

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-13-2011

July 8, 2011

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – June 2011

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	<u>282</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	33.00	47	22
Oceangoing Transits	32.63	43	24
Canal Waters Time (hours)	26.10	46.85	15.57
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.29	12.16	7.77
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	378	12.60	38.61
Vessels 91' beam and over	601	20.03	61.39
Total:	979	32.63	
Vessels 100' beam and over	490	16.33	49.49
Vessels 900' length and over	123	4.10	12.42
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	447	324	72.48
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	216	159	73.61

*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

† 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 July 31, 2011.

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<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK</i>						
Dates	Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity ¹	Status
June 18-22, 2011	5	East Lane			26-28	Completed
Aug. 29-Sept. 3, 2011	5			West Lane	26-28	Tentative
Sept. 27, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Sept. 29, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Nov. 15, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Nov. 17, 2011	0.5			East 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.

PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY RENEW STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) and the Port of Houston Authority renewed their strategic alliance during an official ceremony in Panama City, Panama. Leading business and government officials, shipping dignitaries and distinguished guests, including a delegation from the Greater Houston Partnership, attended the ceremony in Panama City. Delegates from Houston also included Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan and city of Houston Controller Ronald Green. The partnership, originally formed in 2003, is now extended for an additional five years until 2016. Its objective is to boost trade along the “All-Water Route” between Asia and the U.S. Gulf Coast via the Panama Canal and the Port of Houston Authority.

Port Commission Chairman James T. Edmonds and ACP Administrator/CEO Alberto Alemán Zubieta signed the Memorandum of Understanding, inking the renewed partnership.

As a result of the Panama Canal expansion project, the anticipated increase in containerized cargo transiting to Houston could grow by 15 percent in the next few years, with a projected 150 percent increase to a total of 4.5 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) by 2030.

The \$5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal, which broke ground in 2007, includes the construction of a new set of locks that will allow the transit of longer and wider ships.

The Port of Houston Authority and the ACP will both celebrate their centennial in 2014, the same year that work on the waterway’s expansion is expected to be completed.

“The renewal of this agreement signals an even stronger relationship between Houston’s port and Panama,” said Port Commission Chairman James T. Edmonds. “We look forward to the increased trade expected from the Canal’s expansion, jobs creation and enhanced economic development in the region as we move toward another century of progress.”

“As we forge ahead with the expansion of the Panama Canal, we are committed to strengthening our partnerships with ports in the United States. The expansion will benefit ports along the East and Gulf Coasts of the U.S., and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the Port of Houston Authority,” said ACP Administrator/CEO Alberto Alemán Zubieta.

With this renewed agreement, the two entities’ objective is to foster significant growth in trade and to increase traffic through the Canal with such activities as:

- **Joint Marketing** to generate new shipping business via promotions, advertising and public relations activities;
- **Data Sharing** to forecast future trade flows and market trends;
- **Market Studies Exchange** that may benefit either party in future product development or business venture;
- **Sharing of Information Related to Modernization and Improvement** projects that serve as a benefit to business and spur increased demand; and,
- **Technological Interchange** of advanced technology capabilities and programs to spur cutting-edge initiatives in the shipping and maritime community.