Situation in Portugal:

* There is no standard... Ports like Leixões and Açores are keeping a close track on record of ships and crews. Vessels identified as “dangerous” (several levels) will have additional PPE for pilots, close integration with the Port Doctor

* Also this two ports have separate teams of pilot boats and crews and no visits to the pilot station;

* Setúbal is in contingency level 2, so everybody is using gloves and masks

* Other ports are using the Standard from our Health Minister which is just frequent hand sanitation and keep a social distance (they insist a lot)

* This morning I was refused to board a vessel because I was not wearing gloves and masks and it took me one hour to have the permit to wear this equipment and go onboard

* Lisbon or Sines are working like one year ago mixing everybody. Only the meetings and calls to the pilot station were cancelled

* Standards onboard vessels usually are higher than ours

* Till now we only had “one suspicious” in Sines (remaining ports nothing). Wife is a doctor and tested positive, him and kids negative

* Maritime Administration hasn’t created yet a standard and we are pushing a lot on this

* Regarding the traffic, Lisbon is decreasing due to the stevedores strike and now cruise vessels that are forbidden to call

* Sines is having a better year than last year and also Leixões and Aveiro

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