

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS
ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-34-2013

December 3, 2013

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – November 2013

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	<u>282</u>
b. Pilots in Training	<u>8</u>
c. Tugs	<u>40</u>
d. Locomotives	<u>100</u>

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	34.47	50	23
Oceangoing Transits	34.47	43	29
Canal Waters Time (hours)	47.53	64.75	31.38
In-Transit Time (hours)	13.81	17.31	11.18

Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	266	8.87	25.73
Vessels 91' beam and over	768	25.60	74.27
Total:	1034	34.47	100
Vessels 100' beam and over	697	23.23	67.41
Vessels 900' length and over	129	4.30	12.48

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	510*	497* ¹	97.45
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	240*	184* ¹	76.67
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	8	8	100.00
Auctioned booking slots	30	30	100.00

*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 December 31, 2013.

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<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES</i>						
Dates	Days/Hrs	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity¹	Status
November 14, 2013	8 hrs.		East lane	East Lane	32-34	Postponed
November 25, 2013	8 hrs.		East Lane	West lane	32-34	Postponed
November 28, 2013	8 hrs.		East lane	West Lane	32-34	Postponed
January 9, 2014	8 hrs.		East Lane		32-34	Tentative
January 16, 2014	8 hrs.		West lane		32-34	Tentative
January 23, 2014	8 hrs.		East lane		32-34	Tentative
January 30, 2014	8 hrs.		West Lane		32-34	Tentative
June 16-24, 2014	8 days		Centerwall Culvert		30-32	Tentative

¹The actual transit capacity may vary from day to day and will depend on vessel mix, transit restrictions and type of maintenance work being performed. Normally, during periods of reduced transit capacity, a corresponding reduction in the number of available reserved transit slots is ordered by the Authority. During these periods, non-booked vessels may experience delays in transiting. Whenever a set of locks requires an outage of one of its two lanes, advantage may be taken by performing simultaneous work at other locks.

Soy Transportation Coalition, Panama Canal Authority extend partnership pact

Progressive Railroading

In an effort to raise awareness of the Panama Canal expansion and its potential impact on U.S. agriculture, the Soy Transportation Coalition (STC) and Panama Canal Authority recently extended their memorandum of understanding (MOU) to perform joint promotional events and exchange information. The original MOU was signed in May 2011.

The MOU will enable the Authority to keep the STC informed about the progress of the expansion, said Panama Canal Administrator Jorge Quijano in a press release.

In the fall of 2011, the STC released a white paper that examined the impact of the expansion on U.S. agriculture. The Panama Canal Authority assisted the coalition's research by supplying information. The study revealed that the expansion will allow ocean vessels to be loaded with an additional 500,000 bushels of soybeans for the export market, which will equate to an additional \$6 to \$7 million in value, per vessel.

"Last year, approximately 600 million bushels of U.S. soybeans transited the Panama Canal en route to our international customers. We anticipate that this important link in our logistics chain will become even more significant following the completion of the canal expansion," said STC Chairman Pat Knouff, a soybean farmer in Minster, Ohio. "It is in the interest of both the Soy Transportation Coalition and the Panama Canal Authority to work together to ensure that we fully take advantage of the future efficiency gains from the expansion."

Established in 2007, the STC includes 12 state soybean boards, the American Soybean Association and United Soybean Board. The coalition aims to position the soybean industry to benefit from a transportation system that delivers cost-effective, reliable and competitive service.