

State of the industry during COVID-19 restrictions – 27th April

Country	Lockdown restrictions	Government Support	MIA activity	Domestic Boat Shows
Australia	<p>Restrictions on the following places: pubs, registered and licenced clubs, hotels (excluding accommodation), gyms and indoor sporting venues, cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs. Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery.</p> <p>Advice has now been strengthened reducing it to two persons in public spaces and other areas of gathering. However, each state can have slightly different laws and ways of endorsing this.</p>	<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. (see https://www.portsnorth.com.au/news-publications/).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> <p>Some States have now confirmed deferment of rents but details are yet to be provided.</p>	<p>Core activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interpreting State and National Restrictions and State and Federal business support programs and communicating to members. 2. Representing industry interests in keeping marine industry open and access to industry services and associate limited boating activity consistent with social distancing. 3. Collaborating with other Industry associations to strengthen message 4. Development of graphical messaging to enable easy communication with members and stakeholders 5. Developing image and video content to be used as aspiration during period of restriction and motivational to engage in boating in recovery phase. 6. Developing and communicating mentoring contacts and resources to support mental health and businesses in financial distress 	<p>Existing Sanctuary Cove, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane Shows all cancelled for 2020.</p> <p>Contingency events being developed in case of early recovery before southern hemisphere 20/21 summer.</p>

Brazil	<p>Brazil is on lockdown for non-essential sectors. Even football matches have been suspended. Yet, given the vastness of the country, measures vary according to regional peculiarities, the denser urban areas are being more restrictive, and the countryside more relaxed. While tourism activities, such as hotels, restaurants, air travel and services in general have been hit very hard, our farming sector (agriculture and livestock) hasn't been affected much so far.</p> <p>Some municipalities along the coast have taken drastic measures, suspending the operation permit of non-essential establishments, such as hotels and marinas.</p>		<p>In spite of a legitimate movement by some operators to keep marinas open, ACOBAR is preparing a statement recommending partial closure, but also stress the fact that most marinas already offer free space for emergency services, and those activities must keep running.</p>	<p>The Rio Boat Show which was planned for April has been postponed. The São Paulo edition is expected to take place in October, as originally planned.</p>
Canada	<p>Canada is on lockdown with all non-essential shops, bars and restaurants closed, as well as all facilities providing indoor recreational programs, public libraries, schools, child care centres; cinemas, theatres and concert halls.</p> <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>		
Croatia	<p>Since 16th March all schools, universities, bars, restaurants, shops, public transport,</p>	<p>Croatian Government confirmed set of measures that are aimed at</p>	<p>The measures proposed to Croatian Government by the Croatian Marina</p>	

	<p>banks, markets and all public events are stopped. Open are only supermarkets for food, pharmacies, post offices and petrol stations. All Marina receptions are closed and communication is online.</p> <p>It is allowed to work in the boatyards, services points and in the Marinas outside, but under distance and other protection rules. The authority's suggestion is to stay at home and not to go outside except going to work or some other justified reason, and only with a special permission document, issued from authorities by company manager or another responsible person.</p> <p>Access to all islands is prohibited except for those living on the island, for deliveries, and some special reasons but with a special permission issued by local authorities and under Police strictly controlled access to the Island in Ferryboat harbours. It is not allowed to sail with the boat except the professional's fisherman boats. Ferryboats are operating to the Islands in very reduced timeline, with only 4-5 lines per day.</p> <p>Maintenance services make the majority of the nautical sector business. A significant drop of income is expected within the charter industry of more than 80 %.</p>	<p>job protection and postponement or relief of taxes to aid the economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The amount of 1.14 bn Euro is dedicated for job retention in March, April, and May. In total, the Croatian government will pay approx. 700 Eur per employee per month. •All tax payers affected by this crisis will be fully or partially exempt from paying corporate income tax, payroll taxes and salary contributions due in April, May and June 2020. The companies with a drop in revenues between 20% to 50% will have the right to defer taxes and will be able to pay them in 24 monthly annuities with no interest. Businesses with revenue of less than 1 mil. Euro and with a drop in revenue higher than 50% will be fully exempted from corporate income tax, payroll taxes and salary contributions. •All financial loans and leasing contracts have been suspended for 3 months, with possibility to extend it to 6 or 12 months depending on the development of the situation •Payment of the value added tax might be deferred until the invoices issued are paid off. •The deadline for submission of the 2019 annual financial statements is 	<p>Association are focusing not only on rescuing of nautical tourism but also its further development.</p> <p>Because marinas are under intense pressure from charter companies whose fleet is now useless, and they seek help from marinas, as they are already facing a liquidity problem, the following demands have been addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct support from the Ministry of Tourism for nautical tourism 2. Exemption of marinas from the maritime license concession fee 3. The possibility of using State aid for workers 4. Reducing VAT to 13% 5. Passing a voucher measure instead of a refund to passengers (charter) 6. Suspension of the obligation that the vessel should pay 7% of its value in order for the costs of the vessel to be tax deductible (charter) 7. Suspension until further invoicing of HAKOM's radio frequency per vessel fee and compensation to the Ministry of the Sea for the use of the maritime domain and navigation safety (charter) 	
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Finland	<p>Finnish government has decided on 22nd April to prohibit all events more than 500 people until end of July. All events and gatherings over 10 people are still forbidden until May 13th.</p> <p>Schools are closed until May 13th, but being opened step by step. At the moment 1st to 3rd graders can go to school. The next decision regarding schools will be made by end of April and the next decision</p>	<p>Government has promised support packages for businesses so they can keep people on the payroll. Support has also been promised for individual entrepreneurs, but there is a rush for the subsidies and it takes time to process the applications.</p>	<p>Finnboat is currently giving strong feedback to the Government and MP's in order to get improved and clearer rules for cross-border transits. Currently only 3rd party logistics are allowed, which makes it financially impossible to export or import goods that cannot be loaded economically on a lorry. This includes boats that are normally sailed to export clients as well as individual deliveries on boat trailers</p>	<p>Couple of local boat shows have been cancelled (Kuopio in March and Naantali in May). Finnboat May test-a-boat event is a question mark with the situation being monitored daily. The Helsinki Boat</p>

