

## French Pirates Terrorize British Scallops Boats

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Apparently, Somali pirates are coming to France to raid British scallops boats. Yet, the British refuse to be intimidated by militant French fishermen. According to the Daily Mail of London, "proudly clutching the Union flag, the crew of the British scallop dredger Van Dijk stand firm in the face of sabre-rattling French. Militant French fishermen have threatened to mobilize a 250-strong armada against British boats legally fishing for scallops off the Normandy coast."

Alleged French-Somali pirates calling themselves, "The French Revolution," have already attacked the Van Dijk and other British boats with rocks, iron bars and flares.

"But," as reported by the Mail, "skipper Gary Smith, 47, says his crew refuse to be intimidated by their Gallic foes. Speaking from the wheel cabin of his 100ft. boat he said: "These boys are hardened seafarers and there is nothing more they would like than a punch-up with the French."

The captain added, "we have painted a Union Jack on the side of the boat to show we will not be intimidated."

To read the entire article from the Daily Mail of London, link here: [Tmcgregordallas@yahoo.com](mailto:Tmcgregordallas@yahoo.com)