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Corona Virus Awareness (2019 nCoV) Information Notice 9 (Guidance for Guernsey Coastguard Operators)

Routine Traffic

[Local Notice to Mariners \(LNTM\) 004/20](#) details the restrictions that have been put in place for all vessels visiting the Bailiwick of Guernsey. From 0001 19 Mar until further notice, the following must be carried out by the JESCC Coastguard Operator.

During any routine communications with vessels (not including regular inter-island ferries/cargo ships or scheduled vessels in accordance with the daily Shipping List) bound for Guernsey the following questions must be asked and the answers recorded in the Vision Radio Log:

- 1. What are your last 3 ports of call?**
- 2. Is there any sickness onboard?**

If the vessel has come from any port outside of the Bailiwick (either directly or via a Bailiwick port) the Master/Skipper must be advised of the following:

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, under Bailiwick of Guernsey Public Health direction you are advised not to proceed to any port within the Bailiwick of Guernsey. If you decide to proceed to St Peter Port or St Sampson, you must contact Guernsey VTS on VHF Channel 12 prior to arrival. On arrival, you will be berthed in isolation and will not be permitted to land crew for 14 days. If you proceed to any other Harbour or bay in the Bailiwick of Guernsey you must inform Guernsey Coastguard on VHF Channel 20.

If the vessel is proceeding to a Bailiwick of Guernsey port and sickness is present onboard, the Duty Harbourmaster/SMC is to be notified immediately.

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On receipt of a MAYDAY or PAN PAN VHF call (or when alerted of a Distress or Alert phase incident by any other means), if it is practicable to do so the Coastguard Operator shall ask the following and record the answers in the Vision Incident:

- 1. *What are your last 3 ports of call?***
- 2. *Is there any sickness onboard?***

If the vessel has come from any port outside of the Bailiwick (either directly or via a Bailiwick port) or if any person on the casualty vessel is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, **the SMC must be informed** without delay and certainly before any SRUs are alerted.

General

If the Coastguard Operator is in any doubt regarding the status of **any** vessel with regards to last ports of call or health status onboard, **the SMC shall be called immediately.**