

State of the industry during COVID-19 restrictions – 4th November

Country	Lockdown restrictions & National Border Regulations	Travel Restrictions	Domestic Boat Shows
Canada	<p>After a relatively quiet summer with low infection rates, Canada has seen a steady rise in COVID-19 infections since early September. The most populous provinces of Ontario and Quebec have been hardest hit, with both provinces reintroducing bans on indoor dining, gyms, and cinemas in major city centres (Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal) and lowering limits for public and private gatherings. Other provinces have also seen a rise in cases, but the rates have been much lower. With kids back in school and cold weather coming, the biggest public health concerns right now are testing capacity and contact tracing.</p> <p>In terms of the marine industry, Canada's boating season is wrapping-up in most regions of the country. Marine dealers remain open and have had a very successful season, although many are continuing to report lack of inventory and supply chain disruptions. There have been reports of boat builders that are already sold out of their 2021 model year production. Boat builders and accessory manufacturers are also able to operate with safety protocols in place.</p>		
Finland	The boating season has now mostly ended in Finland and people are winterizing their boats at a		

	<p>fast pace. Also, most of marinas are closed or closing for the winter. The season was exceptionally strong for new and second-hand boat sales as well as for all services for boaters. Boat makers have so far managed to operate without infections as they are located on remote areas. Main issues reported are linked to interruptions in international supply chains.</p> <p>The number of new coronavirus infections has increased significantly in Finland over the last month so also Finland is now facing the second wave. Number of patients in hospital care is increasing, but not as dramatically as in spring due to the fact that the infection is currently spreading in a younger age group.</p> <p>Voluntary quarantine is shortened from 14 days to 10 days and the length of a quarantine ordered by a doctor of infectious disease is shortened from 14 days to 10 days. In cases of mild coronavirus infections that do not lead to hospitalisation, the isolation time at home will be reduced from 14 days to seven days.</p> <p>Due to the widespread increase in COVID-19 cases nationwide, the Government recommends that employees in the public sector work remotely. The Government also recommends that private sector employers adopt similar extensive remote work practices. Employers are responsible for assessing how best to coordinate remote and on-site work at their workplaces. Employers should also promote work arrangements that</p>		
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	<p>reduce close contacts and other risk factors for employees. The national recommendation on remote work will remain in force until further notice.</p> <p>Indoor and outdoor events with more than 50 persons may be permitted in October with special arrangements. The arrangements must comply with the guidelines issued by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and the Ministry of Education and Culture on preventing the spread of coronavirus infections. If necessary, audiences must be divided into separate areas to ensure safety.</p> <p>The epidemiological situational picture is divided into three stages: base level, acceleration stage and spreading stage. Recommended measures will differ regionally based on the stage level.</p> <p>In regions where the epidemic is at the base level, the Government recommends that all public events and leisure activities with more than 50 participants be arranged in a way that takes into account the guidelines from the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and the Ministry of Education and Culture</p> <p>In the acceleration phase of the epidemic, the Government recommends issuing a regional or local recommendation to avoid holding private events with more than 20 persons. The number of</p>		
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	persons at public events held in indoor spaces is restricted to half the normal capacity.		
France	A new lockdown has been announced by the government since Friday morning, Oct 30, until the end of November. Everyone is encouraged to stay at home, to work from home when possible, even if schools and first necessity shops remain open. For those who cannot telework, it's still possible to go working to the office, factory or workshop, while respecting barrier gestures. The practice of boating and nautical activities is forbidden. Each citizen must fill out a form before leaving home, either to go shopping, walk the dog, stretch its legs within 1-kilometer radius from its home, visit the doctor or for any valid outing.		
Germany	<p>These are the bans in Germany from Monday, 2 November 2020 to Monday 30 November 2020:</p> <p>Institutions and facilities that are associated with leisure activities will be closed. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Theatres, operas, concert halls and similar establishments, b. Fairs, cinemas, amusement parks and providers of leisure activities (indoor and outdoor), amusement arcades, casinos, betting shops and similar facilities, c. recreational and amateur sports activities, with the exception of individual sports alone, in pairs or 	<p>There is a list of countries classified as risk areas. When entering Germany from one of these countries, the person entering the country must be placed in quarantine for a fortnight. Tourist travel to and within Germany is prohibited. The rules for day visits differ from state to state. The list is available here: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html</p>	<p>The organisers of boot Duesseldorf are still going ahead with the original plans of organising boot 2021 in 17 Halls. At the beginning of December, the organisers together with local authorities and the sponsoring parties will decide whether to proceed or not.</p>

