

IAATO Operational Update 2020.03

June 22, 2020

1. Antarctic Treaty Electronic Exchange Information System (EIES) Instructions

Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty requires Competent Authorities to freely exchange information about activities by giving advance notice of all expeditions to and within Antarctica, on the part of its ships or nationals, and all expeditions to Antarctica organized in or proceeding from its territory;

To accomplish this the ATS Secretariat has developed the Electronic Information Exchange System (EIES) as a central repository for this information.

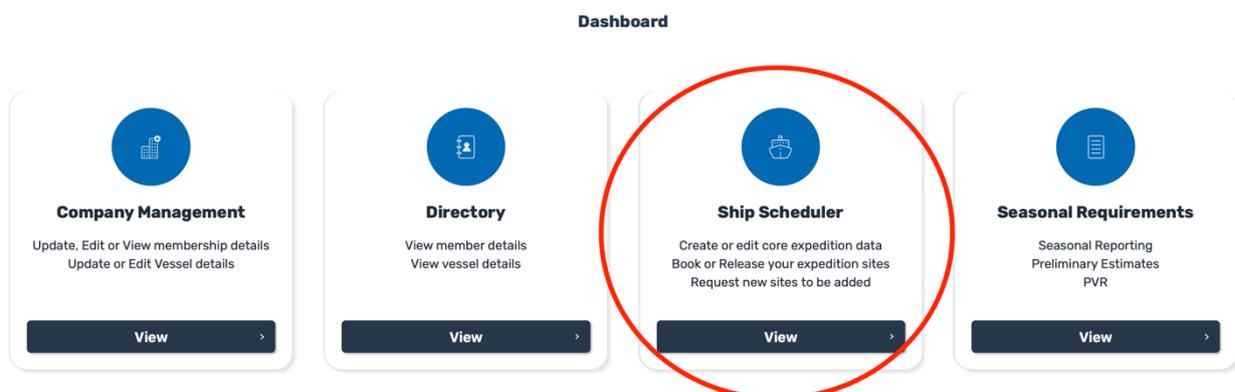
Competent Authorities exchange this information before the season begins and after the season ends. To help facilitate the information exchange, the IAATO Database allows Operators to export both pre-season and post-season EIES reports in the correct format to upload into the ATS Database. It is each Operators responsibility to export these reports and send them to their Competent Authority.

Please find the instruction for exporting the EIES reports below:

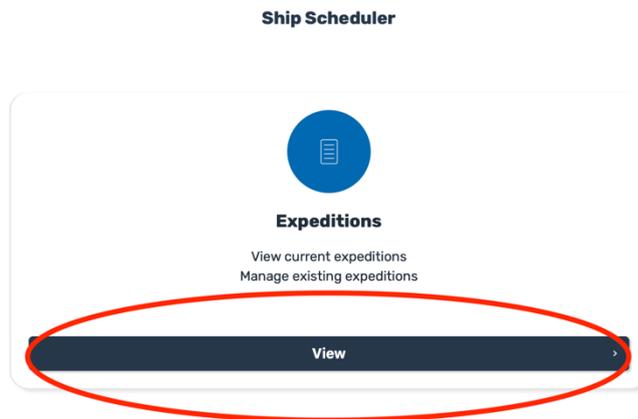
Exporting the EIES Report Pre/ Post Season

Pre-Season EIES

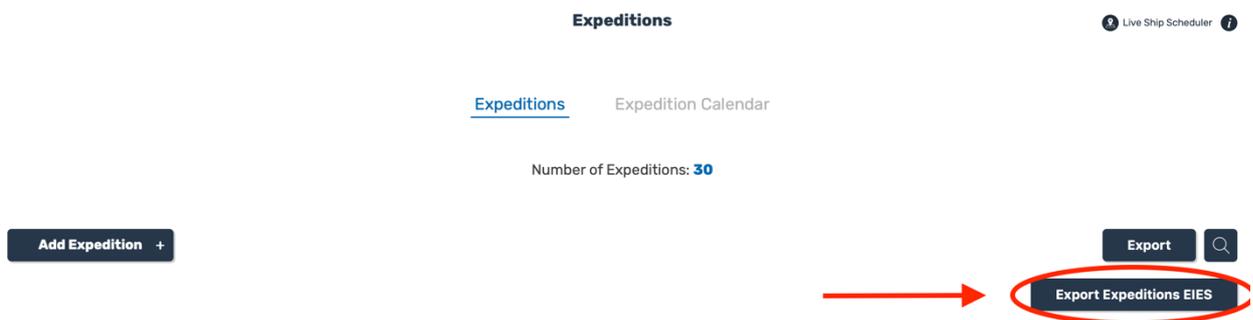
1. Log in to the [IAATO Database](#).
2. Once logged in, you will be brought to the Dashboard.
3. Select the Ship Scheduler section.



