

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-22-2011

November 9, 2011

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – October 2011

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	<u>292</u>
b. Pilots in Training	<u>12</u>
c. Tugs	<u>32</u>
d. Locomotives	<u>100</u>

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	35.81	49	21
Oceangoing Transits	35.13	40	32
Canal Waters Time (hours)	23.72	34.71	16.88
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.71	12.80	9.00
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	371	11.97	34.07
Vessels 91' beam and over	718	23.16	65.93
Total:	1097	35.13	
Vessels 100' beam and over	597	19.26	54.82
Vessels 900' length and over	146	4.71	13.41
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	527*	324* ¹	61.48
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	248*	107* ¹	43.15

*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

¹ Includes booked transits only

3. The following page provides the scheduled locks maintenance work and other items of interest to the shipping community.

4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on November 30, 2011.

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<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK</i>						
Dates	Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity ¹	Status
March 5, 2012	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
March 7, 2012	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
March 20, 2012	1			West Lane	26-28	Tentative
March 27, 2012	1			West Lane	26-28	Tentative
June 5-12, 2012	8		Centerwall Culvert		28-30	Tentative
July 16-31, 2012	15	Centerwall Culvert			30-32	Tentative
Ago 16-31, 2012	15	Centerwall Culvert			30-32	Tentative
September 13, 2012	0.5			West Lane	32-34	Tentative
September 20, 2012	0.5			West Lane	32-34	Tentative

¹The normal transit capacity of the Panama Canal is 38-40 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix and other factors. This capacity is reduced during locks maintenance work, 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.

To the Maritime Community:

The Operations Department would like to thank you for being a customer of the Panama Canal during fiscal year 2011, when a record 322.1 million PCUMS tons of cargo were moved from ocean to ocean. We strive to provide you with the best service and are honored to be selected as your preferred all-water route.

Recognizing that there is always room for improvement, the Operations Department invites you to share suggestions or comments that will help improve and innovate our services. Please send your recommendations to INNOVA@PANCANAL.COM where they will be promptly considered.

Your continued support has helped us grow into a better company and for that, we thank you and look forward to continue working successfully with you for years to come.

Best regards,

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