

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-01-2015

January 5, 2015

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – DECEMBER 2014

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	<u>287</u>
b. Pilots in Training	<u>0</u>
c. Tugs	<u>47</u>
d. Locomotives	<u>100</u>

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	<u>34.13</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>25</u>
Oceangoing Transits	<u>34.48</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>
Canal Waters Time (hours)	<u>28.85</u>	<u>43.67</u>	<u>18.75</u>
In-Transit Time (hours)	<u>12.06</u>	<u>14.05</u>	<u>9.86</u>

Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	<u>294</u>	<u>9.48</u>	<u>27.50%</u>
Vessels 91' beam and over	<u>775</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>72.50%</u>
Total:	<u>1069</u>	<u>34.48</u>	<u>100%</u>
Vessels 100' beam and over	<u>662</u>	<u>21.35</u>	<u>61.93%</u>
Vessels 900' length and over	<u>115</u>	<u>3.71</u>	<u>10.76%</u>

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	<u>527*</u>	<u>472*¹</u>	<u>89.56</u>
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	<u>248*</u>	<u>171*¹</u>	<u>68.95</u>
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Auctioned booking slots	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18.75</u>

*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, 2015.

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SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES						
Dates	Days/Hrs	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Capacity	Status
July 20-30, 2015	10 days		West Lane		24-26	Tentative

¹The actual transit capacity may vary from day to day and will depend on vessel mix, transit restrictions and type of maintenance work being performed. Normally, during periods of reduced transit capacity, a corresponding reduction in the number of available reserved transit slots is ordered by the Authority. During these periods, non-booked vessels may experience delays in transiting. Whenever a set of locks requires an outage of one of its two lanes, advantage may be taken by performing simultaneous work at other locks.

Gate Installation Begins at Panama Canal Expansion

The installation of the gates for the new locks of the Panama Canal successfully began on the Atlantic side of the waterway.

“This is a very important milestone for the Expansion Program,” said Panama Canal Administrator Jorge L. Quijano. “We see how the new locks are rapidly taking shape as we move towards the successful completion of the project.”

The steel gates are moved using self-propelled motorized wheel transporters (SPMTs) with more than 400 wheels each. The first gate was positioned in lock head two in the new locks on the Atlantic side and is 10 meters wide, 30.19 in height and weighs 3,285 tons. In total, the new locks will have 16 rolling gates, eight in the Pacific and eight in the Atlantic.

Overall, the Panama Canal Expansion Program is 84 percent complete.