

State of the industry during COVID-19 restrictions – 18th June

Country	Lockdown restrictions & National Border Regulations	Travel Restrictions	Government Support	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. 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>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. Some municipalities along the coast have taken drastic measures, suspending the operation permit of non-essential establishments, such as hotels and marinas.</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>The latest from Canada: Most of the country has begun to loosen restrictions. The issue is that the decisions of what to close or open is made at the provincial level. It is not federally (nationally) directed. So, each region of the country is making its own decisions. Marinas are allowed to open across the country to prepare for the boating season. On the West coast marinas were never closed. Some provinces have allowed for boat ramps to open but not all. In much of the country the boating season will start in the next three weeks as the weather warms up.</p>	<p>-Canada-US border is closed to non-essential travelers (including tourists) until at least June 21st. However, cargo and essential workers are being allowed to cross. -Generally, people traveling within Canada from one province to another need to self-isolate for 14 days. There was a recent case in New Brunswick of a doctor who failed to self-isolate after coming from another</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>	

		<p>province and now COVID infections have spiked there.</p> <p>-Transport Canada has announced that recreational boating is prohibited in Canada's Arctic coastal waters (north of the 60th parallel) and coastal areas of northern Quebec and Labrador beginning on June 1st. The ban will be in place until at least October 31st.</p>		
Colombia	<p>An update on the recreational nautical activities in Colombia:</p> <p>1. The national government decided to close the ports the sixth day of knowing about the first case of covid-19 in the country, the only exceptions include activities for the well-being of the community, such as: Carrying water supplies, food, medicine and raw materials, as well as force majeure situations of humanitarian assistance. Likewise, the Government has authorized artisanal fishing labour with due precautions and restrictions.</p> <p>Boats from the other ports such as Barranquilla, Santa Marta, Buenaventura, Turbo, San Andrés, United States, Panama, Virgin islands, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Germany, Guatemala, Suriname, Venezuela,</p>		<p>The government has promoted and supported different initiatives for companies and individuals, with the purpose of maintaining jobs, income, the supply of water and energy, food and basic hygiene items; while the economic system is reactivated.</p>	

	<p>Curaçao, Antigua and Barbuda, and Costa Rica have arrived at different port terminals in the port cities according to the health and safety measures made in the contingency plan due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colombia DIMAR (March 2020).</p> <p>2. The commercial and navigation operation in the recreation and sports ports is closed, only boats with crews of Colombian nationality and resident citizens can enter, and vessels carrying food, water and relief items.</p> <p>3. The promotion and sale of boats and accessories has not been allowed.</p> <p>5. In Colombia, only international and national cargo transportation activities are being allowed. The tourist ports are closed. The arrival of the passenger boats is also suspended.</p> <p>6. This situation has had a negative impact on the people or companies that provide services to the Nautical Marinas such as maintenance, operation of boats, use of cranes, supply of spare parts, food and beverages, marketing of tourist plans, restaurants, etc.</p>			
Croatia	<p>Since 16th March all schools, universities, bars, restaurants, shops, public transport, banks, markets and all public events are stopped. Open are only supermarkets for food, pharmacies, post offices and petrol</p>		<p>Croatian Government confirmed set of measures that are aimed at job protection and postponement or relief of taxes to aid the economy.</p>	

	<p>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>		<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. 	
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Finland	<p>Finland continues to open up since the COVID-19 situation has now improved and the epidemic is under control in Finland. As of June 16th, Finland no longer applies State of Emergency Act.</p> <p>Events over 500 people are prohibited until end of July, but possible already in as of July 1st with special arrangements. Also, amusement parks and other outdoor facilities are now open. As of June 1st restaurants have been open subject to stricter rules for indoor dining.</p> <p>Finnboat promotes the opening of trade shows together with other industry associations. Finnboat test-a-boat event for</p>	<p>Cross-border logistics is running, but movement of people to and from Finland is still recommended to limit to strictly essential travel from other countries than Denmark, Norway, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, which are open now for travel (including recreational boating). A 14-day self-quarantine is recommended for</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>Two local boat shows were cancelled (Kuopio in March and Naantali in May). Finnboat test-a-boat event was rescheduled from May to June with stricter rules regarding hygiene. The Helsinki Boat Afloat Show in August is planned to take place as scheduled on 13-16 August 2020 and the arrangements are proceeding well.</p>

