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NOTICE TO MARINERS

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) HARBOUR RESTRICTIONS UPDATE – January 2021**

Covid-19 pandemic [guidance from the Scottish Government](#) is currently being updated on regular basis.

Hence, this NTM has been updated to reflect the recent announcement from the Scottish Government on 5 January 2021, announcing that mainland Scotland has been moved from Level 4 to a **temporary lockdown**, with [new guidance to stay at home](#) except for essential purposes.

CalMac Ferries Ltd are strictly following the Government guidance and hence mariners are informed that with immediate effect restrictions in force within the Perth Harbour Limits.

Open port access Perth Harbour and associated facilities is closed to all non-essential visiting vessels. These specifically include:

- Recreational vessels (see end note)
- Cruise ships
- Superyachts
- Tour boats
- Other small commercially operated vessels that are chartered or are carrying fare paying passengers.

Perth Harbour remains open to the following essential vessel traffic:

- Local fishing and fish farm vessels or those only landing catch or taking on supplies
- Commercial ships operated in support of local communities and essential businesses
- Vessels seeking a port of refuge
- Marine casualties or other similar emergencies
- UK Warships and Naval Auxiliary ships on active service
- Northern Lighthouse Board and Marine Protection Vessels
- Emergency services vessels, e.g. RNLI, HM Coastguard, HM Border Force, Police, Fire & Rescue
- Medivacs

All non-local vessels entering harbour limits at staffed port locations must contact the harbour office via VHF 09 and follow any further instructions.

During the covid-19 health crisis mariners are advised that staffing at Perth Harbour may become reduced.

Where a vessel cannot establish contact with the local Harbour Office, please communicate email via [perth.harbour@calmac.co.uk](mailto:perth.harbour@calmac.co.uk) or telephone +44 (0)1738 624 056 to confirm particulars of the proposed call and vessel contact details.

In addition:

- There should be no shore leave for visiting vessel crews
- Vessels will be allowed to take on fuel and water where available, but any required stores will be delivered to the bottom of the gangway
- Service engineers should only attend for repair of critical ship systems and will require a covid-19 risk assessment to be carried out in conjunction with the local CalMac port manager / supervisor

#### **Note: Recreational Boating**

While recreational boating activities can be undertaken as part of daily exercise activities there are still important restrictions that should be applied in line with the latest public health guidance. The Scottish Government have been clear, this is still a public health crisis and while there are exercise options, there is not complete freedom to return to boating.

People in Scotland are permitted to travel short distances for outdoor leisure and exercise, but the Scottish Government strongly advises to stay within a short distance (5 miles) of your local community. With this restriction in mind all forms of recreational watersports practiced on open waterways within the Perth Harbour Limits are permitted, including sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, paddle-boarding and the use of motorised craft.

Only daytime activity should be undertaken, and all activity should return to the local point departure within the same day. Recreational mariners should not stay overnight on their vessels.

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>

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[RYA Boating Guidance for Scotland](#)

This NTM will remain in force until further updates are issued.

**Issued on behalf the Harbour Manager**  
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