	<p>regarding events beyond end of July will be made latest beginning of June.</p> <p>Finland has opened the Uusimaa (Helsinki region + surroundings) borders as of Thursday April 16th. Boating is not forbidden, but is not recommended by the Government. Many mayors of small towns welcome summer residents since without summer residents there would be no services for the locals either. In some cases, they bring up to 70% of revenue.</p> <p>Restaurants, sports facilities, museums and other public facilities are closed until May 31st.</p> <p>Boat sales activity is going down, but due to the very strong Helsinki Boat Show in February, the deliveries are taking place almost as planned. Same for equipment sales and services as people are anxious to get their boats on water as spring is advancing fast. Boat makers are experiencing more supply chain issues, but continue production as much as they can until summer holidays.</p>		<p>or bulky equipment that take a lot of space.</p>	<p>Afloat Show in August is planned to take place on 13-16 August 2020.</p>
France	<p>All the shops (except a few click-and-collect ones), restaurants (take-away is still authorised), cinemas, museums, public services, banks etc... are closed since the 17th March until 11th May. Everyone must stay confined at home. Working from home is strongly</p>	<p>The French government has taken aid measures for both the businesses and the workers. Workers are encouraged to work from home, when possible, but some factories and businesses remain open with sanitary</p>	<p>An advocacy launched by FIN, FFPP and all the different French marinas associations, to foster a collective response to the Covid-19 consequences has been published on Friday, 10 April.</p>	<p>GPO is working hard to prepare the next Grand Pavois de La Rochelle (29 September-4 October), while</p>

	<p>encouraged, but factories and enterprises can operate, if they follow the distancing and sanitary measures applicable to their employees (strictly no contact with the public). Gatherings are prohibited, you're not allowed to meet friends, walk in groups... and you must prevent any kind of contact by staying away from each other (minimum 1 meter). It is only permitted to leave your home for - medical reason, food shopping, work if your job cannot be done as working from home, to help vulnerable people like elderly parents or handicapped people, or to exercise (walking, running, dog walking) if you stay in a range of 1km from your home and for a maximum of 1 hour. When you leave home, you must take your ID with you and fill up each time a self-declaration form that you have to take with you. Controls are operated by the police. Access to the seashore, lakes, beaches, coastal footpaths, marinas, quays, slipways is strictly forbidden, as well as the practice of any kind of waterside activity (boating, even swimming, surfing, kayaking).</p>	<p>measures. Partial unemployment benefits are now granted to 5,8 million people at the national level (about 25% of the employees) as of 8 April. Freelance workers can also benefit from a monthly subsidy of Euro 1500. Additional measures have been taken to differ repayment of loans and taxes, with the participation of the banks. The regional council administrations are also involved in several actions of support.</p>	<p>All stakeholders from the marine industry have called for working in synergy to encourage the defence of the professional boating activities, while taking the necessary sanitary measures to fight the pandemic. It also aims to prepare the recovery of boating practice, and to ensure that everyone will be ready, as soon as possible, when the business will start to pick up.</p>	<p>Cannes is still scheduled for 8-13 September.</p>
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All business/shops except food, gas, pharmacy etc. are closed until April 19th. •Marinas are closed. Boats cannot be moved into the harbour. •In the public only people of one household or two persons are allowed to be together 	<p>Kurzarbeitergeld (Reduced hours compensation). A company is able to ask for support for salaries, if the coronavirus crisis is the reason for difficulties. The employee is payed 60% (without children), 67 % (with children) of the last net income by the government.</p>	<p>The main goal is to open the marinas as soon as possible to get the season started.</p>	<p>Hamburg Ancora Yacht Festival, scheduled for June 5 – 7 is cancelled.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In the marinas, sailingclubs etc. it is allowed to work on your boat with two persons. •Professionals are allowed to work on boats. •If boats are already in the marina (water) owners are not allowed to enter the boat. 	<p>Mostly the companies are paying in addition another 20 % of the loss. This scheme can be used for up to two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Credits guaranteed by government are available. In the beginning in total 600 billion Euros. •Direct help. 50 billion Euros are given to small enterprises up to 10 employees, up to 15.000 Euros/company. This amount doesn't have to be paid back. •Taxes can be paid 3 month later. Insurance for the employees can be paid 3 month later. •All states have additional financial and fiscal help. 		
Greece	<p>Lockdown continues. The number of people affected in Greece remains at the lowest level among European countries. The fast response of the Greek Government with hard measures taken to prevent people gathering, has been internationally recognized as a very good example of successful proactive policy. Due to the recent good outcome, the government plans restarting the law courts and notary offices by the end of April. The plan continues with small retail shops and higher grade of schools beginning of May under certain measures to be taken (keep distances, mask protection, special daily cleaning schedule and more).</p>	<p>Government decided 20% discount on mooring and service fees of boats in public ports. Co-ministerial decision is expected in the next days to clarify the relevant terms. Financial support of 800 euro on monthly basis to the employees of the closed businesses and 25% discount of their contribution fees for March-April. Also 40% discount on rental costs and leases for all businesses affected by the pandemic for April, probably to be extended in May.</p>	<p>Greek Marinas Association requested proportional reductions on the marinas' concession fees. According to the latest decision, marinas have been included in the list of the affected business and as such they can claim the 40% discount on their concession fee for April.</p>	<p>Mediterranean Yacht Show in Nafplio and East Med Yacht Show in Zea were postponed, new date to be announced.</p>

