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VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS

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February 8, 2019

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – JANUARY 2019

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	266
b. Pilots in Training	16
c. Tugs	46
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	34.81	43	26
Oceangoing Transits	34.58	39	28
Canal Waters Time (hours)	25.58	34.72	15.85
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.46	12.30	8.62
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	233	7.52	21.74
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	606	19.55	56.53
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over)	233	7.52	21.74
Total:	1,072	34.58	100
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and Over)	248	189	76.21
Large Vessels (91' beam to under 107' beam)	465*	341* ¹	73.33
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	248*	166* ¹	66.94
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	5	5	100.00
Auctioned booking slots	2	0	0

* Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

¹ Includes booked transits only

3. The following pages provide 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, 2019.

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SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES							
Dates	Duration	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Capacity[^]	Expected Booking Condition[^]	Status
March 13-14, 2019	4 hours per day		East Lane*		32-34	1	Tentative
June 7, 2019	5 hours			West Lane*	32-34	1	Tentative
June 14, 2019	5 hours			West Lane*	32-34	1	Tentative
June 21, 2019	12 hours			West Lane*	28-30	1.a	Tentative
June 24 to July 2, 2019	8 days		East Lane**		22-24	2	Tentative
June 26-29, 2019	3.5 days			West Lane*	22-24	2	Tentative
July 4 - 5, 2019	5 hours per day		East Lane*		32-34	1	Tentative
July 17 - 18, 2019	4 hours per day	West Lane*			32-34	1	Tentative
August 6-13, 2019	8 days	West Lane**			22-24	2	Tentative
August 22-23, 2019	5 hours per day	West Lane*			32-34	1	Tentative
September 1, 2019	12 hours			East	28-30	1.a	Tentative
September 2, 2019	12 hours			West	28-30	1.a	Tentative
September 2-14, 2019	12 days			Center ***	28-30	1.a	Tentative
September 14, 2019	12 hours			East	28-30	1.a	Tentative
September 15, 2019	12 hours			West	28-30	1.a	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