

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDER ON TEMPORARY BAN OF CROSSING BORDER CROSSINGS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

SHIPPING AND NAUTICAL TOURISM

With regard to implementation of the Order on Temporary Ban of Crossing the Border Crossings of the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette 74/20) and further to the previously published recommendations from the Croatian Public Health Institute, hereby we are publishing additional explanations and instructions:

Instruction implementation

1. This instruction applies to the following vessels:
 - ships
 - yachts
 - boats allowing accommodation and several-day stay on board
2. Ships and yachts that at their voyage to Croatia from another EU/EEA state call in a third country port for bunkering or trading purposes, provided that no crewmember of passenger left the ship or the yacht and no social contact was established, shall be deemed to have arrived from an EU/EEA country.
3. All the costs of testing and/or self-isolation shall be borne by the passengers themselves, and all the costs of testing and/or self-isolation of crewmembers shall be borne by the ship owner or operator, or the yacht user.

Border crossing by Croatian and foreign seamen

1. Seamen, crewmembers of ships and yachts with permanent crew, shall be deemed to be other transport personnel stated in the Point III of the Order, who are not applied the temporary ban of crossing Croatian border crossings.
2. The status of a seaman and a professional crewmember shall be proved by the employment contract or the seaman's book.
3. Crewmembers of yachts not having permanent professional crew and of boats, intending to stay and sail in Croatia shall present negative PCR results of tests of nose and throat swab for SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours (from the moment of taking the swab until arriving to the border crossing), or shall prove that prior arriving to Croatia they spent 14 days sailing or anchored with no contact with other persons.
4. If a crewmember of a yacht not having permanent professional crew or a boat does not have proves stated in the point 2 above, or the testing was performed more than 48 hours prior to arriving to Croatia, they shall have to undergo testing in Croatia.
5. Besides the above mentioned, during staying and sailing in Croatia, all crewmembers shall be repeatedly measured body temperature. The vessel master shall organise measuring body temperature every day, and this shall be entered in special records. Every rise of temperature shall be entered, besides in the said register, also in the vessel's log book and the maritime agent shall be advised of this.

6. Maritime agents organising repatriation of seamen to their countries after disembarkation in Croatia are recommended in advance obtain visas of longer validity. When organising travels, they re to take care of an limitations in all the transiting countries, in order to perform the repatriation as quickly as possible.

Arrivals of foreign citizens for tourist purposes, ho will in Croatia be staying on board yachts of over 24 meters in length / vessels - passengers

1. As passengers shall be deemed also vessel owners and their family members, friends and any other person other than the crew.
2. The passengers arrived to Croatia by airplanes, and unable to present a negative results of tests of nose and throat swab for SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, shall be organised immediate transfer to the vessel. The transfer may be organised by a private helicopter that is stored are will be stored in board the vessel.
3. The passengers shall undergo tests of nose and throat swab for SARS-CoV-2 after being accommodated on board the vessel.
4. The vessel on board of which there are passengers who cannot upon arrival to Croatia present negative PCR results of tests of nose and throat swab for SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, shall sail to the ports of Dubrovnik, Split, Šibenik, Zadar, Rijeka or Pula, where the passengers shall be PCR tested.
 - Self-isolation of passengers on vessel in Croatia may b performed:
 - berthed in a marina or port open to public traffic;
 - at anchor if there is no vacant berth in marina or port; or
 - while sailing in Croatia without calling in any port and with no contacts with other persons.
5. The passengers shall be subjected to temperature measurements and maintaining records same as the crewmembers.

Arrivals of third country citizens for immediate personal reasons and having yacht or boat berthed in Croatia - owners

1. All the persons entering Croatia from third countries as exempted from the ban of crossing the border, and the persons travelling for immediate personal reasons (e.g., owners of vessels in Croatia) or having another immediate personal reason shall be subjected to medical supervision and the 14-day quarantine/self-isolation.

The quarantine/self-isolation may be shortened to seven days if the person at their cost performs nose and throat swab test within seven days from entering Croatia and receives a negative PCR test result for SARS-CoV-2.

2. With regard to the vessels owned by legal entities, foreign citizens proving they are owners of that legal entity or that they are responsible persons in that legal entity hall be deemed vessel owners for the purpose of these instructions.

Arrival to and sailing in Croatia

1. While berthed in the ports open to public traffic and marinas, passengers and crewmembers shall be prevented from passing from one vessel to another.

Upon arrival to Croatia, all Croatian and foreign citizens shall comply with the general and special Recommendations and Instructions made by the Croatian Public Health Institute regarding Croatian and foreign citizens crossing border and arriving to Croatia dated 10 July 2020.

More information on the corona-virus disease and the measures aimed to decreasing the risk of its spreading are posted on the Croatian Public Health Institute site <https://www.hzjz.hr/sluzba-epidemiologija-zarazne-bolesti/koronavirus-najnovije-preporuke/>, or by contacting a physician or the epidemiologist of territorial competence.

2. All vessels not equipped with automatic identification systems (AIS) or another electronic vessel monitoring system are recommended to maintain records on all port calls from the beginning till the end of the voyage.

Besides the above stated, all Croatian and foreign citizens shall comply with other epidemiologic measures published by the Croatian Public Health Institute as well.

Marinas, yacht charter companies and owners of vessels intended for several-day voyages shall harmonise their activities and services with the recommendations published by the Croatian Public Health Institute.