

August 8, 2005

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-25-2005

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – JULY 2005

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	274
b. Pilots in Training	0
c. Tugs	24
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>High Daily</u>	<u>Low Daily</u>
Arrivals	33.45	41	23
Oceangoing Transits	32.90	40	24
Canal Waters Time (hours)	23.29	39.33	14.02
In-Transit Time (hours)	9.55	13.79	7.40

Distribution of Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 80' Beam	345	11.13	33.82
Vessels 80' Beam and Over	<u>675</u>	<u>21.77</u>	66.18
Total of Oceangoing Transits:	1020	32.90	
Vessels 100' Beam and Over	463	14.94	45.39
Vessels 900' Length and Over	112	3.61	10.98

Note: For the purpose of this report, the term "oceangoing transits" is equivalent to the number of locomotive transits.

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	385	365	94.81
Regular vessels (beam < 91')	254	204	80.31

3. See next page for scheduled locks maintenance work and items of interest to the shipping community.

4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on August 31, 2005.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Jorge L. Quijano
Maritime Operations Director



COPY OF ALL ADVISORIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PANAMA CANAL WEB PAGE AT <http://www.pancanal.com>
FOR ETAS OR DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICES: REFER TO NOTICE N-3-2005

Scheduled Locks Maintenance Work:

SCHEDULED LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK – CALENDAR YEAR 2005					
Dates	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Transit Capacity	Status
Aug 17-20	Lane Outage (4 days)		Lane w/restrictions (8 days) Lane Outage (4 days)	36 (8d) 26 – 28 (4d)	Confirmed
Sept 13-20			Lane Outage (8 days)	26 – 28 (8d)	Tentative

Transit Capacity: The normal capacity of the Panama Canal is 38 transits per day. This capacity is reduced during locks outages, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. Normally, during these periods, the Panama Canal Transit Reservation System slots are fully utilized. Whenever a set of locks requires a major outage of one of its two lanes for dry chamber inspection, miter gate repairs, tow track work or other major maintenance/improvement projects, advantage may be taken of this requirement to perform simultaneous single lane outages for additional maintenance at other locks. Two-day lane outages have no significant impact on Canal vessel backlog, therefore are not normally included in this chart.

PANAMA CANAL CELEBRATES ITS COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

ANNUAL "SAFE BOARDING WEEK" ENSURES AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE OF ALL VESSELS ARRIVING AT THE WATERWAY

Recognizing the importance of proper boarding facilities and procedures, the Panama Canal hosted this year's "Safe Boarding Week" (July 25-29). An annual event since the late '80s, "Safe Boarding Week" has continued to be a time to promote and encourage safe boarding and debarkation of all vessels arriving at the Canal. Moreover, it is an exceptional way to ensure the safety and efficiency of ACP operating personnel and Canal customers during a transit through the waterway.

"The ACP is committed to providing a safe, efficient and reliable transit to its customers. For approximately 20 years, 'Safe Boarding Week' has been a great opportunity to reinforce this commitment by promoting safety through awareness and compliance with boarding regulations," said ACP Maritime Operations Director Jorge L. Quijano.

"Safe Boarding Week" activities included the inspection of boarding facilities by ACP teams comprised of admeasurers, pilots, line handlers and others who regularly board transiting vessels. The vessels had to comply with a thorough checklist of Canal requirements that cover the adequacy of their embarking and disembarking arrangements. Inspection of vessels were held at anchorages in Cristobal and Balboa.

Special recognition was granted to vessels that passed all points of inspection. Vessels deemed below the set standard had to remedy all deficiencies prior to transit.