	<p>consumers in Helsinki on June 5th and 6th was a success and showed that people are now ready to go out and participate in boating-related events.</p> <p>The high season of boating is on, the summer holidays are just around the corner and the Finns are clearly #back2boating. Boat manufacturers and dealers are doing their best to keep up with the exceptionally high demand.</p>	<p>travellers from all other countries.</p>		
France	<p>The French government has decided to ease the lockdown rules as from Monday 11th May. It means that the citizens are now allowed to move freely in a range of 100 km around their residence area, the schools are going to re-open gradually, most of the shops are allowed to open their doors, but of course with social distancing measures and sanitary regulations. Home work remains encouraged for those who can do it, while other workers have to return to work in their enterprises or production facilities, where a specific sanitary protocol shall apply. Gatherings are limited to a maximum of 10 people. The practice of an individual sport is now allowed, thus boating activities are now authorized, and marinas operations are going to restart under the condition of strict sanitary rules. Anyway, for those who leave far away from their boat (more than 100 km), it is still impossible to reach their home marina. Access to the beaches and to the seashore remains something to be clarified, and it would be</p>		<p>The French government has taken several aid measures for both the businesses and the workers. Workers are encouraged to work from home, when possible, but schools, factories, shops and businesses are now in the process of reopening with sanitary measures. Partial unemployment benefits are now granted to 11 million people at the national level as of 1st May. Freelance workers can also benefit from a monthly subsidy of Euro 1500. Additional measures have been taken to differ repayment of loans and taxes, even to wipe them off, with the participation of the banks. The regional council administrations are also</p>	<p>GPO is working hard to prepare the next Grand Pavois de La Rochelle (29 September-4 October), while Cannes is still scheduled for 8-13 September.</p>

	possible to walk on the beach, paddle or surf, but not to remain lying on the sand, and this is a point that has to be addressed by local authorities within the next few days. Hotels and restaurants remain closed for some more weeks, but the deadline is not known.		involved in several actions of support.	
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 •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>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. Mostly the companies are paying in addition another 20 % of the loss.</p> <p>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. <p>Insurance for the employees can be paid 3 month later.</p>	Hamburg Ancora Yacht Festival, scheduled for June 5 – 7 is cancelled.

			•All states have additional financial and fiscal help.	
Greece	<p>A lot of the lockdown restrictions have been lifted providing: strict compliance to hygienic rules; mandatory use of masks in health services, public transportation, taxis and services that require physical contact, such as grocery shops; strongly recommending the use of masks by employees and customers in all closed spaces; flexible working hours in the public and private sectors; elderly advised to stay at home; compliance to specific restrictions for the workplace; use of passenger vehicles instead of public ones.</p> <p>Since 18th May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All schools and private tuition centers have opened - Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed - Shopping malls, hair dressers, beauty salons are open - Total suspension of movement restrictions - Archaeological sites, zoos, botanical gardens are open <p>From 25th May it is expected that coastal shipping and mooring of recreational craft will be allowed under specific conditions and regulations. Likewise, for restaurants and hotels.</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.</p> <p>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>Mediterranean Yacht Show in Nafplio and East Med Yacht Show in Zea were postponed, new date to be announced.</p>

Grenada	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.			
Hong Kong	The HK Government has just announced that gatherings of up to 50 people will now be allowed. This will mean that Charter Boats will be allowed to operate legally again and boats can raft up alongside each other and friends can mix with each other. Restaurants and bars can return to their max capacity and tables of 12 people will be allowed. There are still a few Covid cases but they are mostly imported by people returning to HK. There has only been one local cluster in the last month.		The boating industry has been mostly ignored by The HK Government where it comes to financial help for the industry, even although the HK BIA has written to the Chief Executive and other government departments. Having said that the HK Government promised all residents a handout of HK\$ 10,000 each (US 1,280) back on March 3rd., It will be July before we can apply for it.	Both international and local boating & sailing events have been cancelled so far.
Hungary	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. 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.		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.	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>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 •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>Good news from Ireland, the Government has issued a "Roadmap for reopening society and business". From 18th of May there will be limited reopening of recreational boating. The Irish Marine Federation have lobbied for a safe and responsible resumption of recreational boating and for the gradual lifting of restrictions. Racing with mixed crews and cruising boats from abroad will not be permitted for several weeks yet however.</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>	

