

State of the industry during COVID-19 restrictions – 26th January 2021

Country	Lockdown restrictions & National Border Regulations	COVID-19 Vaccination Update	Travel Restrictions
Australia	<p>There have been very low cases of COVID within the community, zero reported for some time. Outbreaks that have occurred have been through quarantine workers or overseas arrivals exempted from mandatory 14-day quarantine such as flight crew. These outbreaks have taken around 3 weeks to control each time.</p>	<p>No vaccine has been approved for use in Australia, this is expected to occur in mid-February with a rollout of the vaccine program expected to ramp up in March. The priority will now be any persons with connections to overseas border controls, this is a departure from the previously planned "most at risk" and a pragmatic approach to stopping the virus from entering the community, building on the success we have already had with border control measures.</p>	<p>Overseas arrivals are required to have a negative PCR test 72 hours prior to flying, there has been tightening of measures and greater testing of aircrew. A reduction in inbound seats to Australia to ensure the hotel quarantine system can continue to cope, this has affected maritime crew rotations as finding a seat on a flight is difficult and expensive as a result.</p> <p>New Zealanders can travel to Australia without conducting quarantine as our government recognises them as completely Covid free. This is not yet reciprocated, with quarantine required from Australia back into NZ. Discussions on expanding this to other Covid free pacific island nations is underway.</p> <p>Open travel with the rest of world is unlikely until the end of 2021, government has indicted vaccinated travellers will continue</p>

			to conduct 14 days hotel quarantine for some time until they are confident in its effectiveness.
Belgium	So far, the third wave hasn't been significant, however there is concern over the English variant of the virus. Some schools start to go in complete or partial lockdown, hoping to keep the situation under control. There will probably be a ban for unnecessary travel in the next few days.	Currently there are 146000 people vaccinated.	
Canada	With the second wave of infections, most provinces are in some form of lockdown right now. Everyone who can work from home is encouraged to do so. Masks are mandatory in public places and shops. The most populous provinces of Ontario and Quebec are currently in states of emergency with mandatory stay-at-home orders and many non-essential businesses closed. Restaurants and non-essential shops are restricted to curbside pickup and delivery. Quebec has an 8pm-5am curfew in place.	The Canadian government has run into problems securing enough early vaccine supply, which is slowing down the efforts of provinces to administer the shot. This has been made worse by recent delays in delivery of the Pfizer vaccine. To date about 672,000 Canadians have been vaccinated-- about 2% of the population. According to the Canadian government's latest projections, vaccines will continue to be prioritized for frontline workers; the elderly; and vulnerable populations with the general population getting access starting in the summer.	Flights into the country are restricted: only Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and some select groups (agricultural workers, international students) are allowed in. People wishing to return to Canada must obtain a negative COVID-19 test three days before they can arrive. Once people arrive, they are subject to a 14-day mandatory quarantine.
Finland	The COVID-19 action plan divides the epidemic into three phases: baseline, acceleration phase and community transmission phase. All restrictions are detailed here: https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/information-on-coronavirus/current-restrict... . Areas in transmission phase have tightest restrictions including the number of participants at public events may be limited to 10 persons or, if necessary, events may be prohibited altogether,	Vaccination is progressing, albeit at rather slow rate. So far, a total of approximately 155,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine have arrived in Finland, so currently mainly healthcare personnel are getting the vaccines. As of 22.1.2021 only 83,000 people have got their vaccine.	

