

# MARITIME SINGAPORE IS VITAL AND RESILIENT

**You will learn:**  
How Maritime Singapore remains vital and resilient during a crisis

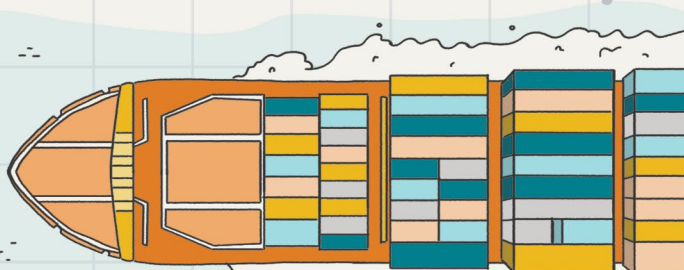
## A LET'S LEARN ABOUT MARITIME SINGAPORE

### HOW DOES MARITIME SINGAPORE STAY VITAL AND RESILIENT DURING A CRISIS?

We have learnt previously that **Maritime Singapore is vital** to Singapore, playing an important role in her growth and success as a maritime nation. We have also learnt that **Maritime Singapore is versatile** and adaptable, having seen how far Singapore has developed from a thriving trading post in the past into the premier Global Hub Port and leading International Maritime Centre that it is today.

In 2020, the world experienced an **unprecedented global outbreak** of the COVID-19 pandemic, causing much disruption and interruption to our lives. Governments had to shut down schools and buildings to stop the virus from spreading within the community; families and individuals had to stay home in order to maintain social distancing, and safety measures such as wearing masks and washing of hands became a part of our regular routine. Countries closed off their borders in order to contain the spread of the virus, and international travel came to a standstill.

Despite the disruptions felt across the world as a result of the COVID-19 situation, **global maritime trade still continued**. This is because so much of what people need and use are transported across the world by sea.



As seen during the pandemic, the Singapore maritime industry stayed resilient and strong in the face of these challenges, staying united and dedicated in their fight against COVID-19. Maritime workers such as seafarers and port workers continued working around the clock, making sure that goods can be delivered and made available to everyone. Singapore's ports also remained open in order to keep the movement of goods flowing so that daily life can still carry on as usual, with as little interruption as possible.



To help the maritime industry stay resilient during this difficult period, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) worked closely with the maritime community to come up with several safety measures, such as strict crew change procedures, temperature screening for maritime workers and disinfection of ships. MPA also provided financial support to companies and individuals in the form of the MaritimeSG Together Package. This is to help and give support to the important people who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes during this tough and challenging period to keep Singapore's economy going and cargoes moving.

In the face of a global economic crisis and pandemic, Maritime Singapore remains steadfast and confident that it will be able to weather through this storm with the help of the maritime community and will emerge stronger at the end of it.

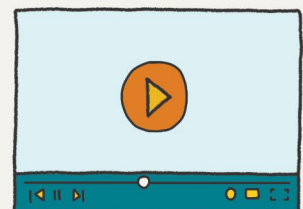
### THINK ABOUT THIS:

Imagine if all maritime trade and activities were to stop completely during a pandemic or a crisis – how would that affect you and your family and friends?

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### INTERESTING VIDEOS YOU CAN CHECK OUT ON THE INTERNET:

- [Maritime Singapore United](#)
- [Alan Lim, Emergency Preparedness](#)
- [Capt Peng Chuxing, Pacific International Lines](#)
- [Henry and Chloe, Marina South Ferries](#)
- [Serial Hoarder Exposed](#)

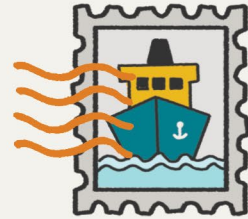


## C TRY THIS ACTIVITY!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many maritime workers at the frontline continued to work hard to ensure that your daily necessities continued to be made available to you.

Write a letter to a maritime worker that you would like to thank – it can be a seafarer, a port worker or a maritime professional. Let them know how much you appreciate their efforts, and thank them for their contributions during these difficult times!

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**CHAT  
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Share your thoughts with your friends and family, and get them to write letters to express their appreciation to the maritime workers at the frontline as well!