	<p>The difficult aspect is the reopening of the tourist resorts and large hotels which seems unlikely before the end of May. All boating charters and private sails are forbidden in the Greek territory until April 27th (estimated to be extended up to mid of May).</p>			
Grenada	<p>Grenada is still on lockdown, however a new yacht registry portal (www.grenadalima.com.) has been created to better communicate relevant marine information, available provision companies, plus direct communication with marina destinations and boatyard facilities.</p>		<p>A sub-committee of the Marina & Yachting in Grenada Association has been created to help better understand a customer requirement of all things 'marine' in and around Grenada, including boat yard facilities, provisioners and marina destinations.</p> <p>With the sub-committee support, MAYAG have setup the yacht registry called Grenada Lima. The purpose of which is to gather data on boats currently in Grenada and more importantly, boats planning on coming to Grenada for the imminent hurricane season.</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). 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,</p>		<p>The HKBIA has been in contact with various charter associations and are collectively drafting a letter to seek for more support from the government.</p>	<p>Both international and local boating & sailing events have been cancelled so far.</p>

	<p>a total of 71% of employees will be affected if the downturn persists. 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>			
Hungary	<p>The government issued a lockdown (stay-at-home) for two weeks, starting on Saturday 28th March till 11th April, people in Hungary will only be allowed to leave their homes for "substantial reasons," though the list of these exceptions is rather extensive, ranging from grocery shopping to manicures.</p> <p>Since Hungary has no connection to the sea, only inland waterways, boating is allowed, but if you are not with your family members you must hold 1.5 meters distance. Owners can't live permanently on their boat as it is not a residence, only a recreational place.</p> <p>Effects on the marine Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •all the customers who ordered sailing or power boat by the last Boat Show will be served, new customers stepped back and sales have stopped •orders in the shops have stopped but have increased online •sailing school courses are postponed or cancelled •charter reservations have been cancelled for April, May, June, on sea 2020/2021 winter reservation are also stopped 	<p>Currently the Government is not offering any financial contribution to the marine industry and is not covering salaries to avoid job losses. Only sectors that were severely hit by the pandemic (tourism, restaurants, entertainment venues, sports, cultural services, transportation) will be contributed.</p>		<p>The first indoor Boat Show was held in Budapest end of February, all other boat shows, exhibition regardless indoor or on water has been postponed or cancelled.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •charter on the sea (abroad: Croatia, Greece, Seychelles etc.) decreased •closing marinas is not mandatory but some of them decided restrictions, otherwise they declare it as a workplace. Working is limited, owners can only work on their boat, otherwise boat owners can visit their boat but limited •Hungarian Sailing Federation decided to postpone the regattas to further notice •no passenger boats traffic allowed 			
Ireland	<p>Ireland has entered a stringent new phase of restrictions: Stay at home in all circumstances, except in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -to travel to and from work where the work is considered an essential service. -working in an essential shop, bank or post office. <p>to attend medical appointments and collect medicines and other health products for yourself, your family or someone who is vulnerable or 'cocooning'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -for vital family reasons including caring for children, elderly or vulnerable people but excluding social family visits -to exercise within 2 kilometres of your house. You cannot exercise with people from outside your household. <p>Marina and boatyard staff have been classed as essential workers. Marinas, boatyards and Yacht Clubs have closed to</p>	<p>There are a small number of state-aid for businesses, but so far the most significant one is the Temporary COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme. Up to €410 of weekly salary is paid by the State if the Company qualifies for the scheme.</p>	<p>The Irish Marine Federation has undertaken the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Successfully lobbied our Government to ensure that marinas and boatyards are considered 'essential services' and that employees can continue to work. •Keeping its members up-to-date with information on State and local authority financial grants and business support programmes. •Consulting with the national Health Authorities to help to stop the spread of COVID19 through the marine transport network. •Joined with other European marine industry associations to call on the EU to do more to help our sector. This action is being coordinated and facilitated by the EBI. •Actively planning on how to restart the industry once the travel restrictions are lifted in Ireland and 	

