

ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO
Protected Area Superintendent
Tubbataha Management Office

May 12, 2021

Dear Madam Angelique,

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt apologies for violating Tubbataha Rule 33: Unauthorized Entry, Enjoyment of Use. But it was not my intention to violate the said Rule. It was a last minute decision, because of the following reasons:

Our Captain who we really trusted with our Yacht Narayana tested positive with Covid-19 antigen test on April 27, and our newly hire 2 Captains were a first timer to Tubbataha and never been in our boat. Our Master Captain's first day with us was on the day that we will to sail to Tubbataha on April 28, 2021

All our crew are new, I don't know, I cannot explain but I don't have a good feeling letting them go alone. I was also thinking of cancelling the trip on the last minute due to too much pressure but the guest are already there. It was our first trip after 1 ½ year. The Guest were all excited and even complaining on what time we can go.

I am really sorry, I made a wrong decision out of pressure.

All I think was the safety of our crews and passengers. We were panicking already, it was too much stress, even our paper works and permits we just finished it less than one hour prior to the trip.

But it was really not my intention or planned not get a permit, It was really a last minute decision. In fact I registered our name in the Coast Guard passenger list.

And we are really thankful that we came, Or else we lost our boat and we safely bring the people back to Puerto.

The sea was really rough on that time, there were a lot of trouble on the boat, there were decisions that they cannot decide on the spot, Even our Captain will not be able handle those kind of situation.

Again I would like to ask for an apology to you and the rest of Tubbataha Management office. It was not really our intention to violate the Rule 33 (Unauthorized Entry, Enjoyment or use), we came to save the trip and for the sake and for the safety of all the crew and people onboard Narayana.

In the past years we were very compliant with all your rules and regulations. This was our first time, I know there is no excuse for our negligence but please give us another chance and we promise that we will not commit the same mistake again.

If this situation will happen again in the future, I will absolutely just cancel the trip without any question, even if the guest will complain

Thank you for being considerate and patient with me. I once again apologize for the violation. I hope you take my words into account and grant me forgiveness.

Very Truly Yours,



LYDIA Q. KESSNER
Operator, M/Y Narayana

