



Guidance for COVID-19 risk assessment on fishing vessels

Single-handed vessels

Risk ID	Hazard / Activity	Risk	Controls in place	Risk outcomes	Risk level
1.1	Getting onboard vessel	Infection with COVID-19 due to: i. compromised social distancing from an infected person when travelling between home and boarding the vessel; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once onboard ➤ Wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor 	High	High*
1.2	Fishing activities	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1.3	Landing catches	Infection with COVID-19 due to: iii. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers; or iv. compromised hygiene and contracting the disease through touch of a un-treated surfaces (e.g. pallet truck, boxes, ladders, fridge handles, forklift trucks, ice shovels, weighing scales etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once back onboard ➤ Wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor 	High	High*
1.4	Leaving the vessel	Infection with COVID-19 due to: i. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers; ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots at home ➤ Wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor 	High	High*

N.B.

* - perceived risk relatively low but consequences potentially catastrophic



Crewed dayboat vessels

Risk ID	Hazard / Activity	Risk	Controls in place	Risk outcomes	Risk level
1.1	Getting onboard vessel	<p>1. Infection with COVID-19</p> <p>i. compromised social distancing from an infected person when travelling between home and boarding the vessel; or</p> <p>ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus</p> <p>2. Carrying infection onboard and infecting others Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once onboard ➤ Wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor ➤ Undertake health questionnaire with each crew member prior to them boarding the vessel ➤ Crew advised to self-isolate and seek test if displaying COVID-19 symptoms at home ➤ Crew advised to self-isolate if they believe they have been in close contact with an infected person ➤ Crew temperatures and logged taken prior to boarding ➤ Measures being implemented onboard to reduce the risk of infection / spreading of the disease are explained to all crew ➤ Keep a log of all other contractors or persons accessing the vessel while in port/ harbour ➤ Ensuring all crew are aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 infection ➤ Isolation and evacuation procedures for infected crew are documented / explained ➤ ➤ 	High	High*

1.2	Fishing activities	Infection with COVID-19 due to: i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ crew members avoid standing face-to-face wherever possible by either standing side to side or back to back ➤ Sanitising hands upon entering and leaving the working deck area ➤ Wearing of gloves ➤ Wearing of a clear, full face visor when working within 2m of other crew members ➤ High temperature cleaning and sanitisation of protective working clothing (oilskins, gloves etc) 	N/A	
1.3	Landing catches	Infection with COVID-19 due to: i. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers; or ii. compromised hygiene and contracting the disease through touch of a untreated surfaces (e.g. pallet truck, boxes, ladders, fridge handles, forklift trucks, ice shovels, weighing scales etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once onboard ➤ Wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor when 2m 'safe zone' is likely to be compromised 	High	High*
1.4	Leaving the vessel	Infection with COVID-19 due to: compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers; i. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots at home ➤ Wearing a face mask in public spaces 	High	High*



Crewed vessels (time onboard 2-7 days)

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1.1	Pre-boarding and getting onboard vessel	<p>1. Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected person when travelling between home and boarding the vessel; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus <p>2. Carrying infection onboard and infecting others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wearing a face mask in transit to the vessel ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once onboard ➤ Undertake health questionnaire with each crew member prior to them boarding the vessel ➤ Crew advised to self-isolate and seek test if displaying COVID-19 symptoms at home ➤ Crew advised to self-isolate if they believe they have been in close contact with an infected person ➤ Crew temperatures and logged taken prior to boarding ➤ Measures being implemented onboard to reduce the risk of infection / spreading of the disease are explained to all crew ➤ Keep a log of all other contractors or persons accessing the vessel while in port/ harbour ➤ Ensuring all crew are aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 infection ➤ Isolation and evacuation procedures for infected crew are documented / explained 	High	High*



1.2	Deck / fishing activities	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When working within 2m of other crew members avoid standing face-to-face wherever possible by either standing side to side or back to back ➤ Sanitising hands upon entering and leaving the working deck area ➤ Wearing of gloves ➤ High temperature cleaning and sanitisation of protective working clothing (oilskins, gloves etc) ➤ Wearing of a clear, full face visor when working within 2m of other crew members 		
1.3	Wheelhouse / accommodation	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Outgoing watchkeeper sanitises all steering, engine and navigational equipment controls at the end of the watch ➤ Incoming watchkeeper sanitises hands upon entry ➤ Wearing of disposable latex gloves (optional) ➤ Increased frequency of cleaning regime ➤ Seating plan drawn up to maximise social distancing ➤ Crew sanitise hands before and after meals ➤ Only one person will be responsible for preparing meals and making drinks ➤ If 2m distancing cannot be maintained then the wearing of a clear, full face visor when or face mask when handing over the watch should be considered 		
1.6	Fishroom	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When working within 2m of other crew members avoid standing face-to-face wherever possible by either standing side to side or back to back ➤ Sanitising hands upon entering / exiting fishroom ➤ Wearing of gloves ➤ High temperature cleaning and sanitisation of protective working clothing (oilskins, gloves etc) ➤ Wearing of a clear, full face visor when working within 2m of other crew members 		