4. Select the Expeditions section.



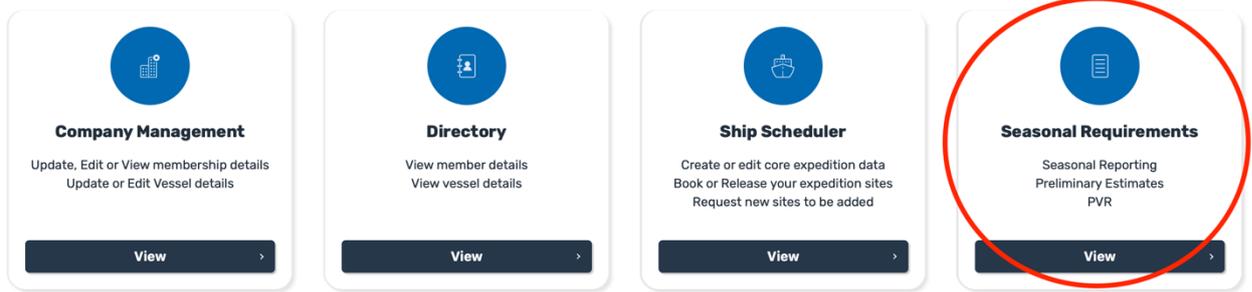
5. On the right-hand side of this page, there is a button "Export Expedition EIES". Click this button to download your Pre-Season EIES to your downloads folder.



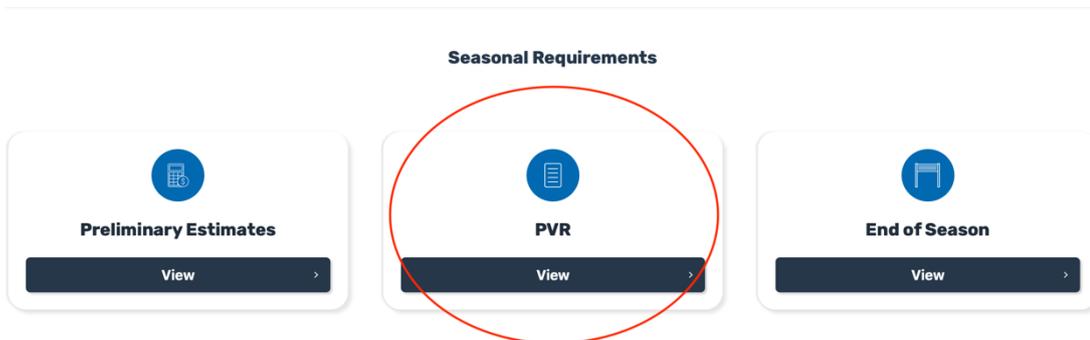
Post-Season EIES

1. Log into the [IAATO Database](#).
2. Once logged in, you will be brought to the Dashboard.
3. On the Dashboard, select the 'Seasonal Requirements' section.

Dashboard



4. On the 'Seasonal Requirement's' dashboard, there will be three options. Choose 'PVR'.



5. In the PVR section, on the right-hand side is the button 'Export PVR EIES'. Select this and your Post-Season EIES export will download into your 'Downloads' folder.



If you have any issues or questions, please contact pvr@iaato.org.

2. Authorisations and Permits for the 2020-21 Season

The IAATO Secretariat has been in touch with Antarctic Competent Authorities as well as the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (GSGSSI). We have asked them for any special information with regards to the permitting/authorisation process for the 2020-21 season.

The Competent Authorities and GSGSSI would ask you to continue on the normal time line you work on in a regular year. We have let the Competent Authorities and GSGSSI know the Ship Scheduler is delayed until August, and they understand there may be a delay of information submitted, but please get as much submitted in the normal time frame as possible.

That said, the governments realise Operators are dealing with some extraordinary circumstances and want to remain flexible for Operator needs. They ask Operators to remain in close contact and feel free to reach out with any questions.

3. Station Visits for the 2020-21 Season

The Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP) and National Antarctic Programs (NAPs) are dedicated to making sure COVID-19 does not reach the Continent. While some NAPs are still looking at their procedures and deciding whether they may allow activities from expedition vessels, there are certain NAPs that have already made this decision.

The following NAPS **will NOT** be allowing visits this season:

1. United States Antarctic Program
2. British Antarctic Survey
3. Australian Antarctic Division (including Macquarie Island)
4. Argentine Antarctic Program (DNA)

Other stations will make their decisions at a later date, and the IAATO Secretariat will continue to communicate the information as soon as we receive it. We suggest that Operators assume visits to stations will not be allowed when planning itineraries – station visits can always be added in at a later time.

4. Ship Scheduler Update

A reminder the IAATO Ship Scheduler will open on August 6, 2020 at 1500UTC.

In the next month you will receive more information with instructions for the Ship Scheduler format in the new database, as well as the login information for the practice site.

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