

Safety at Sea: Mariners Coping In Today's Covid-19 World

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Subject: **Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic**

The Secretary-General is aware of the significant challenges being faced by the global shipping industry to effect crew changes as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, large numbers of seafarers are having to extend their service on board ships after many months at sea, unable to be replaced after long tours of duty or be repatriated via aircraft to their home countries. Shipping is vital to the maintenance of global supply chains, but the current situation is unsustainable for the safety and wellbeing of ship crew and the safe operation of maritime trade. Each month about 150,000 seafarers need to be changed over to and from the ships which they operate to ensure compliance with international maritime regulations for ensuring safety, crew health and welfare, and the prevention of fatigue.

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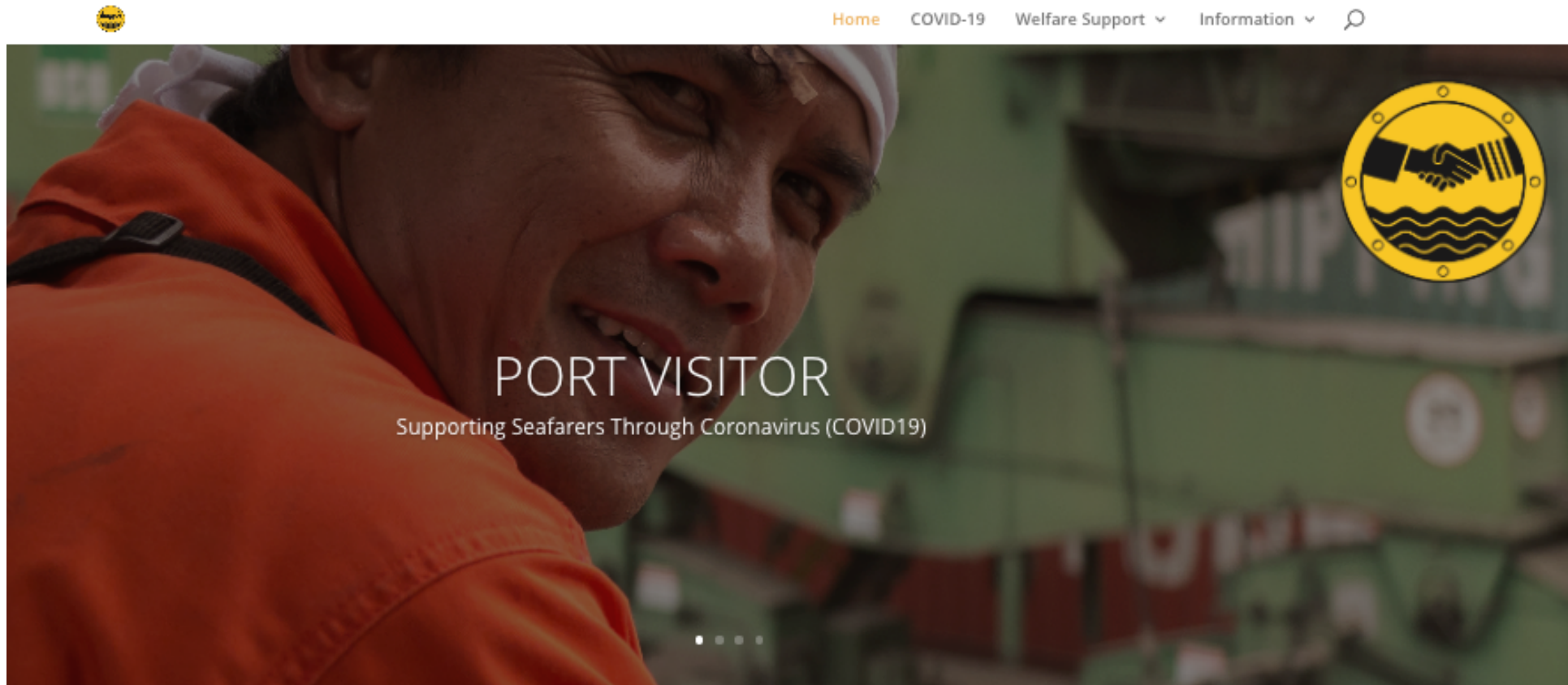
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Port Visitor aims to provide information, support and assistance to seafarers who are affected by or concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak, signposting them to the appropriate resources and organisations.



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The current outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-2019) was first reported from Wuhan, China, on December 31, 2019. Early in the new year, mainland China began policies of self-containment and quarantine to slow the spread of the disease and allow health care systems to cope. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recognized it as a pandemic on March 11, 2020. Policies like China's have spread around the world, affecting virtually all countries and ports in which ICMA's members are present. The activities of seafarers' centers and ship visiting in ports around the globe have been curtailed or significantly reduced. As ministries think about how to operate under the current restrictions, and with exit strategies slowly emerging, this course is designed to share best practice and experience. This course uses the see-judge-act method to produce practical results and keep our focus on the welfare of seafarers.

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