	There is a big appetite to get #back2boating and it is hoped that the industry can return to growth quite quickly. Social distancing remains the big challenge with marinas, boat sales and boating itself. Bar and restaurant facilities will remain shut for a number of months yet.			
Italy	<p>SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES The use of masks is generally compulsory in public spaces, when using public transport, when the 1m social distancing is not possible, in private cars for non-cohabitants (max. 3 persons/car). Self-isolation is requested with a body temperature >37.5°C;</p> <p>BOATING ACTIVITIES Boating is permitted within the application of the new guidelines for marine activities issued by the Ministry of Transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreational boating and bareboat charter <p>users' responsibility remains the key factor in the application on board of the general social distancing measures (1m between non-cohabitants persons). Individuals can share the same cabin only if they live in the same home. Personal protection equipment must be used during docking procedures and dock assistance, bunkering, setting sails, etc. For charter boats the sanitization of the craft after each change of guests is compulsory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crewed charter 	<p>From 3 June 2020, starting day of Phase 3, trips between Italian Regions and travel to and from abroad is possible. Visitors from EU and Schengen countries and UK are permitted to enter Italy without the 14-day self-isolation measure, still required for arrivals from other nations at least till 15 June. Some Italian Regions are now asking registration and/or traceability for visitors entering their territory (e.g. Sardinia, Apulia, Lazio).</p>	<p>The most significant government intervention for the industry concerns the "Cure Italy" decree, which has allocated more than 11 billion euros in social security benefits and extended to all companies the instrument of the lay-off fund in derogation, for 9 weeks. Currently the following government financial support is anticipated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All the financial loans and leasing contracts have been suspended for 3 months in order to preserve the financial liquidity of the companies 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 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 	<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 month (1st - 6th October).</p>

	<p>Additional measures include the regular sanitization of the crew areas and the obligation for the crew to be tested for Covid-19 before boarding and to check their body temperature daily. Third parties are not allowed to access charter boats.</p> <p>As this achievement is not yet sufficient, Confindustria Nautica is still working with the Italian institutions to improve the guidelines, especially with regards to the lifting of restrictions for non-cohabitants, which is an essential target for a greater freedom of boating and to give charter activities a better appeal.</p>		<p>comparing the income from the previous year. 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) Further support to the industrial system from the Government is expected in the coming days.</p>	
Israel	<p>The restriction on recreational boating activities is being dropped starting on May 1st, 2020. This would be celebrated with a special flotilla honoring medical staff, Israel Police, and the Israeli Marine Police in particular. The flotilla will depart from a few destinations (Hertzelia, Tel Aviv & Haifa). This event will be carefully monitored by the marine police. Restrictions remain the same. The number of people on each boat should be minimal. Keep 2 meters away from each other while onboard, unless it's people who reside together on a regular basis. Gatherings at the cockpit are forbidden. All activation of pyrotechnic equipment is</p>		<p>Government-approved all marine activities as permitted activities during the lockdown. This was achieved by the public petition "Free the Sea" that was brought to government members. The majority of help came from the Minister of Transportation. The Israeli Police has also supported this request.</p>	

	<p>forbidden. Guidance will be transmitted over the radio. Registration is mandatory.</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. 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 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>			
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	<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. 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	<p>Japan Government declared the end of the state of emergency for all of Japan on 25th May.</p> <p>People are still observing social-distance and wearing masks to avoid a second wave of the epidemic, getting used to a "new normal" of teleworking and staggered commutes until a vaccine or treatment is developed.</p>		<p>As an emergency economic measure, the Government boosted its stimulus package to 108 trillion yen (\$1 trillion) to expand cash payouts to companies and residents. The Government decided to pay 100 thousand yen per each person in Japan.</p>	<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.</p>

