

State of the industry based on the COVID-19 restrictions

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Australia	<p>Many marinas pay a concession; rental or leasing fee to a government agency. To help reduce the financial stress and job losses at the marina these agencies can provide a temporary halt to the requirement to pay the fee for a given period of time. In North Queensland for example the government through the Port Authority has provided the Cairns marina with fee relief, with some fees halted until end 2023. The total value of the fee relief package for operators at the marinas is AU \$3m. Also, by providing relief to the marina operator, they are then in a better financial position to pass on fee relief to their tenants.</p>
Canada	<p>Since boating season has not begun in most parts of Canada there are not significant restrictions at this time. However, all national parks are closed for access land and water. In the province of Ontario marine servicing has been deemed essential.</p> <p>The Federal government has announced some significant measures to help businesses in Canada. Nearly \$100 Billion dollars in relief which includes paying wages of staff of SMEs up to 75% up to \$58,000Cdn to keep their staff for the next three months. There are also additional employment insurance measures to support Canadians out of work.</p>
Finland	<p>The Government — together with the President of the Republic — have declared a state of emergency in Finland. The measures include the closure of schools, educational institutions and universities, restrictions to public meetings and gatherings, mobility and visits to health care units, and increases to social welfare and health care capacity. In addition, border traffic was restricted. These measures will remain in force until April 13, 2020.</p> <p>Further restrictions are currently under preparation and depending on how the situation evolves, they will be taken into effect (e.g. closure of restaurants, restrictions to mobility).</p> <p>The boat makers are located mostly in the countryside, where the virus is not (at least yet) spreading. This reduces the risk of production disturbances, but of course does not protect them from possible supply chain disturbances or changes in consumer purchasing power.</p> <p>A few local boat shows have now been cancelled — Kuopio in March and Naantali in May.</p>
Germany	<p>All business/shops except food, gas, pharmacy etc. are closed until April 19th.</p> <p>Marinas are closed. Boats cannot be moved into the harbor. In the marinas, sailing clubs etc., it is allowed to work on your boat with two persons. Professionals are also allowed to work on boats. If boats are already in the marina (water) owners are not allowed to enter the boat.</p>

	<p>Our main target is to open the marinas as soon as possible to get the season started.</p>
Greece	<p>A discussion has started with the Government regarding the mooring fees of the chartered/commercial boats which are currently moored/locked in the marinas. All charters or sails are forbidden in the Greek territory, so now the professional unions and associations are asking a 40 to 60 percent discount on the mooring fees for the next months. The State has already announced a 40 percent reduction of the rent for the commercial stores, restaurants, cafes, etc for the period being locked down.</p> <p>Greek Marinas Association has requested from the State proportional reductions on the marinas' concession fees.</p> <p>In Greece the number of people affected remains relatively low for now, compared to other European countries. The fast response of the Government with hard measures taken, has now proved as a successful proactive policy. We have avoided the worse, thanks to the Italian doctors' warnings given early March.</p>
Grenada	<p>An update from Port Louis Marina, Grenada -The Prime Minister has declared "Limited State of Emergency" in Grenada as of Wednesday 25th March 2020, starting 6.00 pm, for 21 days. Charlotte Fairhead, Marina Manager, is on site, and working with Marina & Yachting Association and Government each day. Grenada is now on a lock down for 7-day curfew until April 6.</p> <p>Port Louis Marina is now open from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm everyday with minimum required staff on site and of course 24-hour security is still in place.</p> <p>We have created WhatsApp groups with our different department so we can stay in constant contact and share information easily as most of our staff do not have emails. Berth holders receive updates via email as the situation develops. All tenants at the marina have now closed.</p>
Hong Kong	<p>Due to increasing number of cases the Government has stepped up introducing stronger measures (limiting alcohol licenses at bars & restaurants and ordering the closure of sports clubs with private recreational leases).</p> <p>Several yacht clubs have closed due to the new government policies on PRL but access to boats are still open.</p> <p>According to a recent survey conducted by Hong Kong Boating Industry Association, a total of 71% of employees will be affected if the downturn persists.</p> <p>Cancellation of both international and local boating & sailing events has had a significant to moderate negative impact for three quarters of the companies in the industry.</p>
Ireland	<p>All schools, non-essential shops etc. are shut. All sport has been cancelled and this has had a big impact on the sport of sailing which is usually gearing up for a busy summer season at this time. Yacht clubs</p>