	<p>and If necessary, public spaces may be closed down altogether. And boating is not possible...due to ice.</p> <p>Total number of COVID-19 case now about 42,000, deaths slightly over 600, in hospital care slightly over 100 currently plus 24 in intensive care. The situation is serious, but calm and the number of daily new infections is again trending down. Relatively speaking Finland is doing better than most other countries. Seems like Finns obey recommendations fairly well.</p>		
Hong Kong	<p>Hong Kong is currently in the fourth wave and restrictions have been tightened since November 2020. The unemployment rate is at a 16-year high of 6.6 percent in Q4 of 2020. 3-week quarantine is required for all inbound residents/visitors. Restaurants are shut from 6pm onwards and can only provide take-out. Dine-in is only available in a table for 2. Free Covid-19 testing kits are widely available throughout the city.</p> <p>Charters have been heavily affected as they have been seen as a means to host parties. The Marine Police are now actively checking boats on the water to ensure social distancing measures are followed.</p> <p>Specialized Media and PR companies have also been heavily affected as all events have been postponed or cancelled resulting in no income.</p>	<p>Vaccines were scheduled to be rolled out in February, but delays are expected. The government has ordered 3 types of vaccines; CoronaVac, AstraZeneca-Oxford and BioNTech (7.5 million doses each).</p>	

	<p>Club sailing have been halted to avoid social gatherings.</p> <p>It is expected that these measures will last till Chinese New Year in Mid-February. If the situation does not improve, measures will continue to be in place.</p>		
Italy	<p>In Italy regions are divided into three colours: yellow, orange and red. If the government classifies the region, according to the level of contagion, in yellow, then shops, bars and restaurants can be kept open (but only until 6 pm), and you can travel within the region. If orange, shops, bars and restaurants are closed and you can't move from your municipality, but you can reach your vacation home if it's within the region or in another orange region. if red, you can't move at all, only for work or necessity.</p> <p>Marinas are open as they are considered essential businesses.</p>	<p>Mass vaccination has started, with the same program adopted by Spain. Nearly 1,5 million people have been vaccinated. The population over 80 years of age should start being vaccinated in a few days.</p>	
Japan	<p>Japan has had a total of 366,000 cases and 5,130 deaths.</p> <p>Japan declared a limited state of emergency in the capital, Tokyo, and three neighbouring prefectures, Saitama, Kanagawa and Chiba, covering about 30% of the country's population, from 8th Jan to 7th Feb. Restrictions would centre on combating transmission in bars and restaurants, which the government says are main</p>	<p>Japan has signed a contract to buy 144 million doses of Pfizer's vaccine in 2021 on 20th Jan. Japan would aim to start delivering the vaccine by the end of February. It would prioritise medical workers and people age 65 and over. There is also another contract recently with UK Astrazeneca (120 million doses) and US Moderna (50 million doses).</p>	<p>The JG again banned travel to and from all countries and regions during the state of emergency</p>

	<p>risk areas. This time, schools are not being closed.</p> <p>Japan expanded a state of emergency in the Tokyo area to seven more prefectures on 13th Jan. The governors of Osaka, Kyoto and other hard-hit prefectures asked the government to announce the emergency, which gives local authorities the legal basis to curb movement and business.</p> <p>Boat sales number is 4% down compared with the previous year. PWC sales number is 6% down, and outboard engine sales number is 6% up.</p> <p>Marinas are not so bad. Some marinas have exceeded the previous year's results</p> <p>The number of new boat license holders grew by 19%, especially PWC license holders grew by 24%.</p> <p>The export sales number of outboard engines decreased by 23%, but now engine manufactures have recovered up to normal production level.</p> <p>Japan International Boat Show 2021 plans are to host a new style hybrid boat show (floating and virtual boat show) from 15th to 18th April. Concern over increasing number of Covid-19 cases.</p>		
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North Cyprus	There has been a rise in cases in the TRNC which has led to the decision to enforce a night-time curfew from 22:00 to 05:00 until 25th January. Individuals are not permitted to leave their residences between the stated hours, with the exception of private sector personnel addressing basic needs and public sector personnel providing essential services (police, fire department, municipalities, civil defence, health workers and district offices). Those who are not exempt from the curfew will be able to leave their residences with a permit document which they can obtain by applying to the police stations in case of emergency.		<p>Under Government measures that are valid until 31st January, any passengers entering the TRNC from abroad will be subject to a 10-day quarantine, provided they submit negative PCR test results for the last 3 days. PCR tests will be performed at the end of the quarantine. Anyone who has been in the USA, UK, Netherlands, Denmark and South Africa in the last 14 days will not be accepted, with the exception of TRNC citizens from those countries who will have to stay in quarantine for 14 days.</p> <p>Arrivals on charter flights, private planes and scheduled flights are not permitted. The 3-day and shorter entry without quarantine has also been cancelled until the next review by the Council of Ministers.</p> <p>Entry is not allowed for those who do not submit the PCR test result as a printout to healthcare professionals upon entry to the TRNC or those whose test results</p>

