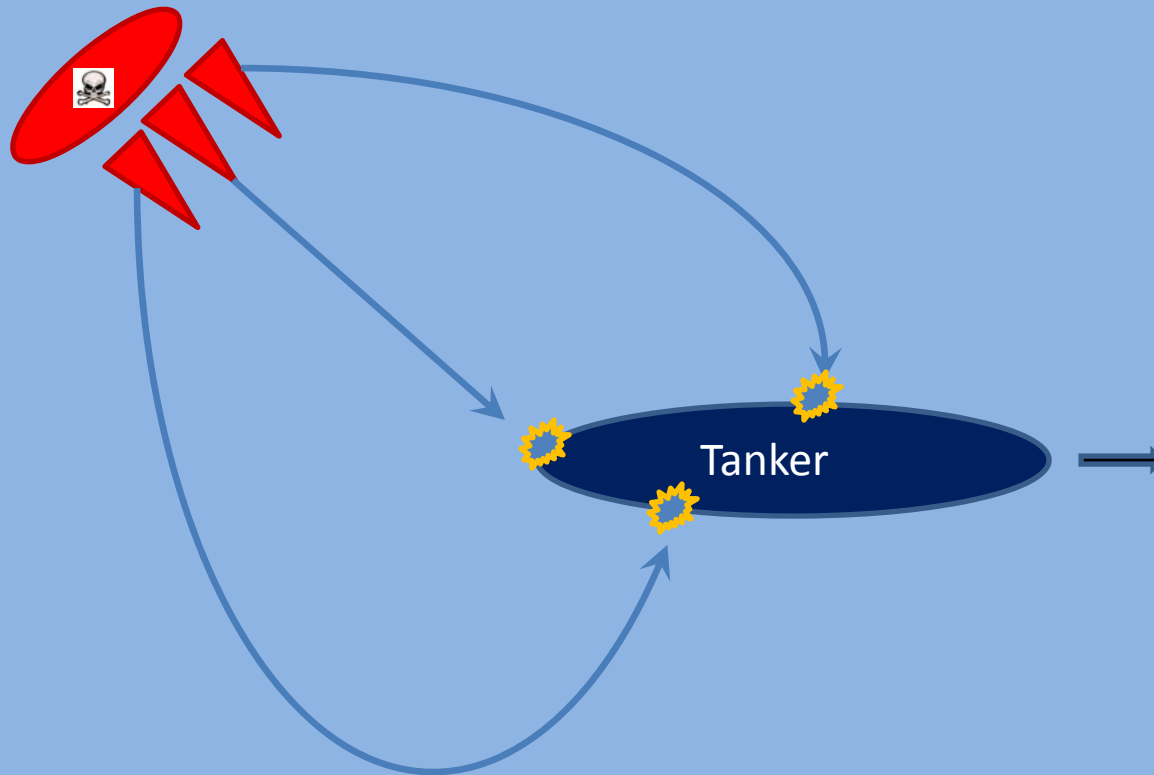


Somali Pirate “Swarm” Tactics

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**Pirate Action
Group (PAG)**
Pirate Mothership
and 3 Attack Skiffs



Somali pirates are employing a “swarm” attack tactic – In this tactic the pirates utilize a mother ship and three to five small skiffs forming a PAG (pirate action group). The victim vessel is attacked at several locations simultaneously, causing confusion amongst the vessel’s crew. Boarding and hijacking are then effected by taking advantage of the confusion and difficulty of defending such an attack.