	<p>have closed catering, social and now changing facilities to members to stop cross contamination possibilities.</p> <p>Marinas have not closed but are steadily reducing services and facilities to customers. Most visiting boats from outside the immediate area are not being admitted to private marinas to limit exposure. Many marinas are closing bathroom facilities (except disabled access), laundries and even removing water hoses from the deck. Self-isolation aboard boats is also strictly forbidden.</p> <p>The overriding concern is the staff becoming sick or having to stay home which will have a serious knock-on effect on the ability to keep the marina open and operational. Closing to customers entirely may prove to be the sensible option in the short term. There may yet come political pressure to stop people going out on their boats while others are forbidden to access public parks, beaches, holiday homes etc.</p>
Italy	<p>Full lockdown and marinas being closed due to being classified as “non-essential businesses”. Within the nautical industry only repair companies (boats, engines, etc.) and specific suppliers are included in the list of permitted activities. Some marine equipment manufacturers (e.g. safety equipment, sailmakers, etc.) have temporarily converted their production to provide masks or other supplies necessary for the health crisis. Boating and access to coastlines are banned by local authorities, along with the restriction not to leave home for unjustified reasons.</p>
Japan	<p>The Japan International Boat Show 2020 in March was cancelled, along with five other local boat shows planned to take place in April and May. Imported boat dealers will hold the new boat sea trial for potential customers Individually from April.</p> <p>Marinas are open without any restrictions.</p> <p>From a manufacturers standpoint, some parts from China have been delayed and companies are looking for alternative suppliers. There is concern about the reduction of volume due to the global demand downturn.</p>
Netherlands	<p>Similar to other European countries schools, universities, nurseries and non-essential business have been closed and people are advised to stay home and not leave unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>HISWARECRON is developing a voucher system so companies can use this to give a guarantee to costumers that the vacation / boat rental will be postponed with a governmental funding so the costumer gets money back if the company is financially strong enough to comply.</p>
New Zealand	<p>The country is under mandatory lockdown. All residents are required to remain in their homes and stay in the same place for at least the next four weeks.</p> <p>Marinas and boatyards have closed, boat owners and the public are not allowed to travel other than to supermarkets or medical care facilities. A small number of marinas have retained some liveaboard who are under strict controls. People are permitted to exercise by walking around the immediate area around their home, but a visit to the</p>

	<p>beach for a swim is not permitted. Marinas are permitted to have a security guard but no other staff on site.</p>
Poland	<p>Poland is under mandatory lockdown, similar to other countries mentioned where people are advised to stay at home and leave only when absolutely necessary. Poland has suspended international passenger air and rail connections, but freight transport works. Goods can enter and leave Poland without problems.</p> <p>As for the yacht industry, companies are still operating, although at a slower speed, but the situation is getting harder every day. Shipyards see the main problems in the supply of various types of components and equipment</p> <p>All mass events were cancelled, and nurseries, schools and universities being closed. Cinemas, museums, concert halls, theatres and galleries are closed until further notice, as well as gyms, swimming pools, dance clubs, fitness centres or libraries. Only food shops, medical services and bank branches can be operated. Restaurants, cafes and bars can still sell food, but only for takeaway.</p> <p>The Polish government has introduced a plan to support entrepreneurs by covering 40% of salaries for employees and providing loans to employers to help maintain cash flow.</p>
Singapore	<p>Bars and entertainment venues are closed until April 30. Restaurants are not affected. Schools remain open but enrichment programmes and tuition centres are closed. All arrivals have to submit a health declaration form online prior to travel.</p> <p>Short term visitors (including transiting passengers) are not allowed since 24-Mar. The cruise centre is closed. Marinas are still open for business. Cruising in local waters is possible, but foreign arrivals will be turned away. The Singapore Yacht Show which was planned to take place in March, has been moved to October 22-25, 2020.</p>
South Africa	<p>The South African President has announced a nationwide lockdown until the 16th of April. No one is to leave home unless seeking medical care, buying food or medicine or collecting social grants. All shops and businesses will be closed with the exception of: pharmacies, laboratories, banks, essential financial services, supermarkets, petrol stations, healthcare providers, post offices and companies that produce or transport food, basic goods and medical supplies.</p> <p>The South African Defence Force will be deployed to support police in implementing the lockdown. Public health management programmes will increase and international travellers from high risk countries will not be admitted.</p> <p>Currently essential cargo excludes boats/yachts so no boats can be exported by ship.</p>
Turkey	<p>All nurseries, schools, universities, shops (except for groceries), bars, restaurants etc are closed since March 13 until further notice. All governmental offices are working with 50% capacity in shifts. Public transport vehicles are to have max 50 % of their capacity to maintain social distance.</p>

