

# PORT OF AYR LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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## MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

**MARINERS ARE ADVISED** that in response to the emerging situation regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Health Protection Scotland and the Scottish Ports Liaison Network require a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) to be submitted to the Scottish Port Health Authority of the ports of Ayr and Troon. This is irrespective of whether the vessel is arriving from a foreign port or another UK port.

In the MDH the Master of the vessel should indicate the origin of the ship, when it left the origin port, and all ports where the vessel has docked during the 14 days prior to arrival.

The Master should also report if anyone on board the vessel has travelled from or via any current risk area or if they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection within the 14 days prior to the vessel arriving in the ports of Ayr and Troon.

The Maritime Declaration of Health should be submitted in advance of the vessel's arrival to: [environmental.health@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.health@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) and copied to [paul.matthews@abports.co.uk](mailto:paul.matthews@abports.co.uk)

ABP has taken precautions to ensure that Pilots are healthy before they board vessels and it is expected that ships take suitable precautions to ensure the health of ABP Pilots whilst they are onboard vessels.

Mitigation measures onboard to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 should include:

- Rigorous cleaning of bridge and other equipment that the Pilot would normally contact (VHF Radio handsets, chart tables, radar etc.)
- Keeping a reasonable distance (2metres)
- Regular handwashing and avoidance of touching the face
- Catching any coughs and sneezes with a tissue which is then disposed of
- Bridge team to be limited to critical crew members for the duration of the pilotage

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Captain Paul Matthews

**Harbour Master Ayr & Troon**

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.