	Immigration restrictions from over 110 countries will continue until the end of June.		They started to deliver 2 washable masks to each household. Local governments support enterprises that cooperate to be closed.	
Nether lands	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.			
New Zealand	New Zealand with a population of 5 million has approximately 200 active Covid-19 cases with 6 people in hospital and 19 people who have died. New cases are declining and there were 3 new cases today the 29th April. NZ closed its borders in late March when we had only a few hundred cases and the borders will remain closed to non NZers for the foreseeable future. On the 28th April most businesses and schools reopened. Restaurants and gatherings of 10 or more people are still not allowed but this is expected to be relaxed over the next couple of months. People are still required to stay in their home 'bubble of family' and not socialise. Recreational boating is not allowed except for kayaking and rowing non-motorised boats but this is expected to be relaxed over the next couple of months.		The Government has provided employers NZ\$ 585 for each employee per week for 12 weeks if they expect business income to be down by 30% or more. Over half of the work force have received this grant.	New Zealand is confident in hosting the Auckland On Water Boat Show on Sept 17th to 20th this year. The America's Cup and Prada Challenger Series is going ahead from Dec 2020 to March 2021. NZ Marine is hosting the major superyacht regatta of the New Zealand Millennium Cup in February 2021 in the Bay of Islands - 120 nautical miles north of Auckland with 15 entries received to date.

	The NZ Government is respected in NZ and overseas for dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic so swiftly and with tough rules.			
North Cyprus	<p>The Council of Ministers has extended the period of some restrictions and measures already taken due to the Coronavirus outbreak accordingly, whose deadlines were to expire as of April 30, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The ban on entry to North Cyprus (TRNC) by sea for non-TRNC citizens has been extended until May 15th. -The obligation to wear a mask will continue. -The restriction on the working hours of markets places will continue (open till 20:00). -After May 4th, a partial curfew will be imposed on Sundays. Only going out to a supermarket, a butcher or a petrol station will be permitted. -Pharmacies and Banks will return to normal working hours from May 4th. -The closure of places such as schools and study centres has been extended until May 15th. -Cinemas, theatres, and events where people get together will continue to be banned until May 15th. -Restaurants, cafes, bars, cafeterias, bakeries, buffets, tourism sector, hotels, accommodation, and other entertainment places and activities will be closed until 15th May. -Until May 15th offices vital to the public sector will begin work using a method of rotation and under certain conditions. 			

	<p>Services will be provided on the basis of requirement in the offices that the ministries deem necessary. In this process, the necessary flexibility will be shown for those in the risk group, such as working from home.</p> <p>-Wherever possible, in buildings where people congregate, public services will be provided by an appointment system. The number of people who can be found in the building at the same time will be restricted, hygiene, social distancing, and mask rules will be observed.</p>			
Poland	<p>The situation in Poland is improving week by week. Although the number of daily cases does not decrease, it is still so small all the time that the government decided to introduce the third stage of lifting restrictions.</p> <p>Since May 18 cafes, bars and restaurants are open, with all security measures such as distance between people. Since May 4 shopping malls have been partially opened, without food courts and some services like cinemas or gyms. Also, museums, art galleries and hotels have been opened.</p> <p>Since May 25 schools have opened, initially for children from classes 1-3 in primary schools, and consultations with teachers for children from the last classes of primary and secondary school.</p>	<p>Border controls are maintained until June 12, 2020, but from May 16, persons coming to Poland from the territory of other European Union countries in connection with business activities carried out in Poland or in their countries are not obligated to quarantine.</p>	<p>Last week, the Polish government introduced a third plan to support entrepreneurs, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption from social security contributions and health insurance. • Partial state coverage of employee salaries. • Loans to employers to maintain cash flows from business operations. <p>At present, these measures concern small and medium-sized enterprises, but are likely to also apply to large enterprises.</p>	<p>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 be postponed.</p>

	<p>Other restrictions still apply, including the obligation to wear masks as well as to keep 2 meters away from other people.</p> <p>Since May 4 marinas can operate in a limited way, without gastronomy or sanitary facilities, but since May 18, you can sail with more than two people in a crew or just with a family. There are still a lot of restrictions on providing measures for disinfecting hands for clients, disinfecting vessels after each use, maintaining a safe distance between people in marina or providing 15 minutes time between groups of clients.</p> <p>All shipyards in Poland are currently operating, also those that temporarily suspended their activities. There are no problems with transport or the supply chain.</p>			
Portugal	<p>Good news from Portugal. All boating activities, inside the country, are now allowed. Only charter companies are still waiting for a permission. It is due to happen by the 18th of May.</p> <p>The country is doing well in regards to the disease. 50% of the intensive care units created at hospitals have not been used. A fast response, very professional medical staff, politics from different parties working together and measures well accepted by all were key for this success.</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>	

