FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA PILOTI DEI PORTI

The first action taken by Fedepiloti was to ensure the health and safety of each individual pilot and staff in our Corporations. Our main goal being to guarantee pilotage service in this moment of extreme need for the general good of the country meanwhile preventing dangerous precedents for derogation from the current rules regarding the mandatory nature of the service for reasons including safety of navigation, infrastructure and protection of the marine environment.

All action and planning of future interventions has been in total agreement and collaboration with the central Authorities: Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, General Command of the Coast Guard.

FEDEPILOTI ACTIONS:

1. Reorganization of work shifts:
   a. Reduction as far as possible of the number of pilots present at the same time in port. Organization of teams with the same pilots and pilotboat crew.
   b. Avoid meetings between colleagues, in the pilot station, on the pilot boat.
   c. Adoption of all precautionary measures: keep a distance of at least 1 mt, wash your hands often, do not touch your face (mouth, nose, eyes).

2. Reschedule as far as possible the arrivals and departures of the ships trying to avoid contemporary maneuvers - the concept is "to slow down today to prevent stopping tomorrow".

3. Responsible use of PPE - considering that it is consumable material, often disposable and not knowing how long the emergency will last, it is essential that PPE is used appropriately and for necessity. For this we are working on official guidelines with the Ministry of Health.

4. Crisis unit:
   a. President and Director are in constant contact with all the Chief Pilots of Italy 24h to receive information on exceptional events in the ports to bring the needs of the pilots back to the central level and search for unified solutions. Example ships arriving with contagion or suspicions - pilots’ health situation or in quarantine.
   b. Weekly video conferences with board and Chief Pilots.

5. Order of PPE and disinfectant gel to be distributed to the corporations.

IN PROGRESS:

1. National Pilotage Crisis Management Plan:
   a. In case of the spread of the virus in local corporations, under the coordination of the territorial districts of the Coast Guard, pilots could be called to temporary mobility to help corporations in difficulty.
   b. Stand-by of retired pilots who will make the recall available as a last resort in case of need.

2. Clarification with the Ministry of Health that the pilot, when embarking on a potentially endangered ship, complete with all PPEs, must NOT be placed in preventive quarantine, having complied with the entire protocol of dressing - use - undressing and disposal and finally disinfection.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:
NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS - (Absence of infection or suspicion)

1. Maintain the intrapersonal safety distance of at least 1 m.
2. A path must be set up to reach the bridge and the landing, clear of board staff and / or passengers. An external route is preferable. Avoid the elevators.
3. Avoid touching the surfaces, or in any case do not put your hands to your face.
4. Wash your hands at every occasion.
5. When possible, use disinfectant gel.

EXCEPTIONAL OPERATING CONDITIONS - (Presence of infection or suspicion)

1. The pilot must be equipped with all PPE: overalls, goggles, mask, shoes, gloves - available in the guild / provided by maritime health.
2. All the provisions of the "NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS"
3. After undressing, the disposable material must be disposed of and the rest disinfected before reuse.

It is mandatory to use the face mask, respecting the health of others, in case of mild affections from colds, allergies (cause of sneezing), or request from the ship's captain.

ANY OTHER USE OF THE PPE NOT SPECIFIED IN THE PROTOCOL IS TO BE CONSIDERED NOT NECESSARY

warm regards

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