



PRESS RELEASE

PLEASURE VESSELS IN MEXICAN PORTS

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To the Boating Community

Yesterday, Sunday 29th, Mexico's Maritime authority issued Directive #13 to all Port Captains in Mexico, informing them that they may not authorize the clearance or departure of passenger vessels for hire (Mexican & foreign flagged) that operate with Nautical Tourism permits (charter, tours, diving, sport fishing, whale watching, sunset cruises, etc.).

Ports in Mexico are not closed to Navigation to any other than the above. Navigation with private vessels IS PERMITTED, however, due to the COVID 19 world-wide outbreak, México is asking its population to stay indoors, limit non-essential travel and movement, wash hands with soap and water frequently and keep a safe distance from other people. Considering the above, we recommend recreational vessel use be stopped and only undertake navigation if it is for purposes of relocation, isolation, transportation, etc.

At this time, all marinas are operational, some with reduced office hours and services. We expect marinas in Mexico to be able to continue operating in this manner throughout this health contingency. We hope that with the cooperation of everyone, México will soon be able to return to the normal operation of its tourism industry.

Sincerely

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PRESIDENT