	all customers/members for a two week period. This includes contractors.		how to encourage boating in a safe and sustainable manner.	
Italy	<p>Full lockdown for boat manufacturing companies at least until 14 April, when the current Government measures will be over.</p> <p>Repair and maintenance businesses are permitted to continue their activities Marinas are operational but customers are not allowed to access their boats since moving from home to the harbour is considered a non-essential journey.</p> <p>It has been verified that the continuation of the shutdown of the production activities, according to the elaborations of the Research Office of Confindustria Nautica (based on the trend of the 2008 financial crisis) would lead to the loss of more than 5,000 jobs in the sector with a closure that will continue in the first 15 days of April, doubling with a closure until the end of April.</p> <p><u>Phase 2 of the emergency:</u> The Government is currently discussing the actions to take for the second phase of the emergency in Italy, as the latest figures show a reduction of the virus spread. It is likely to have a step by step reopening of the industrial activities from mid-April to May, however maintaining all the needed social distancing measures.</p>	<p>Currently the following government financial support is anticipated:</p> <p>1)All the financial loans and leasing contracts have been suspended for 3 months in order to preserve the financial liquidity of the companies</p> <p>2)The payment of VAT to the state and other taxes, together with the high contributions on the wages of employees have been suspended for 3 months</p> <p>3)A tax credit has been granted to shops, restaurants (even the ones operating inside marinas) who can prove they had losses caused by Covid-19 situation, by comparing the income from the previous year.</p> <p>The government has suspended concession fees until the end of July. A request has been made to grant the same benefits to marinas</p> <p>The Government has published on 8th April a decree with measures to give immediate liquidity to the industry (€400 billion in State guarantees to support business and exports)</p> <p>Other measures to support the businesses are expected after Easter.</p>	<p>Confindustria Nautica had a virtual meeting on 8th April with the Undersecretary of the Italian Prime Minister.</p> <p>The MIA presented the Government with a plan for the programmed reopening of the boating manufacturing and supply chain activities of the marine industry, pointing out the seasonality of the majority of our businesses.</p> <p>The plan provides precise indications on the necessary agreement with the trade unions, the voluntary participation of workers, the required healthcare protection, and the appropriate sanitization of the workplace.</p> <p>Confindustria Nautica is continuing to pursue its core commitment to represent, defend and support the entire industry, working in close contact with the Covid-19 crisis task force created by Confindustria.</p>	<p>The Governing Board of Confindustria Nautica and Board of Directors of I Saloni Nautici, have declared that, in view of the current circumstances, a plan will be put in motion for extraordinary measures to be adopted for the 2020 edition of the Genoa International Boat Show, which will see the design of a flexible layout that can adapt to the various post-crisis scenarios. It has been decided to postpone the 60th edition of the global trade fair from September to the following</p>

	The normalization of the social activities – including schools – will certainly be the last step that will be introduced.			month (1st - 6th October).
Israel	<p>Due to the Passover holiday, Israel is in almost full lockdown for 72 hours. People are instructed to stay in their cities.</p> <p>Marinas -will stay open to arrival and departure of vessels - no permit has been issued to close marinas. Foreign citizens aren't allowed to enter - except for special instructions and permission in advance by the Population and Immigration authorities. Israelis will be allowed to enter the state in accordance with the Ministry of Health instructions. Every Israeli entering the country will be required to a 14-day quarantine.</p> <p>Quarantine on sailing vessels is not permitted throughout all marina areas. Checking procedures of sailing vessels will be carried out in a separate pier, the same as it was up until now. Coming in touch with the vessels' body does not require a special protection uniform. Sanitizing vessels is not required. All costs deriving from the treatments of vessels will be carried out by the vessel owner, with in advance notice.</p> <p>Business- Permitted business are supermarkets, groceries, bakeries, food shops, pharmacies, optics stores, animal food stores, household maintenance services, electric shops, communication</p>	Government supports associations and the agricultural field. No special support for marinas is noted. All costs of repairing boats are on boaters.	The association is conducting discussions around the crisis exit strategy. We are in touch with marina managers and municipal representatives with the purpose of spreading their message to the public. In addition, the association is creating content for the public on social media platforms in order to reach boaters and organizations when sailing season starts. According to publications, Ben Gurion Airport is expected to open its gates late July. Meaning that the sea will have to open its gates beforehand. We are working to examine this possibility with the relevant authorities.	

	<p>products and services and medical equipment.</p> <p>Business will operate while maintaining 2 meters of distance from customers. No more than 4 customers per cash register in a store.</p> <p>Work places- Employers must take employees' temperature upon entrance to the workplace. Employees are required to fill out a symptom declaration form to be kept by the employers. Employers should work remotely as much as possible. In a workplace, people are to keep 2 meters from each other, open windows and restrict work to 2 people in the same room.</p> <p>Transportation- When driving in a private vehicle, 2 people are allowed.</p> <p>Upon operating busses, trains, light rail or shuttles, an empty row that separates drivers from passengers is required. One person per bench. Standing passengers need to keep 2 meters from each other. Ventilation and cleaning of the vehicle is required after each ride. In a taxi, one passenger is allowed in the back seat while all vehicle's windows are open.</p> <p>Resident restrictions - When entering public places, wearing a mask that covers the mouth and the nose is required. Gatherings in public places are not allowed.</p>			
Japan	A state of Emergency has been declared for 7 major prefectures including Tokyo metropolitan, announced on 7th April by	As an emergency economic measure, the Government boosted its stimulus package to 108 trillion	JMIA has been lobbying Government for support to small enterprises. JMIA informs member	The Japan International Boat Show 2020 in

