Annex 1

1. Purpose

The purpose of this annex is to provide guidance to health authorities and ship operators in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the health and safety of passengers, crew, and other personnel involved in maritime activities.

2. General recommendations

It is important that all arrangements are made as soon as possible to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Health authorities should be informed of any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

3. Determining the maximum number of passengers

The maximum number of passengers (crew and passengers) should be limited to ensure social distancing. The number of passengers is calculated as follows:

(a) In the case of a ship with a capacity of up to twelve (12) passengers, the number of passengers is the total capacity minus the number of crew members.

(b) In the case of a ship with a capacity of more than twelve (12) passengers, the number of passengers should not exceed the maximum permissible number, which is determined by the competent authority in the ways mentioned above.

4. Passenger registration book and health status

Each private yacht shall have a passenger and crew status available for inspection by port and health authorities in electronic or printed form.

5. Adequacy and proper use of personal protective equipment

It is recommended to have sufficient amounts of antiseptics, disinfectants, personal means of protection, and personal protective equipment (PPE) for crew members, as appropriate. Written instructions for the proper use of personal protective equipment and their crew shall be made available to visitors and crews on board.

6. Ventilation and air conditioning

Frequent cleaning of the ship with detergents is recommended during the voyage. Cleaning and disinfection on board vessels in case of transport of a suspect or confirmed case of COVID-19 is preferred as far as possible.

7. Respiratory hygiene

Proper respiratory hygiene, ie covering the mouth, must be applied properly when sneezing or coughing. Using tissues or paper towels, gloves, and antiseptics is recommended.

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9. Scrubbing and decontamination

If any of the occupants is a suspected or laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19, this should be reported immediately to the nearest health authority.

10. Health and safety

Health and safety measures should be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Hand hygiene, including the use of soap and water or antiseptic, should be applied before and after removing gloves. Hand hygiene should be applied with soap and water or with antiseptic. Face masks should be worn in areas where social distancing is not possible.

11. Conclusion

It is important to follow the guidance provided in this annex to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Compliance with these measures is essential to protect the health and safety of all personnel involved in maritime activities.

For more information, please visit the following websites: