

State of the industry during COVID-19 restrictions – 21st October

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	In France, the situation of the pandemic is getting worse every day. The least densely populated areas are still preserved, even if everyone must take precautions. A good point for the boating practice on the coastline, which is not much affected. The wearing of the mask is mandatory in the streets of the towns, even if small ones, and social distancing is now part of the habits. Of course, inside the buildings, in the offices and meeting rooms, the mask is compulsory too. The President of the Republic has announced recently a 4 weeks curfew in the main cities (Greater Paris, Lille, Lyon, Toulouse, Montpellier, Marseille etc...) from 9 PM to 6 AM. Of course, this decision could evolve and become applicable to other main cities, if the indicators are once again deteriorating. There is no restriction of transportation inside the country and it is recommended to limit the groups to 6 people max, if you invite friends at home.		
Germany	In Germany, the season went well after the waters and neighbouring countries were reopened. Yards and dealers reported good sales and used boats were also sold very well. Typical beginner's accessories like life jackets and simple rainwear were in great demand. Now the second wave is coming at the end of the season. Yesterday there were 6,800 new cases. The regulations are very different in the country.	Fair participants and visitors are considered as business travellers with good cause and are excluded from travel restrictions to Germany. Even if they are arriving from risk regions, they can enter by providing a negative C-19 test. More information is available under the following	The preparations of boot Düsseldorf 2021 is going ahead as exhibitions are allowed in Germany. Regarding space, the event is currently at the level of boot 2019. The organisers of boot Düsseldorf are very committed to make the event a success. At the same time safety will be their first priority, by implementing the "ProtAction" hygiene concept. The event will be able to welcome over 20.000 visitors per day

	<p>From 35 cases per 100,000 inhabitants in 7 days restrictions can be imposed, the number rises to over 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants in 7 days, facilities can be closed and meetings limited.</p> <p>Because of the federal system in Germany the regulations vary. For example, residents of some Berlin districts are not allowed to stay overnight in other federal states, in Hamburg older pupils wear face masks and sometimes masks are compulsory in some streets, but only between house numbers 47 -61.</p>	<p>link: https://www.boot.com/en/Press/Press_Material/Press_Releases/Exhibitors_and_visitors_of_trade_fairs_are_business_travelers_with_an_important_reason_to_enter_Germany</p>	<p>giving them the opportunity to check, compare and buy boats, equipment and services or to enjoy networking.</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</p>		

	<p>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</p>		
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	supply chains, customs and VAT issues an additional worry for 2021.		
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 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>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 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>	

	<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 people who can attend sports competitions, events and shows that take place outdoors at 1,000 and 200 if they take place indoors.</p>		
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</p>		

	<p>expectations. 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 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</p>		

	<p>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 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	As in most European countries, Portugal is facing the start of a second wave. Numbers are going up		

	<p>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>		
Spain	<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</p>		

	<p>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>		
UK	<p>The UK have imposed a new 3 tier system for local restrictions in an attempt to simplify and standardise local rules (this is for England only).</p> <p>Local COVID Alert Level - Medium This is for areas where national restrictions continue to be in place. This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law, such as nightclubs. • Certain businesses selling food or drink on their premises are required to close between 10pm and 5am. • Businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-thru. 	<p>For more information visit: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools, universities and places of worship remain open • Weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees • Organised indoor sport and exercise classes can continue to take place, provided the Rule of Six is followed • People must not meet in groups larger than 6, indoors or outdoors <p>Local COVID Alert Level - High This is for areas with a higher level of infections. This means the following additional measures are in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People must not meet with anybody outside their household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place • People must not meet in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other space. • People should aim to reduce the number of journeys they make where possible. If they need to travel, they should walk or cycle where possible, or to plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. <p>Local COVID Alert Level - Very High This is for areas with a very high level of infections. The Government will set a baseline of measures for any area in this local alert level. Consultation with local authorities will determine additional measures.</p>		
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