	<p>Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe. He asked people to stay home and designated businesses to close until 6th May. There are, however, no penalties for refusing those requests.</p> <p>He expanded the area for the Declaration to nationwide on 16th April to reduce travel during the Golden Week holidays (29th April to 6th May), when many Japanese usually return to hometowns or take other trips for sightseeing.</p> <p>At this moment, the Government is consulting experts whether the declaration should be extended further or not.</p> <p>Some manufactures have shut down their factories and offices due to their local circumstance and/or reduction of demand. Some marinas are closed, the rests are still open, but they take measures such as reducing working hours and refusing visitor boats.</p> <p>Yamaha marine club, "Sea-Style" (rental boat system) is closed from 11th April to 10th May.</p>	<p>yen (\$1 trillion) to expand cash payouts to companies and residents.</p> <p>The Government decided to pay 100 thousand yen per each person in Japan.</p> <p>They started to deliver 2 washable masks to each household.</p> <p>Local governments support enterprises that cooperate to be closed.</p>	<p>companies of Government support measures by the website on a daily basis.</p>	<p>March was cancelled, along with five other local boat shows planned to take place in April and May.</p>
<p>Nether lands</p>	<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 has developed a voucher system so the watersport and leisure sector can use a voucher with a value that can be used to book a new accommodation, sailing course or rental period with the company that was compelled to cancel. The scheme was set up in alignment with the Authority for</p>	

			Consumers and Markets (ACM) and the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (EZK). Scheme conditions can be found here.	
New Zealand	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. Marinas and boatyards have closed, boat owners and the public are not allowed to travel other than to super markets or medical care facilities, so Marinas and Boat Yards are not to be visited. A small number of marinas have retained some live aboard who are under strict controls. People are permitted to exercise by walking around the immediate area around their home, but a visit to the beach for a swim is not permitted. Marinas are permitted to have a security guard but no other staff on site.			
Poland	On Tuesday 31st March, Poland introduced further restrictions. The penalty for violating them is a fine up to a maximum of 30,000 zloty (EU6,600). They include: • Pedestrians must remain 2 metres apart from one another, even if they are walking together. This includes members of the same family. Exceptions are made for children under 13 or people with disabilities	The Polish government has introduced a plan to support entrepreneurs, whose main points are • Exemption from social security, health insurance contributions for 3 months, from March to May for enterprises employing up to 9 people and self-employed • coverage by the state of 40% of salaries for employees	POLBOAT is in constant contact, not only with members but with the entire industry, supporting them and helping with production problems such as looking for various suppliers in a situation when existing Partners have suspended their activities. POLBOAT exchanges relevant information and experience on a daily basis. One of the association's goal is to open the marinas as soon as	The Wind and Water boat show in Warsaw scheduled for March 12-15 was cancelled, and the Wind and Water - floating show in Gdynia scheduled for July will most

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Shops can only admit 3 customers at the same time for each cash register they have •Outdoor markets and post offices will have similar restrictions on customer numbers •Customers in all shops must wear disposable gloves •Workplaces must separate work stations by at least 1.5 metres and employees must wear gloves •Parks, beaches and various other public recreation spaces are closed •Hotels and other short-term rental accommodation are closed (apart from those for use in quarantine or isolation, or for medical personnel) •Grocery shops and pharmacies to only serve customers over 65 years old between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. every day •Anyone living with a person under a legal quarantine order must also be quarantined <p>As for the yacht industry, companies are still operating. Producers of boats and yachts see the main problems in the supply of various types of components and equipment. That's why two of the largest Polish shipyards Ostroda Yacht and Delphia Yachts, both being part of the Beneteau Group, suspended production for several weeks. This is a big problem for hundreds of small suppliers, for whom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loans to employers to help maintain cash flow of companies 	<p>possible to start the season and announce that this year the season is longer, by the end of October, if the weather will be good enough, to reduce the losses of marina operators and charter companies.</p>	<p>likely be postponed</p>
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	<p>these shipyards were the main recipients of their products or services. Earlier two shipyards have suspended production - Mirage Boats (Norwegian capital and management) and Viking (aluminum fishing boats mainly for the Scandinavian market).</p>			
Portugal	<p>The President has declared the state of emergency on the 19th of March. This has given the power to the Government to take a number of urgent measures. To complete lock down of the country, most businesses had to close, restaurants can operate on take away only, all big events had to be cancelled. The borders with Spain have been closed to avoid contamination.</p> <p>Marinas and other ports are closed to any boats with foreign flag. They can come in port only for fuel or urgent supplies but the crews are not allowed to come ashore. All boating activities have been forbidden. Almost all commercial activities have been closed in the marinas. Maintenance works are allowed and the marinas are working on reduced schedules, with minimum staff but guaranteeing all services to the boats.</p> <p>Tourism in Portugal is one of the biggest industries, we are being hit in a very hard way and right when the season was starting.</p>	<p>Many financial measures have been published to help the workers and the companies. Most of them trying to avoid unemployment. Many more will follow as we are far from seeing the 'light at the end of the tunnel'.</p>		

