

Report of pirate attack:

1. Name of yacht: Lorna
2. Owner: Bo Altheden and Vivi-Maj Mirén
3. Nationality of vessel: Swedish
4. Registration number: SFC 4519
5. Location of attack: Punta Toleta, N10 44.6 W62 22.1
6. Time of attack: March 20, 2001 at 12.30 PM local time
7. S/Y Lorna is motoring from Isla Margarita to Trinidad about 2 NM from the coast. A small pirogue is coming up from behind. Five men are sitting in the pirogue. They start asking for cigarettes. Bo Altheden goes out of the cockpit to talk to them. When the pirogue comes closer, four of the men take out their weapons which have been hidden under rags. Bo Altheden turns around to go into the cockpit and one of the men immediately fires from the pirogue. Bo Altheden is hit and collapses in the cockpit. Four armed men quickly come on board, asks for money, jewelry, weapons and ammunition. Nothing of what they ask for is carried on board and they start collecting what they can find lying around such as binoculars, a sailing jacket, flippers and snorkels, sandals, a small camera, plastic watches etc. The two VHF sets are ruined and then they leave. The attack takes about 5 to 10 minutes.
8. The Trinidad & Tobago Police makes the criminal investigation and hands it over to the Venezuelan Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The Swedish Foreign Ministry assists in reporting to the Venezuelan Police on Isla Margarita.