	<p>with one's own household on and in all public and private sports facilities,</p> <p>d. Swimming and fun pools, saunas and thermal baths,</p> <p>e. Gyms and similar facilities.</p>		
Hong Kong	<p>The boating industry in Hong Kong is still up and running. Although gatherings of only 4 people are allowed, or sit four at a restaurant table, or stand in a bar with only two people in a group, boats are considered private property and therefore, as in a private house, have no limit of the amount of people that can be on board. Masks must be worn at all times but not on board the boat or while exercising.</p> <p>Hong Kong is getting over the third wave and is back to single figures of daily infection. However, the Government are expecting a fourth wave over the winter period. If this does happen than more restrictions will be applied.</p>		
Ireland	<p>The situation in Ireland for the general population is deteriorating with areas bordering Northern Ireland particularly hard hit and struggling to reduce the R number infection rate. As of Wednesday midnight, the entire country will enter the highest level of restrictions (Level 5) and enter a 'soft' lockdown for six weeks. Schools will remain open along with essential retail outlets, but travel will be limited to essential purposes only and exercise limited to 5km radius from home.</p>		

	<p>The sport of sailing has been cancelled for a number of weeks now, to much debate and disagreement within the sailing community, and winter cruising will all but come to a halt at sea and on inland rivers and canals. Marinas, boatyards etc. will remain open and allow customers access to their boats, asking at all times that they adhere to Government guideline and Public Health advice. The Irish Marine Federation is working closely with member marinas to ensure dialogue, support and advice is being freely exchanged.</p> <p>Visiting foreign owned/crewed boats remain banned from entering Irish ports and harbours, but Irish boats are returning in large numbers to enable the owner to keep their boat close to home.</p> <p>In the wider industry, brokers are reporting shortages of good quality second hand boats as well as concerns over availability of new stock from major manufacturers. 2020 was a bumper year for sales and boat use in general in Ireland and there is hope that this will carry through to next year. Brexit uncertainty is also a significant challenge to the Irish leisure marine sector, with supply chains, customs and VAT issues an additional worry for 2021.</p>		
Israel	<p>Israel is emerging now out of its second full lockdown in a gradual manner. Various public activities are still limited and new activities</p>		

	<p>removed from the restrictions' list every two weeks.</p> <p>Individual activity in the country is permitted without distance limitations- domestic individual boating is allowed while keeping the social distancing rules of up to 10 people indoors and up to 20 people outdoors.</p> <p>Public reception is prohibited- all activities that include direct interaction with customers, including boating rentals, are closed. The only way to rent a boat is through a website/app, without face-to-face interaction.</p> <p>Entry of foreign citizens is prohibited- foreign boats are not allowed to enter.</p> <p>Israeli citizens can return to the country, and are required to enter a quarantine of 14 days- any boat of an Israeli citizen will be allowed to enter, and he/she will need to enter immediate quarantine. Quarantining on the boat is not permitted.</p>		
Italy	<p>ITALY's new emergency decree was signed into law on 13 October.</p> <p>Masks</p> <p>Obligation, throughout the national territory, to bring respiratory protection devices and wear them indoors other than in private homes and in all outdoor places except in cases where, due to the characteristics of the places or the</p>	<p>Italy has kept its current travel rules in place with the new emergency decree, and that includes the 14 days quarantine requirement for people coming to Italy from most countries outside of Europe (including from the US.) For these travellers, entering Italy is only possible</p>	