Singapore	<p>Since the update on 02-Apr, new cases of infected people in Singapore have skyrocketed (with new record of 1426 cases). Singapore was blindsided by the spread in worker dormitories. Shared common facilities (kitchens & toilets) and cramped living conditions made safe distancing impossible. The country is highly dependent on migrant workers especially in the construction industry. Government is trying to give more space to these workers by relocating some to makeshift accommodation such as unused exhibition halls and floating accommodations (cruise ships as well as floating dormitories used by the oil & gas sector in the heydays).</p> <p>Singapore has been in partial lockdown since 04-Apr: Safe distancing measures were further ramped up with enforcement powers. Education institutions have closed and switched to full home-based learning (HBL), with daycare arranged for those needing homecare support for children. All non-essential retail has closed. F&B outlets are open only for take-away or delivery. Banking, medical sector, transport, cleaning sectors remain open. Economic sectors critical to global supply chain remain open. All businesses have switched to working from home as much as possible. Everyone is required to stay at home as much as possible and avoid</p>	<p>An overview of the relief measures for the maritime sector is shown in the link below (some but not all applicable to recreational boating):</p> <p>https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/maritime-singapore/what-maritime-singapore-offers/covid-19 for maritime community</p>		<p>The Singapore Yacht Show which was planned to take place in March, has been moved to 15-18 October 2020.</p>
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	<p>socialising and leave the house only for essential purposes ((buy groceries & exercise). When out, all are encouraged to wear a reusable mask (surgical masks reserved for healthcare workers). This is a turnaround from the previous policy of no mask needed unless sick, because of the rise in untraceable & asymptomatic transmissions.</p> <p>Port authorities have stopped all recreational boating activity within local waters. Boatowners can access their boats only for checking and urgent maintenance. Foreign arrivals by sea will need to pre-register their arrival (health declaration) and be subjected to 14 day stay home notice.</p>			
Slovenia	<p>Slovenia is in quarantine since the middle of March. Marinas are closed, receptions operate via phone or email only. Restaurants, bars, hotels, schools and a lot of companies are closed as well. Shops remain closed with the exception of food, pharmacies, petrol stations, banks, and post offices. Public transportation has ceased operations. People are not allowed to travel outside their city of residence. Public gatherings are prohibited, except those who are going to work or grocery shopping or being outside with members of the same household but a safe distance from other people.</p>			

	<p>The Marina Master team is continuously monitoring the development of corona virus worldwide. The Marina Master activities and businesses keep running smoothly in these unusual circumstances. Marina Master has complete ability to work from home due to the benefits of the Marina Master CRM. Therefore marina owners, managers and marina staff are working from home and boaters are using myMarina solution which enables them to communicate with marinas and view their boat live (stream camera) from home anytime.</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. 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. The ban on export of non-essential items has been lifted, so South Africa can export</p>	<p>Government has introduced a Small Business Relief Fund and commercial banks are looking at various relief measures for customers.</p> <p>The Unemployment Insurance Fund has offered R3 500 per employee per month (at today's exchange rate USD195). There is also a Temporary Employment Relief programme offering R17 000 per employee per month (USD947).</p> <p>Some tax relief measures were announced recently and they generally apply to lower income earners and there will be delays on employee tax liabilities.</p>	<p>SABBEX is keeping members informed of developments on a daily basis. A survey of members was conducted to assess the impact of lockdown on staffing and remuneration. SABBEX is actively working with government to address bottlenecks and areas where there is a lack of clarity in government gazettes and marine notices.</p>	<p>At this stage the Cape Town International Boat Show/Boatica in October is still going ahead.</p>

	<p>boats and masts etc, but each export consignment must be evaluated on a case by case basis.</p> <p>South Africa lockdown is extended to the 30th of April.</p>			
Spain	<p>On Saturday 4 April, the Spanish government announced that, for the second time, it will request the extension of the national state of alarm until 25 April. It is likely that further extensions will come, albeit perhaps with less restrictive measures depending on the evolution of the pandemic in Spain. The newly proposed extension will not contain the same measures imposed from 30 March to 9 April, which prevented any 'non-essential' activity.</p> <p>The limitations to the freedom of movement are also applicable to yachts and, consequently, pleasure and commercial yacht navigation has been banned.</p> <p>However, entering Spanish ports for refit and repair purposes will be allowed from 10 April on the same terms that it was allowed before the extraordinary measures taken on 30 March.</p> <p>The Guardia Civil has advised that the restrictions to the freedom of movement of people and private vehicles would also be applicable to private yachts sailing in Spanish territorial waters upon arrival of the yacht at the marina, allowing therefore</p>	<p>The government approved on 24 March the launch of credits for 20,000 million to guarantee the liquidity of the companies most affected by Covid-19. Half of that amount will be used to guarantee new loans to SMEs and the self-employed.</p> <p>Paying taxes is delayed.</p> <p>The term of the tax procedures already started will last until April 30, and those that are going to open are extended until May 20.</p>		

