

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-09-2012

May 4, 2012

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – April 2012

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	<u>294</u>
b. Pilots in Training	<u>6</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	35.23	48	23
Oceangoing Transits	35.13	40	31
Canal Waters Time (hours)	22.36	33	17.31
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.11	11.72	8.26
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	391	13.03	37.10
Vessels 91' beam and over	663	22.10	62.90
Total:	1054	35.13	100.00
Vessels 100' beam and over	539	17.97	51.14
Vessels 900' length and over	140	4.67	13.28
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	510*	307* ¹	60.20
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	240*	145* ¹	60.42
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	0	0	0.00
Auctioned booking slots	4	0	0.00

*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 May 31, 2012.

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<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK FOR FY-2012</i>						
Dates	Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity¹	Status
*June 10-17, 2012	7			West Lane	26-28	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.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY: The Panama Canal Authority is continuously looking for ways to improve its services to world shipping. With this in mind, the ACP Operations Department will be conducting a customer satisfaction survey among local shipping agencies in March 2012. Agencies will be requested to complete the survey via electronic mail. Comments or suggestions will be greatly appreciated, as they will help the ACP identify improvement opportunities and, at the same time, strengthen bonds with our customers.

*Please take note that the ACP Marketing Section, based on their statistics, recommended a change for closing one lane at Gatun Locks from the previous scheduled date in May to June, in order to cause the least effect to our customers.