

# PORT OF AYR LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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## MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH FOR ARRIVING VESSELS AND IN PORT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

There is currently a pandemic of a novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is affecting the UK among other countries. This situation has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization Emergency Committee, under the International Health Regulations.

A Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) is required for all vessels on arrival from a foreign port. However, in response to this situation regarding COVID-19, Masters of **all vessels** arriving into the Port of Ayr are advised that they are required to submit information using the Maritime Declaration of Health Form at least 24 hours prior to arrival, or where the passage time is less, upon departure from the last Port as per Local NTM 07/2020.

In addition to the Maritime Declaration of Health Form all Masters are to complete the attached Supplementary Questionnaire and submit this along with the Maritime Declaration of Health. All information should be supplied to your appointed agent for forwarding to the relevant Authorities for assessment.

Where a port operator or ship's agent receives notice that there are ill persons on a vessel then: If the suspected case is a medical emergency, you **must** call 999 for medical assistance and you **must** inform attending services that the case has had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. DO NOT disembark the patient or arrange alternative transport to a hospital until advised to do so. DO NOT disembark any other crew or passengers. Also ask the Harbour Master to inform the NHS Public Health (local Health Protection Team) and the Port Health Authority (the local authorities). Masters are also reminded that should a crew member experience a reportable condition during the vessel's stay they must report this immediately to the Port Authority and Health Authorities.

The Scottish Government has published [guidance on international travel and quarantine](#).

The UK Government has published [guidance on international travel and quarantine](#).

<sup>1</sup> **For attention of Masters and Captains of smaller vessels:**

Using the scope of the [Common European Reporting System](#) reporting requirement this current Notice to Mariners applies to the following vessels (excepting vessels providing domestic ferry services):

- Ships of 300 Gross Tonnage and upwards;
- Fishing vessels, traditional ships and recreational craft, where the length of the fishing vessel, traditional ship, or recreational craft is 45 metres and above; and
- All ships engaged on international voyages

<sup>2</sup> Masters and skippers of pleasure craft - When arriving direct from outside the UK you must phone the [National Yachtline](#) on

0300 123 2012. You will need to complete form [C1331](#) and inform the Yachtline if there is any notifiable illness on board. Refer to: [Notice 8: sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Captain Johnnie Cowie

**Deputy Harbour Master Ayr & Troon**

10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.