	<p>circumstances of fact, the condition of isolation from non-households is continuously guaranteed. The use of masks is strongly recommended even in private homes in the presence of non-households.</p> <p>Isolation period</p> <p>The mandatory isolation period for anyone who tests positive but is asymptomatic has been cut from 14 days to "at least" 10 days, following recommendations from government's scientific advisory panel. Those who have tested positive will be required anyway to show a negative test result before being allowed to leave isolation.</p> <p>Restaurants, pubs and bars</p> <p>The services are allowed until midnight with table service and until 9.00 p.m. without table service.</p> <p>Parties</p> <p>In private homes it is strongly recommended to avoid parties and meetings between more than 6 non-residents. The celebrations following civil or religious ceremonies can take place with the maximum participation of 30 people in compliance with the protocols and guidelines in force.</p> <p>Sports and events</p> <p>The decree stops contact sports carried out at amateur level and fixes the maximum number of</p>	<p>for essential reasons and all arrivals must be able to undergo quarantine at a private address upon arrival, using private means of transportation to get there from the airport.</p>	
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	<p>people who can attend sports competitions, events and shows that take place outdoors at 1,000 and 200 if they take place indoors.</p>		
Japan	<p>The number of daily infected people has not decreased much. Japan has established the "new lifestyle" that prevents the spread of infection, including avoiding "3Cs" (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings) and basic counter-infection measures such as keeping distance, wearing a mask, and washing hands, as well as working from home and staggered commutes.</p> <p>Japanese newly elected Economy Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura said "It is not the situation where we press on the accelerator strongly, but we need to make sure that the coronavirus prevention steps take root among people and expand the economic and social activities."</p> <p>Nishimura also said the government would ease restrictions on holding events from 19th September.</p> <p>On the other hand, Japanese Government has decided to inject about 15 billion US\$ in order to revitalize mainly the tourism industry during and after the pandemic, named "GO TO CAMPAIGN".</p> <p>Here is the outlook of the Marine industry in the domestic market from April to September 2020:</p>	<p>The Japanese Government currently bans travel to 159 countries and regions. Japan is planning to remove a ban on overseas travel to China and 11 other countries in November. The 11 other countries and regions include Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam and Malaysia.</p>	

	<p>Boat sales number is 10% down compared with same period of previous year.</p> <p>PWC sales number is 4% down, and outboard engine sales number is 1% down.</p> <p>Marinas are doing better. Some marinas have exceeded the previous year's results.</p> <p>The number of new boat license holders grew by 13%.</p> <p>The export sales number of outboard engines decreased by almost 50%, but now engine manufactures have recovered up to normal production level.</p> <p>The local boat shows were resumed from October.</p> <p>"Kansai floating boat show" in Kobe had 4300 visitors, a decrease of 10% from the previous year.</p> <p>"Yokohama boat fair" was held last weekend and gathered 2600 visitors, most numbers in the last 10 years.</p> <p>"Chubu (Nagoya) boat show" in early October was canceled due to the typhoon.</p> <p>Japan International Boat Show 2021:</p> <p>Instead of the original plans to host it in an indoor event hall, it was decided to host the new style</p>		
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	boat show in next April, which combines the floating boat show in marina and virtual boat show.		
Norway	<p>There has been a mild winter with good sales of both boats and engines.</p> <p>When the Corona pandemic set in in March, it came to a halt.</p> <p>From Easter, sales started again and there have been very good sales throughout the summer. Especially boats up to NOK 1.5 million.</p> <p>There isn't a mandatory boat register in Norway so the sales report is based on input from Norboat members.</p> <p>Since many are empty of boats now we are entering an autumn season with good expectations.</p> <p>Equipment stores have had record sales this year</p>		
Poland	<p>Due to the constantly growing number of daily infections, Poland was divided into three zones: green, yellow and red. A given colour informs about the degree of risk on the basis of analyzes of the dynamics of increases in infections over the last 14 days. If there were more than 12 out of 10,000 habitants, then the district is included in the red zone, and if it is between 6 and 12 per 10,000, it is in the yellow zone.</p> <p>From October 10th, the entire country is in the yellow zone, and from October 17th, 152 districts</p>		

	<p>will be in the red zone, including large cities such as Warsaw, Gdansk and Cracow.</p> <p>The obligation to wear masks applies everywhere in public spaces, not only in buildings.</p> <p>The Polish government announced the introduction of new restrictions from Saturday (October 17th). They concern the functioning of secondary schools and universities (they are switching to remote or hybrid teaching), shortening the operation of gastronomic points (until 9.00 p.m.) or restrictions on the organization of family and special events (in the red zone organizing such events will be prohibited). In the yellow zone, you can still organize, for example, sports events, but the stands can only be filled in 25%. In the red one there is a total ban on audience participation. In the case of traveling by public transport, the vehicle capacity was limited - to 50% seats or 30% total number of standing and sitting places. In the red zone in cinemas and theatres, a maximum of 25% of the audience can be. Gyms, swimming pools and water parks are banned in the red zone. Also, it is forbidden to organize fairs in the red zone.</p> <p>Since yesterday, companies from the tourism, event and exhibition industry can submit applications for government support. To receive aid from the government, you must show a decrease in income of at least 75% compared to</p>		
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	<p>last year. The government estimates that up to 100,000 entities can count on money.</p> <p>As for the boating industry, this year more people than in recent years decided to spend their summer vacation in Poland on the water, that's why there was an increase in boat sales on the domestic market and also great interest in the charter companies. Because of this, the situation of boat builders has improved significantly and in practice the scale of new orders is at a similar level as in the corresponding period of previous years, although many of them are reporting lack of inventory.</p>		
Portugal	<p>As in most European countries, Portugal is facing the start of a second wave. Numbers are going up every day, fortunately hospitals are still under control with ICUs @ about 20% occupancy.</p> <p>The government is intensifying measures. Today there is a new law coming out to make masks mandatory at all times and also the use of a tracking APP called STAYAWAY Covid (not sure how older people, old phones, etc...will do as they are imposing big fines). There are still no measures in terms of tourists coming in, boating activity or any related businesses. Restaurants, sport events, conferences, etc are still under the same controlled and restricted measures. Schools are all open, classes are cancelled when there is one case in the same classroom</p>		

