



**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ**  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

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**ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-04-2018**

February 8, 2018

**TO :** All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Canal Operations Summary – JANUARY 2018

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force .....	272
b. Pilots in Training .....	0
c. Tugs .....	46
d. Locomotives .....	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	33.00	43	25
Oceangoing Transits	33.87	39	27
Canal Waters Time (hours)	23.35	32.08	15.67
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.19	12.49	8.34
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	258	8.32	24.57
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	581	18.74	55.33
Neopanamax Vessels (beam 107' and over)	211	6.81	20.10
Total:	1050	33.87	100
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax Vessels (beam 107 and Over)	217	172	79.26
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	465*	358* <sup>1</sup>	76.99
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	248*	171* <sup>1</sup>	68.95
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	4	4	100.00
Auctioned booking slots	7	1	14.29

\* Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

<sup>1</sup> 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 February 28, 2018.

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<b>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES</b>							
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Miraflores</b>	<b>Pedro Miguel</b>	<b>Gatun</b>	<b>Estimated Capacity<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Expected Booking Condition<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Status</b>
1, 8 March 2018	4 hours per day		West Lane*		32-34	1	Tentative
2, 9 March 2018	5 hours per day		West Lane*		31-33	1	Tentative
21, 22 March 2018	4 hours per day		East Lane*		32-34	1	Tentative
6 April 2018	24 hours			East Lane*	22-24	2	Tentative
20 April 2018	24 hours			East Lane*	22-24	2	Tentative
4 May 2018	24 hours			East Lane*	22-24	2	Tentative
16, 17 May 2018	5 hours per day		East Lane*		31-33	1	Tentative
9, 10 June 2018	8 hours per day		East/West Lane*		28-30	1.a	Tentative
11-18 June 2018	8 days		Center Wall ***		28-30	1.a	Tentative
18, 19 June 2018	8 hours per day		East/West Lane*		28-30	1.a	Tentative
20 July 2018	8 hours			West Lane*	28-30	1.a	Tentative
26 July, 2 August 2018	4 hours per day	West Lane*			32-34	1	Tentative
27 July, 3 August 2018	5 hours per day	West Lane*			32-34	1	Tentative
14-23 August 2018	10 days			West Lane**	22-24	2	Tentative
13-14 September 2018	2 days			East Lane**	22-24	2	Tentative

The normal transit capacity of the Panamax locks is 34-36 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix, neopanamax transits, and other factors. This capacity is reduced during locks maintenance work, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. When the Panama Canal's capacity is expected to be reduced, a corresponding reduction in the number of available reserved transit slots may be ordered by the Canal Authority. 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 to perform simultaneous single lane outages at other locks.

- \* In order to perform scheduled maintenance works
- \*\* In order to perform scheduled dry chamber works
- \*\*\* Culvert outage
- ^ Panamax locks