



October 22nd 2020

Never a dull moment onboard MV Iris Harmony.



MV Iris Harmony loaded alumina in Sao Luis in Brazil and departed on the 4th of October for discharge in Iceland. Arrival was on 18th of October. Last Tuesday, 20th, a swarm of earthquakes started in the peninsula close to the capital with a strength of 5.6 on Richter scale. The discharge port is only around 30 km from the source and this was clearly felt onshore in the south-western part. We were curious to understand whether this was felt onboard.

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Note Earthquake swarm ongoing on the Reykjanes peninsula. Increased risk of rock fall and landslides on Reykjanes peninsula and around the Capital area while the earthquake swarm is ongoing. [More](#)

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Earthquakes during last 48 hours. at 22 Oct 08:40 GMT
Preliminary results

Size	Time	Quality	Location
5.6	20 Oct 13:43:15	Checked	3.9 km WNW of Krysvuk
4.0	20 Oct 15:27:12	Checked	1.3 km SE of Fagradalsfjall
3.9	20 Oct 15:34:40	Checked	1.8 km E of Fagradalsfjall

Specialist remark

On October 20th at 13:43 an earthquake of M5.6 occurred in Núpahlóðarnis on the Reykjanes peninsula. Over 2000 aftershocks have been detected in the ongoing swarm. Around 30 aftershocks measured larger than M3.0 and some were felt in the Reykjanes peninsula, the Capital area and in Borgarfjörður.

Travelers and hikers are urged to show caution in the vicinity of steep slopes in Reykjanes due to increased likelihood of rockfall while the seismic swarm is ongoing. [More info](#)

Written by a specialist at 22 Oct 02:07 GMT

Week overview 12 October - 18 October

Um 750 jarðskjálftar voru mældir með sjálfvirka SIL mælakerfi Veðurstofu Íslands í vikunni, um helmingi færri en í síðustu viku þegar um 1200 jarðskjálftar mældust. Stærsti skjálfti vikunnar var 3,3 að stærð kl. 22:02 þann 17. október, 1,5 km. NNV af Húsavík. Skjálftinn fannst í byggð. Minni virki var á flestum svæðum samantönu við síðustu viku. Einn skjálfti mældist í Heklu og sex smáskjálftar mældust við Grimsvötn, sá stærsti 0,9 að stærð. Aftanhaldandi smáskjálftavirki er á djúpa svæðinu SA við Bárðarbungu.

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The following description was received from Captain Renelo: *“When the earthquake happened, we are doing exercises with our Fast Rescue Boat. While lowering we notice a sudden jerk on the quay side, mooring lines suddenly tightened due to vessel’s moving against the fender. Small waves was recognizable coming inside the port entrance. Other crew was on the bridge wing taking pictures they observed also with a sudden jerk from the side of the ship. They thought that the rescue boat fell down to the water from hook. However everyone of us did not mind at all and were not aware it was an earthquake until such we read in the local news. But beforehand I received an notice from our safety department that there will be a tsunami in Alaska.”*

Another incident which proves that life at sea is full of challenges and our brave seafarers are facing all challenges head on! Good work by the Safety and Quality department to monitor all such movements and keep our vessels updated. *“Together we sail...”*