

There is never a dull moment in this new world in which we live. Many of our nations are now in the throes of a second wave of COVID-19 and this has had an effect on crew changes once again which have slowed in some areas. There are still about 400,000 seafarers at sea who are past their contract times. Mercifully the industry has managed to get most who were over 12 months at sea back home again. Rest assured that the industry, led by ITF and ICS and supported by IFSMA and the nongovernmental organisations Intermanager, Intertanko, IMEC and many others, are doing their utmost to get States to recognise seafarers as key workers and to enable crew changes to move again.

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