	<p>its arrival and mooring with the crew obligated to remain confined following the same measures established for the rest of the population.</p> <p>The criteria states that disembarking may be allowed only in cases of force majeure and always on the condition of the positive evaluation by the Government Delegation. Therefore, the general rule upon arrival is that guests and crew are not allowed to disembark, and must remain on board for the quarantine period (currently until next 25 April included, but likely to be extended), and follow all confinement measures.</p>			
Sweden	<p>Sweden is not on full lockdown, having less regulations on coronavirus restrictions. The country has put a great trust in people's common sense. The majority of Swedish are in self-quarantine at home, working from home, avoiding contacts with the elderly.</p> <p>Gatherings of more than 50 people are forbidden. All sport events and ski resorts have been cancelled</p> <p>Restaurants are still open but theatre and cinemas are closed. Shops have various restrictions in order to prevent coronavirus.</p> <p>Sweboat members are still in business and service/maintenance, aftermarket, equipment retailers are performing well but yards and distributors of new boats are losing sales drastically.</p>	<p>There is a full package of support available for SMEs affected by the current situation. Application process seems complicated, so Sweboat is assisting their members with this.</p>	<p>Sweboat has taken the lead in gathering all boating associations together for a Discover Boating activity later this spring - if it is ethically appropriate. It will also contain appropriate messages from our Authorities how do be a responsible boater - if boating is allowed when the summer comes.</p>	

Turkey	<p>All nurseries, schools, universities, shops (except for groceries), bars, restaurants etc are closed since March 13 until further notice.</p> <p>All governmental offices are working with 50% capacity in shifts.</p> <p>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>Boat Yards and equipment manufacturers are carrying on production, taking extended hygienic measures, some with 50 % capacity to maintain social distance during working and staff coming to work every other day.</p>			<p>The Boat Show in Istanbul took place on 21Feb-1 March, but there are gossips that many clients are considering cancellation of orders and problems will arise due to production and transport restrictions in the EU.</p>
UAE	<p>The situation in the UAE (valid in general for Oman, with reference to marinas): Since 26th of March the Emirati government has issued a mandatory lockdown, while it conducts a general sterilization campaign with the aim of controlling the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the country. The lockdown begins as of 20:00 (local time) up to 06:00 am. Public transportation is suspended during this period. Employees of certain sectors are exempt, including police, the</p>			

	<p>army, medical staff, airports, and banks, among few others. Those who do not respect the lockdown period will face fines. Commercial centers, malls, and open markets are closed now for two weeks, renewable. Restaurants are ordered to exclusively offer take-out services. In addition, all international flights are suspended for different period of times and depending on destinations. 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. 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>			
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	<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, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Introduction of increased cleaning protocols, especially for typical contact areas such as door handles, washroom, buggies, trollies, office area and equipment, etc. •Screening all employee temperatures at point of entry. •Enhancement of internal health & safety training measures •Preventive measures protocol distribution to suppliers and contractors. <p>Monitoring the situation on a daily basis and adapt accordingly</p>			
UK	<p>On the 23 March 2020, The UK Government said that everyone should stay at home, initially for 3 weeks. The lockdown has been extended until 7th May. You should only leave the house for very limited purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible. •one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household. 	<p>Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme goes live on Monday, 20th April and British Marine are encouraging all their members to apply where applicable. Businesses that fall within the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors will benefit from a 12-month business rates holiday. The UK Government has also announced a series of grants for UK businesses. Businesses with a</p>	<p>British Marine have produced a dedicated microsite for the industry www.britishmarine.co.uk/coronavirus British Marine have been lobbying Government for additional support for inland hire boat businesses who pay commercial boat licenses. British Marine is lobbying for additional fiscal packages for our larger members in the £45m turnover bracket. These businesses currently do not receive any fiscal</p>	<p>With the Southampton International Boat Show still six months away, British Marine is taking appropriate and proportionate steps based on the situation at this time. As it stands, the</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person. •travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home. <p>These reasons are exceptions - even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household. With the exception of the organisations covered by non-essential shops and public spaces, the Government has not required any other businesses to close – indeed it is important for business to carry on. Employers and employees should discuss their working arrangements, and employers should take every possible step to facilitate their employees working from home, including providing suitable IT and equipment to enable remote working.</p>	<p>rateable value of under £15,000 will be entitled to receive a grant of up to £10,000.</p> <p>For businesses with a rateable value of between £15,000 and £51,000 they will be eligible to receive a grant of up to £25,000. British Marine understands that local authorities will contact eligible businesses directly and so there is no requirement to file an application.</p> <p>The Government has launched a temporary Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme to help businesses that may require additional financial assistance. The scheme will provide loans of up to £5 million in value. These will be backed by the British Business Bank and delivered through commercial lenders. This scheme is now open for applications and we would encourage businesses to discuss their requirements directly with the banks participating in the scheme, details of which can be found here.</p> <p>The Government is taking additional measures to protect jobs by creating a dedicated Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. This scheme applies to all UK businesses, regardless of their</p>	<p>package from Government. Without financial support for these businesses who have “furloughed” their staff, the UK Marine supply chain, made up of many SMEs will suffer.</p>	<p>Association hopes to have the opportunity to host the 52nd edition of Britain’s biggest and most popular boat show in September 2020 and as such, is planning accordingly.</p>
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US	<p>The restrictions currently in place across the country differ on a regional basis by the various State, County and City emergency orders under their jurisdiction. As mentioned previously, some regions of the country are harder hit than others, so for that reason they are in various stages of shut down, shelter in place, and social distancing orders. Exactly what the limitations are, are all over the place. In South Florida, the greater Miami area is the major hot spot in the State with the greatest number of positive cases and deaths. For this reason, the tri-county area</p>	<p>The US national government has passed a \$2 trillion funding package aimed at supporting small businesses, distressed industries, unemployed workers and injecting cash directly into American households.</p> <p>On Friday, 3rd April, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) – an initiative that was included in the \$2 trillion economic relief bill signed by President</p>	<p>While NMMA is primarily focused on advocacy at the moment-- securing as much federal aid and support for the marine industry as possible and helping members understand how to obtain government support. NMMA is also looking at humanitarian support. Manufacturing plants are being asked to donate any unneeded personal protective equipment (PPE) to local hospitals and consider re-tooling their plants to produce other PPE gear such as ventilators. The more our community</p>	<p>Most of the US boat shows had already occurred for the year, though NMMA had to cancel two March shows and their major political conference in Washington, DC.</p>

