

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-10-2012

June 5, 2012

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – May 2012

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	<u>291</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	32.58	41	25
Oceangoing Transits	33.35	40	30
Canal Waters Time (hours)	21.39	27.59	16.50
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.69	13.41	9.44
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	344	11.10	33.27
Vessels 91' beam and over	690	22.26	66.73
Total:	1034	33.36	100.00
Vessels 100' beam and over	586	18.90	56.67
Vessels 900' length and over	135	4.35	13.06
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	527*	284* ¹	53.89
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	248*	122* ¹	49.19
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	0	0	0.00
Auctioned booking slots	1	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 June 30, 2012.

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<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK FOR FY-2012</i>						
Dates	Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity ¹	Status
*June 10-17, 2012	7	10 hour window on 11, 12, 13 & 14 for MG maintenance on daily window (from 0700 to 1700)		West Lane out of service for raising stem valve & MG seals repairs	26-28	Confirmed

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.

*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.

Panama Canal Holds Public Hearing on Tolls Adjustments

On May 23, 2012, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) held a public hearing in the Ascanio Arosemena Center in Balboa, Panama, on its proposal to modify the Panama Canal pricing structure to align Canal toll charges with the value the route provides. Seven representatives from shipping and government participated in this opportunity to express their views.

Throughout the consultation period (April 20, 2012 – May 21, 2012), the proposal was made available to all interested parties. The ACP received a total of 18 comments, opinions and written requests from interested parties to participate in the public hearing.