

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ  
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-20-2011**

October 5, 2011

**TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators**

**SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – September 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	31.43	50	24
Oceangoing Transits	32.9	39	23
Canal Waters Time (hours)	26.22	46.22	15.59
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.56	12.90	8.69
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	342	11.40	34.65
Vessels 91' beam and over	645	21.50	65.35
Total:	987	32.9	
Vessels 100' beam and over	563	18.77	57.04
Vessels 900' length and over	130	4.33	13.17
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	496*	324* <sup>1</sup>	65.32
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	236*	130* <sup>1</sup>	55.08

\*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

<sup>1</sup> 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 October 31, 2011.

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## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK</i>						
Dates	Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity <sup>1</sup>	Status
Aug. 10, 2011	1			East Lane	32-34	Completed
Aug. 11-14, 2011	3		West Lane		24-26	Completed
Aug. 18, 2011	1			East Lane	32-34	Completed
Aug. 27-Sept. 3, 2011	6			West Lane	26-28	Completed
Ago 29-Sept. 1, 2011	4		West Lane		24-26	Completed
March 5, 2012	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
March 7, 2012	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative

<sup>1</sup>The 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.

### Panama Canal Sets Historic Tonnage Record

The Panama Canal set another mark in its history books as it reached a new tonnage record of 322.1 million Panama Canal tons (PC/UMS) during Fiscal Year 2011, which concluded at midnight on September 30. This milestone highlights the value of Panama to world commerce.

"This is an unprecedented achievement during the 97 years of Canal operations which proves once again the capability of Panamanians to operate and manage this important waterway for world commerce. My recognition and gratitude go to the Panama Canal employees for reaching this important goal," said Panama Canal Authority Administrator/CEO Alberto Alemán Zubieta.

Preliminary figures revealed that the Panama Canal closed Fiscal Year 2011, which runs between, October 1 through September 30, with 322.1 million Panama Canal tons (PC/UMS). This figure represents a 7.1% increase compared to the 300.8 million tons registered last year, and also surpasses the previous 2007 record of 312.9 million tons by 2.9%.

According to Alemán Zubieta, this milestone proves that "the Canal's corporate management model has made it possible to continuously improve the level of service we provide our clients while at the same time increasing benefits to Panama."