1.7	Landing catches	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <p>i. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers; or</p> <p>ii. compromised hygiene and contracting the disease through touch of a un-treated surfaces (e.g. pallet truck, boxes, ladders, fridge handles, forklift trucks, ice shovels, weighing scales etc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once back onboard ➤ Consider wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor If working less than 2m from other persons 	High	High*
1.8	Leaving the vessel	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <p>i. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers;</p> <p>ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots at home ➤ Stress importance to observe social distancing during time ashore in order to protect fellow crew and families ➤ Wearing a face mask if in enclosed public spaces 	High	High*

Additional guidance for crews living on board:

- Do not leave the vessel for any reason when in harbour
- Do not allow colleagues from any other vessel to come on board
- Sanitise hands after taking on board any items from shore e.g. food stores, boxes, fishing gear etc
- Take and record temperature of all crews living onboard daily on harbour



Crewed vessels (time onboard 7-30 days)

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1.1	Pre-boarding and getting onboard vessel	<p>1. Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected person when travelling between home and boarding the vessel; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus <p>2. Carrying infection onboard and infecting others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wearing a face mask in transit to the vessel ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once onboard ➤ Sign-in / out sheet for any contractors working on board in harbour in order to support contact track and trace ➤ Carry additional oxygen and regulators over and above the regulated requirements ➤ Seek 'priority worker' testing for all crew prior to boarding, then isolate until test results are known. ➤ Undertake health questionnaire with each crew member prior to them boarding the vessel ➤ Crew advised to self-isolate and seek test if displaying COVID-19 symptoms at home ➤ Crew advised to self-isolate if they believe they have been in close contact with an infected person ➤ Crew temperatures and logged taken prior to boarding ➤ Measures being implemented onboard to reduce the risk of infection / spreading of the disease are explained to all crew ➤ Keep a log of all other contractors or persons accessing the vessel while in port/ harbour ➤ Ensuring all crew are aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 infection ➤ Isolation and evacuation procedures for infected crew are documented / explained 	High	High*



1.2	Deck / fishing activities	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When working within 2m of other crew members avoid standing face-to-face wherever possible by either standing side to side or back to back ➤ Sanitising hands upon entering and leaving the working deck area ➤ Wearing of gloves ➤ High temperature cleaning and sanitisation of protective working clothing (oilskins, gloves etc) ➤ Wearing of a clear, full face visor when working within 2m of other crew members 		
1.3	Wheelhouse / accommodation	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Outgoing watchkeeper sanitises all steering, engine and navigational equipment controls at the end of the watch ➤ Incoming watchkeeper sanitises hands upon entry ➤ Wearing of disposable latex gloves (optional) ➤ Increased frequency of cleaning regime ➤ Seating plan drawn up to maximise social distancing ➤ Crew sanitise hands before and after meals ➤ Only one person will be responsible for preparing meals and making drinks ➤ If 2m distancing cannot be maintained then the wearing of a clear, full face visor when or face mask when handing over the watch should be considered 		
1.6	Fishroom	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. compromised social distancing from an infected crew member; or ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When working within 2m of other crew members avoid standing face-to-face wherever possible by either standing side to side or back to back ➤ Sanitising hands upon entering / exiting fishroom ➤ Wearing of gloves ➤ High temperature cleaning and sanitisation of protective working clothing (oilskins, gloves etc) ➤ Wearing of a clear, full face visor when working within 2m of other crew members 		

1.7	Landing catches	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <p>i. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers; or</p> <p>ii. compromised hygiene and contracting the disease through touch of a un-treated surfaces (e.g. pallet truck, boxes, ladders, fridge handles, forklift trucks, ice shovels, weighing scales etc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots once back onboard ➤ Wearing a face mask or full-face clear visor if required to work at long periods within 2m of other personnel 	High	High*
1.8	Leaving the vessel	<p>Infection with COVID-19 due to:</p> <p>i. compromised social distancing from fish market / harbourside workers;</p> <p>ii. contracting the disease through touch of a surface holding droplets carrying the virus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wearing a face mask when in transit ➤ Remaining 2m from other persons wherever possible ➤ Avoidance of groups of other fishermen ➤ Wearing disposable latex gloves when touching communal ladders, railings, mooring ropes etc ➤ Sanitise hands and boots at home ➤ Stress importance to observe social distancing during time ashore in order to protect fellow crew and families 	High	High*

Additional guidance for crews living on board:

- Any crew suspected of being infected should be quarantined in a separate cabin and any crew mates that could have been in close contact should also be isolated independently and monitored for display of symptoms.
- Do not leave the vessel for any reason when in harbour
- Do not allow colleagues from any other vessel to come on board
- Sanitise hands after taking on board any items from shore e.g. food stores, boxes, fishing gear etc
- Take and record temperature of all crews living onboard daily on harbour