

NTM 39/20 CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) HARBOUR RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

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Coronavirus [guidance from the Scottish Government](#) is being updated on a regular basis and this NTM has been revised to reflect the progression of Scotland's phased approach through and out of the COVID-19 crisis.

With the need to protect vulnerable island communities while still providing essential lifeline support, CMAL and our harbour operator CalMac Ferries Ltd are strictly following the Government guidance and hence mariners are informed that with immediate effect restrictions that were in force at all CMAL locations (full list [here](#)) have been revised and provided that the guidance on social distancing is observed open port access to all CMAL ports, harbours, facilities is as follows.

All forms of water sports practised on open waterways, i.e. sailing (including skippered charters), windsurfing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, surfing, paddle-boarding and the use of privately-owned motorised craft can take place within CMAL harbours.

From 15 July 2020, commercial marine and adventure tourism can also operate within CMAL harbours. At all times operators MUST comply with Scottish Government and HSE Guidance and regulations to ensure the safety of customers and staff and meet the criteria set out in the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Tourism and Hospitality Sector Guidance](#).

Individual and boating operators are responsible for conducting a risk assessment drawing on the relevant sources of Scottish Government guidance on COVID-19.

Mariners should note and where applicable should comply with the Declaration of Health requirements of previously issued [NTM 26/20](#) that remains in force.

Further information about Covid-19 may be found at:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.sailscotland.co.uk/news/posts/2020/safe-sailing-guidelines-covid-19/>

[RYA Scotland Statement](#)

CMAL will continue to follow the instructions, advice and guidance from the governing authorities and experts as it becomes available.

This notice supersedes NTM 29/20 and will remain in force until further notification is issued.

Issued on behalf of the Harbour Master

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited