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Ports of nautical tourism will remain open for traffic unless they have received a decision or decree on the suspension of operations issued by the Civil Protection Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia.

Boaters entering the Republic of Croatia with their vessels will complete all border formalities at the maritime border crossings.

If persons aboard the vessel are coming from high-risk areas (presently, they include China's Hubei Province, including Wuhan, Italy, Heinsberg District in Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia, South Korea's Daegu and Cheongdo Province, and Iran), they will be put in quarantine (foreign nationals) or self-isolation (Croatian nationals). Information about the high-risk areas are available on the following link: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>.

The high-risk persons – foreign nationals will be put in organized quarantine, the costs of which they will have to cover themselves. The decision on mandatory quarantine will be made by the border health inspector and will require a police escort. If the said foreign nationals refuse to be quarantined, they will have to leave the Republic of Croatia by sea.

If the persons aboard the vessel come from other risk-affected areas (in line with the latest press release issued by the Civil Protection Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia), they will be instructed to self-isolate.

Croatian nationals will be put under home quarantine/in self-isolation, which they will need to reach by the shortest possible route.

Foreign nationals with proof of accommodation on the territory of the Republic of Croatia will be put under home quarantine/in self-isolation, which they will need to reach by the shortest possible route. If they lack the said proof of accommodation, they will have to leave the Republic of Croatia by sea.

In case of a decision on self-isolation, the persons will take their vessel from the permanent port of entry to the port of nautical tourism where they have secured berthing services.

Self-isolation aboard the vessel is not possible and must be carried out on shore.

In case of a decision on quarantine, the persons will take their vessel from the permanent port of entry to the port of nautical tourism closest to the location of the quarantine (county center), where they have secured berthing services.

Following a safe berthing of the vessel to the berth facility at the port of nautical tourism, persons aboard the vessel will be required to phone the service whose contacts they were given at the permanent port of entry.

Upon the vessel's berthing, the port of nautical tourism concessionaire will be required to check with the persons aboard the vessel if they have the decision on self-isolation/quarantine, and inform the border police station, which carried out the border checks, about the vessel's arrival.

The persons aboard the vessel will be required to secure their own transport to the location of their quarantine/self-isolation. Transport to the location of the quarantine will be carried out only if accompanied by the Civil Protection Headquarters managing the quarantine.

The treatment of the vessel will include securing the berth and disinfection. The said disinfection will be secured by the charter company (for charter vessels) or the owner of the vessel (for privately-owned vessels). The disinfection will be supervised by the concessionaire of the port of nautical tourism.

Regards,
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