	<p>remains with stay at home orders through the end of the month.</p> <p>Curfews in place run from either 9:00 pm or 10:00 pm until 5:00 am depending on the County. The latest change requires everyone to wear a mask when in public whether working or wherever they go. Only essential businesses remain open. Certain aspects of marinas such as repair services, are permitted, however recreational boating remains shut down.</p> <p>Last Friday, Jacksonville, which is the northern most end of the State of Florida, lifted the ban on beach access, deciding to open their beaches for a limited number of hours per day for exercise purposes. According to local news reports, the beach was packed within a half an hour, as residents were permitted to go for a walk or swim however no sunbathing was allowed.</p> <p>Recently the Mayor of Miami-Dade County announced that they are working on a plan to allow parks, all marina services, and golf courses to reopen with social distancing orders still in place. He stated the County was consulting with medical experts on the future opening of public spaces, however there is currently no timeline for opening beaches back to the public. Their focus was on reopening</p>	<p>Trump last week, which authorizes nearly \$350 billion in forgivable loans to businesses to pay up to eight weeks of payroll costs, including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.</p>	<p>can do to help in this medical crisis the better.</p> <p>The Marine Retailers Association of the Americas, which focuses on its retail members, has attacked the economic challenges and uncertainty of today's market place with a multi-fold strategy, including:</p> <p>1.MRAA has produced a dozen "Ask the Expert" Webinars over just the last 40 days. These webinars have been focused on such critical topics as: How to Sell in Today's Environment; How to Adjust Your Service Business; How to Market Your Business During the Pandemic; How to Lead from The Front During Uncertainty; How to Manage Cash Flow During a Crisis; How to Manage Your Inventory; Legal Insights to the U.S. Stimulus Packages; Best practices in Leading Employees Working from Home.</p> <p>2.MRAA has produced critical documents that have helped get US retailers and marinas back to work in states like Minnesota, New York and others. Those documents include: Tips and Best Practices for Selling and Servicing Safely; How to Communicate Safe Boating to Customers.</p>	
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	<p>"parks" and "waterways" for public recreation under certain conditions. Since Miami has the largest population and highest number of cases of corona virus in south Florida, they are taking the lead in the region determining what emergency orders should be in place to protect the public. After consulting with the Mayors from neighbouring counties, they all put the same restrictions in place to prevent people from overwhelming communities where there are less restrictions in place.</p> <p>Throughout the U.S. each State's Governor is currently putting together a plan for when and how they will reopen their state when they feel it is safe to do so.</p>		<p>3.MRAA provided free access to its online catalog of nearly 140 educational courses for all retailers.</p> <p>4.MRAA has created several downloadable resources and answers to frequently asked questions section of its website to connect its retailers with resources from federal and state/provincial governments of the United States and Canada. The association has been working directly with Members of the U.S. Congress to create funding programs specific to the retailers, including identifying that the CARES Act funds can be used to help pay for floor plan interest that dealers have coming due this time of year.</p> <p>5.MRAA has conducted several in-depth research projects, with thousands of retailers participating, that provide critical insights into how the retailers are navigating the challenging economic conditions they face today.</p> <p>6.MRAA has produced dozens of best practices for the dealers to follow to help them to ensure their survival. MRAA, in partnership with state marine trade associations, is now in the process of producing its second full-length publication</p>	
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			<p>focused helping dealers get back to work.</p> <p>7. Finally, and perhaps most significantly, MRAA has been working directly with state governments to help gain "essential" status for the boating industry's retail businesses. At a time when marine dealerships are sitting on their highest levels of inventory and the industry-wide cash flow issues are prevalent, dealerships can't afford to be not allowed to sell and service boats. MRAA created the Recreational Boating Commitment to Safe Boating, which features 49 best practices for safely selling, servicing and delivering boats and conducting sea trials along with a document outlining how to Communicate Safe Boating to Customers, and a Sample Boat Demo and Delivery policy for internal use. The packet was meant to help retailers show their government offices that if they are allowed to operate as an essential business, they can keep their employees and customers safe while they do.</p>	
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