

Advisory to Shipping No. A-01-2021

January 7, 2021

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – DECEMBER 2020

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	257
b. Pilots in Training	32
c. Tugs	46
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	34.97	46	23
Oceangoing Transits	35.94	40	31
Canal Waters Time (hours)	51.76	68.51	31.33
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.98	14.48	9.79
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	183	5.90	16.43
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	637	20.55	57.18
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over)	294	9.48	26.39
Total:	1,114	35.94	100.00
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and Over)	248*	232* ¹	93.55
Large Vessels (91' beam to under 107' beam)	400*	384* ¹	96.00
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	186*	148* ¹	79.57
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	0	0	0
Auctioned booking slots	45	32	71.11

* 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 January 31, 2021.

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SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES							
Dates	Duration	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Capacity	Expected Booking Condition	Status
December 15 to 16, 2020	36 hours			East*	21-22	2	Completed
June 15 and 16, 2021	4 hours per day			East*	30-32	1.a	Tentative
June 25, 2021	10 hours			West*	27-29	1.a	Tentative
July 1, 2021	12 hours			East*	26-28	1.a	Tentative
July 5 to 14, 2021	10 days			East**	22-24	2	Tentative
July 29 and 30, 2021	4 hours per day			West*	30-32	1.a	Tentative
August 5 and 6, 2021	5 hours per day			West*	30-32	1.a	Tentative
August 12 and 13, 2021	5 hours per day			East*	30-32	1.a	Tentative
August 17 and 18, 2021	4 hours per day	East*			30-32	1.a	Tentative
August 20, 2021	8 hours			East*	28-30	1.a	Tentative
September 3 to 10, 2021	8 days	East**			22-24	2	Tentative
September 22 and 23, 2021	5 hours per day	East*			30-32	1.a	Tentative
September 24, 2021	8 hours	East*			28-30	1.a	Tentative

SCHEDULE OF NEOPANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES						
Dates	Duration	Agua Clara	Cocolí	Estimated Capacity	Expected Booking Condition	Status
March 26, 2021	10 hours		*	6-8	^^	Tentative
April 23, 2021	10 hours	*		5-7	^^	Tentative

The normal transit capacity of the Panamax locks is 34-36 vessels per day, and in the neopanamax locks 9-11 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix, transit restrictions, 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
- ^^ A corresponding reduction in the number of available booking slots should be expected

Panama Canal Supports WEF and UNICEF Charter to Facilitate COVID-19 Vaccine Transportation and Distribution

On December 21st, the Panama Canal's Administrator Ricaurte Vásquez Morales accepted an invitation to join the World Economic Forum's Supply Chain & Transport Industry Action Group (SCT) efforts to achieve globally inclusive, safe and sustainable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

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This charter affirms the transportation industry's commitment to unite the public and private sectors with the planning and preparedness efforts for COVID-19 vaccine transportation and distribution. The World Economic Forum invited the Canal to support this initiative alongside over 18 companies in the transportation industry.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a humanitarian challenge with severe economic effects that continue to send ripples across the world. The emergence of the COVID-19 vaccine; however, has provided the world with a plan forward, and the Panama Canal has recognized its role to aid in this effort.

Panama and the Canal have served as the transportation and logistics hub for the region, enhanced by its local ports, and its air transportation hub with connections across the continent. Its strategic geographical position will allow the Canal to serve as a leading facilitator for the transportation and distribution of vaccines and medical supplies to Latin America and the Caribbean.

"I am honored and proud to sign this charter and furthermore reinforce the Panama Canal's role in global humanitarian efforts," said Administrator Vasquez. "We have been servicing the globe throughout this pandemic and will continue to use our strategic position to connect the world."

The initiative is being led by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Signatories of this charter include A.P. Møller-Maersk, Mediterranean Shipping Company, CMA CGM Group, Hapag-Lloyd, Stena AB; as well as global ports operators, including PSA International, DP World and the Port of Antwerp; and air transport companies like DHL, Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines.

The signatories plan to support the participant countries, with planning, preparedness and prioritized transportation and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies, subject to internal regulations. It will also support UNICEF's Global Vaccine Logistics Distribution with prioritization and solutions for international and in country distribution of vaccines and related supplies.