	<p>It is unlikely to enter a new lockdown in Portugal as it would be devastating for education, economy, unemployment, etc...</p>		
<p>Spain</p>	<p>The boating season has done much better compared to the first prognostics in the spring. Marinas had in general good occupancy, just those dependent on international customers suffered with lower occupancy compared to previous years, and that's the case of most of the marinas in Ibiza or Mallorca.</p> <p>In terms of infections, Spain has seen a rise in COVID-19 infections during the last weeks. Regulations and lockdowns depend on regional or even local government decisions. For instance, Barcelona has decided to close restaurants and bars, and in some cities, there is a lockdown but not as strict as it was in spring. Masks are mandatory indoor and outdoor. It is strongly recommended to avoid parties and meetings between more than 6 non-households.</p> <p>Some regions are supporting tourism activities granting citizens with vouchers that can be used in accommodation and also water sports activities. This is a good measure that hopefully will be spread across Spain in most regions.</p> <p>This summer new users were welcomed to marinas and nautical shops, and the goal now is how to keep them in the loop enjoying boating and spending in the industry.</p>		

<p>South Africa</p>	<p>South Africa moved to Covid-19 Alert Level 1 lockdown on the 21 September 2020 with most normal activities resuming. All precautions, i.e. wearing of masks all the time and frequent sanitizing and health guidelines are to be followed at all times.</p> <p>There has been a rapid rise in the number of positive cases in the country since the beginning of Alert Level 1.</p> <p>Every person is confined to his or her place of residence from 00H01 until 04H00 daily, except where a person -</p> <p>(a) has been granted a permission through directions by the relevant Cabinet member, or a permit;</p> <p>(b) is attending to a security or medical emergency.</p>	<p>From 1 October 2020, all travellers from the African Continent and from countries outside the African Continent with a low rate of COVID-19 infection and transmission, will resume subject to-</p> <p>(a) the traveller providing a valid certificate of a negative test which was obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of travel; and</p> <p>(b) in the event of the traveller's failure to submit a certificate as proof of a negative test, the traveller will be required to quarantine at his or her own costs.</p> <p>International travel from countries listed as having a high COVID-19 infection and transmission rate, will remain prohibited except for business travel which may be allowed with the approval of the Cabinet member responsible for home affairs.</p> <p>All commercial seaports will be opened.</p>	
<p>UK</p>	<p>On Saturday 31 October, the British Prime Minister announced an England only lockdown from 5 November to 2 December.</p>	<p>For more information visit: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</p>	

	<p>As directed by Government for the period 5th November to 2nd December 2020 marinas can remain open for business services including (but not limited to) boatyard, boat servicing and tenants. Chandleries and other non-essential retail can remain open for delivery to customers, click and collect and to supply the marine trade. On site catering should close unless providing takeaway services.</p> <p>No overnight stays are allowed on boats except for residential berth holders (where the boat is their Primary Residence) or for business purposes. Toilets and showers can remain open for site users.</p> <p>Access and access control systems may remain open to customers however marinas should encourage their berth holders to adhere to Government rules for England requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#stay-at-home</p> <p>Whilst this initial announcement outlines the Government's intention, the details of how this will affect boating and marinas in England will not be clear until the legislation has been through Parliament and we have received the necessary guidance from Government Departments including DEFRA and DCMS.</p> <p>Current Government guidance does not provide complete clarity and there are some uncertainties including Government's definition of 'exercise outdoors or visit an outdoor public place'. Until further clarity is available marinas may decide to</p>		
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	<p>accept that their customers should be able to make their own choice based on Government guidance.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#stay-at-home</p>		
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