	<p>The country is hoping that the reopening of activities goes well so that the extremely weak economy can start moving. The economy is very dependent on tourism, which has dropped dramatically. If airlines start flying again, Portugal stands a chance for a summer season close to normal.</p>			
Singapore	<p>The Singapore government has announced lockdown easing measures from 02-June (the original date originally announced for ending lockdown). The rollback will be gradual and divided into 3 phases. In first phase about a third of workers will be able to resume work at their workplace, with the remainder still working from home. Sectors targeted for Phase 1 re-opening include manufacturing, professional & financial services, vehicle maintenance, ancillary healthcare & hairdressers, subject to safe management measures. Schools will partially re-open (full school for graduating cohorts, with the remainder alternating weekly between school and home-based learning). Places of worship can open for private worship. Retail and dining will remain closed. Social gathering is mostly prohibited (with the exception of limited visits to grandparents). This first phase is expected to last for at least a month.</p> <p>In the second 'transitional' phase more businesses will re-open (e.g. some retail, tuition & enrichment centres, sports & recreation centres). Small social gatherings will be allowed (limited dining in with</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>

	<p>safeguards). This second phase could last several months before the final phase in which social, cultural, religious and business gatherings can resume with certain safeguards & size limitations. Day to day activities for seniors will only fully resume in this last phase. The idea is to prepare the country for a Phase 3 that is not a "business as usual" but a post-pandemic "new normal", at least until a vaccine is found and made available. Services involving prolonged contact (cinemas, bars, spas) will only be allowed in this last phase. The length of each phases will be determined depending on the infection rate.</p> <p>Masking up and safe distancing has been the norm up to now, and will remain so going forward. In all phases, employees continue to work from home to the extent possible.</p> <p>The expectation is that boating in local waters will be allowed from Phase 2. Cross-border boating will not be possible as borders remain closed. In spite of this, dealers are reporting brisk business, indicating that boating is seen as a safe activity given the present circumstances</p> <p>The detailed list of permitted business in Phase 1 is shown in the PDF below: http://img.enterprisesg.gov.sg/custloads/785889061/md_391702.pdf</p>			
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Slovenia	Since 15 th May the Government of the Republic of Slovenia was the first EU country to announce the end of the Covid-19 epidemic. Upon arrival in Slovenia, quarantine is no longer mandatory for EU citizenship.			
South Africa	South Africa has entered “level 3” lockdown which allows all economic activity at 100% with the exception of sit-down restaurants and personal care like hairdressing etc. Boating is still prohibited but new boats can be delivered on their own bottoms to clients. Currently there is no access to beaches and no surfing or ocean sports activity permitted. The curfew has been lifted and the “exercise” window of three hours has been extended to twelve hours. There are still significant delays in the ports for export and import and air freight is still a huge challenge.	International travel is still not allowed unless you are a South African working abroad and returning to work. International travel bans will only be lifted when South Africa is at level 1 lockdown restrictions. Delivery crew are allowed to travel (i.e. delivery of boats)	Government has introduced a Small Business Relief Fund and commercial banks are looking at various relief measures for customers. 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). Some tax relief measures were announced recently and they generally apply to lower income earners and there will be delays on employee tax liabilities.	At this stage the Cape Town International Boat Show/Boatica in October is still going ahead.
Spain	The Spanish government has eased restrictions, where Spanish residents are divided into regions, with the virus being reported in stages from 0 to 3. Mallorca has reached stage 1, and people are allowed to circulate freely within their province, bars; restaurants can occupy 50% of their capacity.		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>Nautical activities are allowed within the same province.</p> <p>Any foreigners arriving in Spain, by any means and including Schengen treaty countries, need to self-isolate for 14 days. Free circulation is expected to be achieved at the end of June, subject to conditions.</p> <p>Entering Spanish ports for refit and repair purposes is allowed from 10 April on the same terms that it was allowed before the extraordinary measures taken on 30 March.</p>		<p>Paying taxes is delayed. 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>	
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. 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. Sweboat members are still in business and service/maintenance, aftermarket, equipment retails 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>	
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports in Thailand are open, any vessel departing has to file paperwork with 	<p>International boarders are still closed.</p>	<p>The Thai Government has passed a 1.9 trillion Thai Baht stimulus package to (1) income</p>	

