

Advisory to Shipping No. A-37-2021

September 8, 2021

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – AUGUST 2021

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	258
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	33.39	53	22
Oceangoing Transits	35.52	42	29
Canal Waters Time (hours)	37.99	64.30	20.62
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.84	12.91	9.45
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	188	6.06	17.08
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	611	19.71	55.50
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over)	302	9.74	27.43
Total:	1,101	35.52	100.00
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and Over)	248*	235* ¹	94.76
Large Vessels (91' beam to under 107' beam)	403*	387* ¹	96.03
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	186*	137* ¹	73.66
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	0	0	0
Auctioned booking slots	97	71	73.20

* 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 September 30, 2021.

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SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES							
Dates	Duration	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Capacity	Expected Booking Condition	Status
August 4 and 5, 2021	5 hours per day			West*	30-32	1.a	Completed
August 18, 2021	6 hours			East*	26-28	1.a	Completed
August 31, 2021	10 hours	East*			28-30	1.a	Completed
August 31 to September 10, 2021	10 days	Center Wall***			23-25	1.a	Ongoing
September 10, 2021	10 hours	East*			26-28	1.a	Confirmed
September 13, 2021	8 hours	West*			28-30	1.a	Confirmed
September 23 to 24, 2021	2 days			West**	18-20	2	Tentative
October 18 and 19, 2021	5 hours per day		West*		30-32	1.a	Tentative
October 25 and 26, 2021	5 hours per day		West*		30-32	1.a	Tentative
December 9 and 10, 2021	5 hours per day			East*	30-32	1.a	Tentative
December 13, 2021	8 hours			East*	28-30	1.a	Tentative
December 14 and 15, 2021	4 hours per day		West*		30-32	1.a	Tentative

SCHEDULE OF NEOPANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES						
Dates	Duration	Agua Clara	Cocolí	Estimated Capacity	Expected Booking Condition	Status
February 15, 2022	5 hours	*		8-9		Tentative
March 15, 2022	6 hours		*	6-8	^^	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 reduction in the number of available booking slots should be expected

Panama Canal Publishes Proposal to Modify Tolls Structure for Passenger Ships

The proposal establishes a tolls structure based on PC/UMS for passenger ships, effective February 2022

Panama City, Panama, September 1, 2021 – The Panama Canal published today a proposal that modifies the waterway's toll structure and the admeasurement regulations for passenger ships.

The proposal eliminates the billing unit on a per berth basis and reinstates the tolls based on PC/UMS (Panama Canal Universal Measurement System) capacity.

“With this modification, the tolls are based on PC/UMS capacity, which has historically been used in the waterway,” said Panama Canal Administrator Ricaurte Vásquez Morales.

The complete proposal is available at www.pancanal.com/peajes. With the publication of this proposal, the public consultation period is open until October 1, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. local time, during which the industry is invited to review and comment on the proposal for consideration. The public hearing is scheduled for October 5, 2021, for the first time in virtual format, following health and safety protocols.

The modifications will go into effect on February 1, 2022. The last modification to the toll structure for passenger ships was implemented on April 1, 2016.