			<p>are not received within the last 3 days.</p> <p>Passengers coming from Turkey to the TRNC should submit negative PCR test result documents, which must have a QR code.</p>
Poland	<p>The number of Polish people infected with the coronavirus since the beginning of the epidemic is 1,464,448 (34,908 people died).</p> <p>A national quarantine has been in force in Poland since 28.12.2020. Hotels, ski slopes, shopping malls, gyms and swimming pools are closed at this time. Restaurants can sell takeaway or delivery.</p> <p>From 18.01.2021, children from 1-3 classes have returned to primarily schools, and subsequent students will come back when the pandemic situation allows it.</p> <p>The situation in the Polish boating industry looks good. The shipyards have received many new orders and the production lines are mostly occupied by the end of the season. The only problems are absenteeism of workers and difficulties in keeping supply chains at a level that matches the needs of production of vessels.</p>	<p>Vaccinations against COVID-19 began in Poland on 27.12.2020. Two vaccines are allowed - Comirnaty, produced by Pfizer and BioNTech, and mRNA-1273 - from Moderna. Healthcare workers are vaccinated first. Then the vaccine against Covid-19 will be given to, among others seniors, uniformed services, teachers and people with chronic diseases.</p> <p>Until yesterday, 591,785 people were vaccinated. This means that the percentage of Polish people vaccinated against the coronavirus is 1.54 percent. The government hopes that 3 million people will be vaccinated by the end of March. So far, the average number of vaccinations for Covid-19 in the last seven days is around 31.8 thousand daily. If new vaccines are registered in the coming weeks and they are delivered to Poland under the EU agreement, the vaccination rate will increase.</p>	<p>From 28.12.2020, new restrictions related to the prevention of COVID-19 apply at the Polish border. Polish citizens of the EU, EEA and Swiss countries who cross the Polish border, constituting the external border of the EU, are no longer released from quarantine. Also, people crossing the border by public transport are sent to quarantine.</p> <p>Quarantines, after crossing the Polish border, do not have to be carried out by aircraft crews, sailors, fishermen, drivers performing international road transport, train staff - as part of professional activities, as well as foreigners to travel through the territory of Poland to their place of residence or stay. Released from quarantine are people vaccinated against COVID-19.</p>

<p>Portugal</p>	<p>Portugal is being hit extremely hard by the third wave with a new lockdown, after the mistake of opening for Christmas and New Year. The lockdown is still less restrictive than the one in April 2020, despite having a much worse situation. Borders are open, schools are still open, but most activities (like boating) are not allowed. Marinas are allowed to do check ins and check outs, so boats entering or leaving the country can do so. Also transport for boatyards/maintenance is allowed.</p> <p>With the current status it is expected that the government will maintain or restrict even more the lockdown, and for one or two months.</p> <p>Boat sales are still high, like on most markets, but not being able to use boats is not going to help the future of the industry.</p> <p>There is still a big question mark on the impacts of Brexit on the very large fleet of UK boats in the Portuguese marinas. No one knows exactly what will happen but at the moment it seems all boats intend to stay and even more are planning to come our way. Demand is very high.</p>	<p>Portugal has received 200.000 vaccines so far. Of those, 100.000 are being administered to Health staff and care homes, the other 100.000 are stored to guarantee the second dose. It seems that the delay of Pfizer vaccine will be lower than expected, so the authorities will now reduce the stock to 1/3 of what is being used. The total Portuguese population is 10Million, so we are still very far from the end.</p>	<p>There are no travel restrictions at the moment to Portugal. Only a few countries have black listed Portugal because of the current wave and also the close link with Brazil, with many flights per week.</p>
<p>Spain</p>	<p>Spain is not yet at the peak of the third wave, and according to the government is expected to reach such peak mid-February. Meantime each of the 17 regional administration are taking different steps as to what restrictions are in place.</p> <p>As the situation stands, and how law-makers are afraid of the summer season, there is 50/50</p>	<p>Vaccination is slow, and organised by groups: 1- old people in care homes, 2- medical personnel taking care of those people, 3- medical personnel in general, 4- people 80 or older, and the rest is not clear yet. Estimations say that 70% of the Spanish population will be vaccinated by September-</p>	

