

**COVID-19**  
**Rules for safe operation in Greek waters**

## **Introduction**

This document has been prepared to inform anyone boarding this boat about the COVID-19 prevention rules, regulations and recommendations in force in Greek waters.

The rules will be policed and enforced by the Hellenic Coastguard and Hellenic Port Police.

The rules apply to all commercial vessels in Greek waters.

Fines will be levied for infringements: €150 per individual plus €1,000 for the Skipper/Captain of the vessel.

Vessels that are normally entitled to carry up to 12 passengers, as recorded on the vessel's safety document, can carry their full capacity.

Vessels that are normally entitled to carry over 12 passengers, as recorded on the vessel's safety document, can carry 12 plus 50% of the difference between 12 and the normal maximum number.

## **Preparation**

The boat must be fully ventilated for at least three hours before passenger embarkation.

All surfaces must be cleaned with either:

A solution of diluted chlorine (4 teaspoons chlorine to 1 litre of water)

*or*

A solution containing at least 70% ethyl alcohol.

Cleaning materials must be disposed of, off the boat, or washed at 90°C before re-use.

Extra attention should be given to cleaning: Hand-holds, hand rails, galley surfaces, heads and wash areas, the navigation area and equipment.

The crew must ensure containers of hand sanitiser (minimum 70% ethyl alcohol) are located at the entrance to the boats interior.

Ensure that the boat's Patient Isolation Pack (described later) is onboard.

Ensure that the boat's digital thermometer and oximeter are onboard.

Ensure that the correct COVID signage and warnings are in place.

## **Embarkation**

Each passenger and crew member must complete and return a Pre-Boarding Health Declaration form.

A COVID-19 Passenger and Crew Briefing must be given as soon as possible after embarkation.

## **COVID-19 Passenger and Crew Briefing**

All those onboard must:

- Clean their hands when returning to the boat from going ashore.
- Whenever entering the interior of the boat.
- Whenever handling lines that have been in contact with the shore.
- After using the heads.
- Before using the galley.
- Before using the navigation area or touching any instruments.

Hands should be washed for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or by cleansing with 70% ethyl alcohol hand cleaner.

Everyone onboard should keep at least 1.5m away from other crew members or passengers.

If you cough or sneeze do so into tissues (which must be properly disposed of) or into a shirt sleeve.

No visitors should be taken aboard the boat.

Caution must be taken when going ashore:

- Maintain social distancing (1.5m)
- Wear PPE (mask and gloves) in enclosed places when ashore.
- Clean hands thoroughly before coming back aboard.
- Ensure any shoes worn when going ashore are properly cleaned when coming back aboard.
- Keep shoes worn ashore out of the interior.

if a fellow crew member or passenger is developing symptoms of the virus (cough, fever or shortness of breath) inform a crew member..

Be aware that the boat has an Isolation Plan to deal with someone that is showing COVID-19 symptoms.

## **The Patient Isolation Management Plan**

If a person onboard shows any of these symptoms: cough, fever or shortness of breath, they must be immediately isolated and the detail of this plan followed.

The patient must be placed in a pre-designated Isolation Area aboard the boat which must have good natural ventilation. The Isolation Area on this boat is the forepeak

They must be given a surgical mask to wear and other persons aboard must keep away.

Anyone that visits the patient, for whatever reason, must wear all the PPE items in the Patient Isolation Pack provided (namely: mask, goggles, gloves, waterproof gown and boots).

The PPE must not be reused and must be disposed of in a refuse bag.

The wearer must thoroughly wash their hands.

The Skipper/Captain is responsible for the implementation of this plan.

The Skipper/Captain should immediately contact the next port of call and inform the Health Authorities of the boat's arrival.

The Skipper/Captain should be prepared to consider a different next port of call if the medical facilities are considered better.

If there is no monitored VHF station at the next port of call the Skipper/Captain should contact the Coastguard on Olympia Radio and request advice.

The Skipper/Captain must prepare a written statement regarding the condition of the patient over the previous 2 days for presentation to port authorities.

The Skipper/Captain should also complete a Medical Declaration Form for presentation to the port authorities as soon as the boat docks.

The patient must be examined by a Doctor as soon as possible and given relevant tests.

If a laboratory test confirms that the patient has the virus all those in contact (the entire crew and all passengers) must isolate for 14 days under the direction of the relevant Health Authority.

After the patient is removed from the Isolation Area it must be thoroughly ventilated and cleaned with a solution of diluted chlorine (4 teaspoons of chlorine to 1 litre of water) or 70% ethyl alcohol. Cleaning materials should be discarded or washed at 90°C before reuse.