Persons including Crew Entering Western Australia by Sea

Any vessel that enters a West Australian Port from another port from outside Western Australia is Subject to the Quarantine Closing the Borders Directions.

The person who is exempt traveller must not enter if (a) showing any symptoms, (b) has received notice that they are a close contact of a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, (c) is awaiting a test result after being tested or (d) has received a positive test of COVID 19.

A person must not enter Western Australia unless the person is an Exempt Traveller Para 27(r) provides a basis for the SEC or a person authorised by the SEC to approve an exemption for a category of person. An exemption for maritime crew has not been made under para 27(r) yet.

Until an exemption for maritime crew is made under para 27(r) the following advice stands.

If a person disembarks* and is not an exempt traveller, they must leave WA unless they are unable to leave WA at all, or within an appropriate time or in an appropriate manner.

If the crew member has disembarked from the vessel and is not able to leave WA, in the majority of cases they will receive a Centre Direction where they would quarantine for 14 days.

Alternatively, the crew could stay on the vessel and leave W.A. In this case, the Closing the Border Directions will not apply as the person is not considered to have entered WA by disembarking from the vessel.

If the crew member is a WA resident, they will likely be given a centre direction. It is unlikely that the crew member who is a WA resident will be eligible for self-quarantine at home given they will not have completed a 14-day period of supervised quarantine in another State or territory within 24 hours of entering WA.

If a crew member needs medical attention then a Hospital Direction can be given. Dependant on how much time the person is in hospital they may then return to the vessel or an alternative direction given dependant on the person's circumstances.

*Note: If the crew are working around the ship (performing duties) it is not considered they have disembarked their vessel. If they leave their ship for any other reason than to perform a duty they would become subject to the Closing the Border Directions

Therefore, shore leave is out as they would not be performing duties