	<p>possibilities that yacht harbours will keep open and be able to operate from March-April onwards, but Spain will be looking at Italy and France to copy their steps on the matter. In this very moment in Balearics we are not confined, but we cannot meet with people outside our household. All F&B is closed. Touristic activity is zero.</p>	<p>October. This week the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine started to be injected to people vaccinated at the end of the year.</p>	
South Africa	<p>South Africa is in the second wave with significant pressure on health care services. Boating and fishing is permitted but beaches are closed (and policed stringently). So, no surfing or kitesurfing allowed. Some yacht clubs have chosen to suspend their weekly social sailing calendars. Visiting yachties are permitted with protocols in place. The newly formed Cruising Association was instrumental in getting this approved by regulators.</p> <p>There is a curfew 9pm - 5am. All alcohol sales are banned including restaurants. Mask wearing is mandatory by law. School opening has been delayed. No more than 50 people are allowed at social gatherings or funerals with social distancing and adequate ventilation.</p> <p>The negative economic impact on the economy is really beginning to show with company closures and job losses. Large investments and capital upgrades have been shelved.</p>	<p>There isn't yet a clear idea of exactly when the vaccines will be expected to arrive in the country and how many have been purchased. There is some indication that the first batch will arrive next month. There is a protocol being drafted for priority vaccinations eg health care workers and teachers.</p>	
Turkey	<p>Restrictions continue on people age 65 and older and 20 and younger in Turkey.</p>		<p>As of December 30, 2020, passengers arriving in Turkey are required to submit a negative PCR test (nucleic acid). The sample for</p>

	<p>Weekend total curfews in place. Partial curfew in place in week days after 21:00.</p>		<p>the test must have been taken within 72 hours prior to the passenger's scheduled departure from the country of origin. This applies to all passengers aged 6 years and over, except sailors, truck drivers, and transit passengers.</p> <p>All passengers are required to wear masks at the airport and during the flights and complete the passenger information form when arriving to Turkey.</p> <p>All passengers and airline crew will undergo a medical examination and those showing symptoms will have tests performed.</p> <p>Passengers departing from Denmark/South Africa and arriving to Turkey: Only Turkish citizens, holders of Turkish residency cards and blue card holders are permitted to board flights departing from Denmark and South Africa and arriving to Turkey. Passengers (6 years of age and over) arriving to Turkey are required to have taken a PCR test with a negative result within 72 hours prior to their scheduled flight departure which is after 00:00 in December 30, 2020</p>
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UK	<p>As is being experienced by many countries the UK is going through difficult times with over 3.5 million COVID-19 cases recorded and very sadly over 90,000 deaths. All of the UK is in some form of a lockdown with hospitality, non-essential retail and most leisure facilities and activities closed. Most hospitals are at the upper end of their capacity. The population can only leave home for a limited number of essential reasons which are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person • go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home • exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person (in which case you should stay 2m apart). Exercise should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area. • meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one • seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse) • attend education or childcare - for those eligible 	<p>The vaccination programme is progressing well with just under 5 million first doses having been administered equating to around 9% of the adult (over 18) population with a target of 15 million by the end of February. The network of vaccination centres is growing daily with a plan in England to have around 2,500 which will mean that everyone will live within 10 miles (16 KM) of a vaccination site.</p>	<p>The population can only travel internationally - or within the UK - where they first have a legally permitted reason to leave home</p>
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