	<p>the port authority in advance and declare passengers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine National parks remain officially closed (so cruising area is very limited) - • Domestic flights are open • International flights remain closed until the 30th June where it will be reconsidered. <p>TAT has launched a Covid Protection protocol</p> <p>Members of TYBA and bona fide charter Operators are requested to register and obtain certification for the Thailand S.H.A by following strict hygiene standards.</p>		<p>loss compensation and public health improvement, (2) a 2% interest soft loan to SME, and (3) corporate bond liquidity stabilisation fund managed by the Bank of Thailand.</p>	
Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •25 cities have intercity cross-border lockdowns except for logistics. •All nurseries, schools, universities, are closed since March 13. Supermarkets for food, pharmacies, post offices and petrol stations are open. •Shopping Malls, hair dressers opened May 11, with special restrictions on social distancing. •Total lockdown on weekends and holidays. Over 65 and under 20 years old are not allowed to go out on working days. Since 11 May, they are allowed for 4 hours on weekends. •All national and international flights, intercity train services are suspended. Travel with private car or Intercity bus, between cities of cross-border lockdowns, is only allowed with special hardly received travel permissions. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Layoff of workers is suspended for 3 months starting from March and government raised funds to pay €250 - €580 per month to employees that meet some criteria working in most industries, unfortunately none to anyone in Marine Industry. •All income and corporate taxes due in March and April taxes are postponed by one month. 	<p>Discussions for co-organizing the afloat BoatShow in October 2020 and International Eurasia Boat Show in February 2021 is being held but no confirmation is yet announced.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. •All marinas are open and boat owners have access to their boats, unless they are within the allowed travel group. All works in marines are allowed with social precautions. No boats are allowed to leave Marinas or stay at anchor in coves in Istanbul province. Boating is allowed in other Aegean and Med ports within national waters. All boats arriving from overseas are subject to strict quarantine conditions for 14 days. •Boat Yards and equipment manufacturers are carrying on production, taking extended hygienic measures, some with 50 % capacity to maintain social distancing and staff working in shifts every other day or bi-weekly in shifts. •Government preparing procedures to certify hotels in holiday resorts and allow opening after June 1. 			
UAE	<p>Dubai Maritime City Authority is pleased to clarify the following Safe Operation Requirements as precautionary measures for resuming of the tourist and sport maritime activities to limit the spread of the Corona virus.</p> <p>Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Working hours will be from 06:00 am to 09:00 pm, starting from 12/5/2020. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Vessel capacity shall not exceed 40%, in order to achieve social distance. – Children below 12 years old and Seniors above 60 years old are not allowed to board the vessel. – Vessel crew above 60 years old are not allowed to board the vessel. – Individuals with body temperature above 38c are not allowed to board the vessel. – Use of the jet skis is allowed during daylight hours only. <p>Preparation Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sanitize the vessel completely before resuming the activity. – Ensure that there is no symptoms of Covid-19 on crew before resuming the activity. – Readiness onboard to isolate any suspected case in event of showing any covid-19 symptoms. – Social distancing signs to be placed on the vessel. <p>Screening, personal protection, and Social Distancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide sanitizing materials and thermal screening equipment’s at all entrances. – Masks and gloves are mandatory for all individuals onboard including crew. – Ensure social distance between people should not be less than two meters from all sides. <p>Periodic sterilization and hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regular sanitization throughout the vessel. – Ensure that restrooms are cleaned and sanitized pre/post usage. 			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Waste bins to be disposed after each trip. – Train staff on maintaining personal health and hygiene. <p>Customers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Encourage of cashless payment methods. – Serve food and drink if allowed in disposable plastic containers. 			
UK	<p>The UK Government has confirmed that all forms of water sports, including the use of privately-owned motorised craft, can take place in England.</p> <p>Marinas may, as mentioned in the previous update, open subject to strict compliance with the social distancing and hygiene guidelines provided by the UK Government.</p> <p>The changes only permit private boating – commercial activity is still prohibited at this time. Members must also avoid staying overnight on a boat if it is not their primary residence.</p> <p>In Wales and in Scotland the respective governments have been clear that marinas can be open. More outdoor work and recreation is permitted in every part of the UK – and Northern Ireland is expected to lift further restrictions shortly. The easing of restrictions coincides with a new approach to testing. The ‘Test and Trace’ approach is designed to alert people when they have been in contact with someone who has the disease and therefore should self-isolate.</p>	<p>The Home Office has confirmed that new measures will shortly be in place at UK borders to prevent further cases of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Home Secretary has announced that arrivals will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days on their arrival to the UK.</p> <p>This quarantine will take effect from 8 June 2020. From this date, all arrivals into the UK will be asked to fill out a contact locator form and provide details of where they will stay during the quarantine period. This could include staying at hotels or with family and friends or failing this - accommodation</p>	<p>Since the last UK update, the Government has announced changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – including changes to employer contributions which will take effect from August.</p> <p>From the beginning of July, employers will be able to bring furloughed staff back to work part-time and decide on their shift-patterns and working hours. The employer will be responsible for paying in work wages; however, they will be able to submit a claim under the scheme for usual employee hours not worked.</p> <p>In August, the amount of support will be tapered to reflect the fact that more people will be returning to work. Employers will, moving forward, be required to pay a percentage towards the salary of furloughed staff and cover National Insurance and employer pension contributions.</p>	<p>With the Southampton International Boat Show still a matter of months away, British Marine is continuing to take all appropriate and proportionate steps based on the situation at this time. British Marine hopes to have the opportunity to host the 52nd edition to Britain’s biggest and most popular boat show in September 2020 and is still planning accordingly but exploring other possibilities.</p>

