COVID 19
& Its Impact on Sea Crew
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INTRODUCTION

The maritime industry is responsible for the transport of about 90% of the world’s trade
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The industry has striven to maintain supply chains and the delivery of essential cargoes, including food and medical supplies, during the current pandemic.
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Fraternity has faced many challenges, and these have been met by an unprecedented level of international, cross industry collaboration.
CHALLENGES FACING THE INDUSTRY

• Crew changes

• Contract extension

• Reduced possibilities for shore leave
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• Management of an active case on board
• Physical distancing / reduce the spread of the disease on a ship
• Pre-employment medical examination
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• Interaction with shore staff
• Medical and welfare services at port
• Mental health issues in seafarers
HISTORY

- First reported in Wuhan, China end of 2019
- COVID-19, caused by the SARS-VoV2
- Virus was declared a pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020
- Spreads by direct or indirect contact with droplets from an infected person.

Resulted in LOCKDOWN
MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 ON BOARD

• Symptoms reported to medical officer
• Isolated in their own cabin
• Early recognition and close monitoring is key to its successful management
MANAGEMENT OF CLOSE CONTACT ON BOARD

• Operations: severely impaired
• Ship: unable to function
• Self monitor and Report
• Daily temperature screening, wearing mask
SUPPLY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ON BOARD
INTERACTION WITH SHORE BASED STAFF
CREW CHANGES

• Seafarers travel
• Restrictions and quarantine requirements in the country
• Quarantine and testing reequipments
TESTING

• Policies and availability of tests

• 14 days quarantine at embarkation

• Testing only form a small part of the overall risk:
  - Cannot be used to exclude all risk
EXTERNAL MEDICAL CARE

• Ships refused entry to port
• Seafarer refused to disembark for medical care
• Commenced remote consultations, medication and prescriptions
Mental Health

Mental health of seafarers has been of concern for some time and the current pandemic has highlighted it further.
Questions/Discussion

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