	<p>Marinas are currently not in lockdown, just the cafes, restaurants and hotels within marina. Marinas accept boaters from berthing in other marinas within Turkish waters. All boats arriving from overseas are diverted to Port Authorities for quarantine measures.</p> <p>Boatyards and equipment manufacturers are carrying on production, taking extended hygienic measures, some with at 50 percent capacity to maintain social distance during working and staff coming to work every other day.</p>
UAE	<p>The situation in the UAE (valid in general for Oman, with reference to marinas):</p> <p>Since 26th of March the Emirati government has issued a mandatory lockdown.</p> <p>Following Government and Ministerial guidelines and measures to ensure health and safety of its residents and visitors, maritime authorities notified all maritime activities companies, yacht charters, jet sky rental to suspend the all maritime activities until further notice. In general boating activity in UAE and Oman is suspended, but the marinas remain open for private boat owners, provided they stay on board and don't go out.</p> <p>Some luxury resort marinas with hotels are busy offering services and owners requests while onboard (deliveries, etc.). In Abu Dhabi although private boating has not been forbidden by government decree, marinas are very quiet as most members respect the government's instructions to stay at home. All commercial activities have been halted within the marinas as per the authority's instructions. All commercial charter, pleasure and touring activity is banned. Fishermen marinas are still active since considered vital activity.</p> <p>In general, marina offices are open as regularly hours, but manned only by administration staff, reduced to a minimum to guarantee safety and security. Marina operational staff remain 24/7, however shifts reduced to minimum safe manning. Each marina adds additional precautionary measures to reduce spread of the Covid-19 virus.</p>
UK	<p>Currently the UK is on full lockdown, where people have been advised to stay at home and only leave the house when absolutely necessary, either going to a grocery shop, pharmacy, work or exercising.</p> <p>The Home Secretary has new powers to request port closure but currently the Government is keen to keep ports open for freight and other limited commercial activities.</p> <p>As far as recreational use of vessels is concerned, it is not considered to be essential and those who break the new laws could be fined for doing so. If you believe that the activity you want to conduct on the river is within the 30 minutes of keeping healthy (rowing, paddle-boarding etc) then the guidance we have received is that this should be done from home and avoid contact with others (unless they are in your family/isolation group). The inference being that the exercise period</p>

(not power boating or sailing) should be short and not involve driving to another location.

It is understood that harbour staff and those commercial employees who conduct essential activities will be allowed to continue travelling to and from work to carry out work that cannot be done from home.

Guidance on the need for the public to attend to their own craft to ensure that they do not become the cause of an incident (sinking , oil spill or other pollution) is less clear. Owners are advised to contact their commercial agent and Dart Harbour if they have a concern about the safety of their vessel. Owners should only consider visiting their vessels for safety critical checks, if they are unable to get the assistance of a commercial agent.

It is recognised, that many of the people nominated as agents are not commercial (paid employees or self-employed) and some will be unavailable to attend to vessels owing to their own restrictions such as self-isolation or company policies. If owners do not currently have a commercial agent or the agent is unable to conduct safety checks on their vessels, then they need to contact the Harbour Office as there will be a list of contractors who will be able to provide a service. Arranging a commercial agent who is able to conduct safety checks is best done before finding out if the vessel is in distress as this can keep costs down.