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Port Windsor named Marine Industry Trusted Partner for COVID-19

(Windsor, Ontario)

Port Windsor is the first Port in Canada to be named a **Marine Trusted Partner** by the **Chamber of Marine Commerce**.

The **Marine Trusted Partner** programme sets out best practices put in place to protect ship crews, customers, service providers and the public from risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. It covers preventive measures before boarding ships and prevention while onboard, as well as measures for managing a sick person on board.

The Chamber of Marine Commerce is in regular communication with federal government transport and health officials to ensure a coordinated approach that helps to protect employees and stakeholders who interact with the marine sector. We are providing our ship owners, ports and other members information on the latest measures and best practices coming from federal and provincial government departments here in North America and through the International Chamber of Shipping.

Chamber of Marine Commerce

From the beginning of the outbreak, Port Windsor has taken several measures to ensure its staff have up-to-date information and knowledge about the COVID-19 virus. Work arrangements were modified to allow staff to work from home where possible, or provided with enhanced protocols and PPE to protect them and other workers while performing their duties. The Port provided all operators with the most current information to protect port-side staff, and how to engage safely with visiting ships. Foreign ships coming into port are tracked continuously for the health conditions of their crew.

More than 800 masks were recently distributed to all persons who work in Port Windsor each day.

We are proud of our many operators who have made the health and safety of all workers in Port Windsor a priority. They have all taken steps to ensure that Port Windsor remains a destination of choice. This is more than about keeping the flow of essential goods and materials flowing, it's about keeping our community safe.

Steve Salmons, President and CEO, Port Windsor

A recent audit by the Marine Chamber determined that the port has successfully implemented a full range of best practices for preventative measures and processes to provide a level of trust and confidence for those dealing with Port Windsor.

Background: Port Windsor

Ontario's third largest port, each year the Port Authority receives more than 600 ships, delivering more than 5 million tonnes of aggregate, salt, steel and grain to Windsor-Essex, and port across the Great Lakes, and into Europe. It also hosts Ontario's largest ship fueling depot.

The Windsor Port Authority is a federal Corporation under the Marine Act (1999) as one of just 17 national ports established to promote the growth, competitiveness and prosperity of Canada's economy. More than 2500 people in the Windsor-Essex region count on Port Windsor for their employment.

Background: Marine Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is a bi-national association that represents more than 130 marine industry stakeholders including major Canadian and American shippers, ports, terminals and marine service providers, as well as domestic and international ship owners. The Chamber advocates for safe, sustainable, harmonized and competitive policy and regulation that recognizes the marine transportation system's significant advantages in the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence, Coastal and Arctic regions.

The CMC launched the Trusted Partners Initiative last month to assure ship owners, governments, and other stakeholders (including the public) that a mutually agreed standard of protection, with supporting protocols, is being followed by each Partner during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will help to facilitate safe movement between vessels and the shoreside by minimizing the need for additional screening between Trusted Partners.

More information on the Marine Trusted Partners Initiative:

<https://www.marinedelivers.com/marine-industry-trusted-partners-initiative/>

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