		<p>arranged by the UK Government. Public Health England and Border Force are expected to carry out checks to ensure the policy is being adhered to. The quarantine applies to all arrivals subject to a list of exemptions. The full list of exemptions can be found here.</p>	<p>The Chancellor has also made further changes to the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme. These changes will allow eligible parties to claim for a second and final grant - which will be capped at £6,570. The grant will be worth 70% of average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering three months' worth of profits. The Statutory Sick Pay Scheme went live at the end of May. This allow employers with fewer than 250 members of staff to reclaim the cost of COVID-19 related statutory sick pay.</p>	
US	<p>In the US, over the last two weeks, many states have begun a phased reopening of public parks and recreational areas then to limited retail and restaurant openings. Using the federal governments guidelines for phased re-opening, these places are opening with parameters that they must operate at 30% to 50% occupancy and keeping with all the social distance guidelines currently in place from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).</p> <p>There has been a push in recent weeks to reopen nationwide to limit further damage to the economy. States are in the middle of a balancing act trying to protect their citizens'</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. 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 Trump last week,</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>health and halt the spread of the virus while heeding demands of individuals and business owners to get back to work to avoid complete financial ruin. Some of the safety nets put in place by the federal government failed to be available to everyone as they ran out of funds before some of the smaller businesses could access them. The recent Memorial Day holiday saw that various regions, including the areas hard hit by the virus in New York / New Jersey, are opening beaches and other recreational areas for limited use within social distancing guidelines. For example, in the state of New York, you could walk along the beach this past weekend however, you were prohibited from swimming.</p> <p>Marinas along the Atlantic coast of the U.S. in the north east and south Florida re-opened for recreational boating in late April / early May with strict social distancing and sanitation policies in place. Previously under their emergency orders the recreational marinas were considered non-essential businesses. Across the country in California, the emergency orders and the lifting of restrictions are similar to the State of Florida in that what order was in place varied by what part of the state you lived in. California has a 4 phase "Road map to re-opening" of which they are currently in Phase 2. Like Florida, each county is responsible for determining readiness to re-open according to the State's mandated guidelines. For this past holiday</p>		<p>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>	
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	<p>weekend, many marinas were open for current slip holders only with sanitation and social distancing protocols in place, while charter boats, boat rentals and ferries remain closed. In Los Angeles County while individual slip holders may access their boat, amenities such as club rooms, boathouse, restaurants, retail shops, and offices remain closed.</p>			
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