

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-17-2014

August 5, 2014

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – JULY 2014

Panama Canal Statistical Summary:
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a.	Transit Pilot Force	287
b.	Pilots in Training	<u>0</u>
c.	Tugs	<u>42</u>
d.	Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	Low
Arrivals	30.87	39	20
Oceangoing Transits	30.65	35	26
Canal Waters Time (hours)	24.34	28.12	16.06
In-Transit Time (hours)	11.53	13.12	8.96

Oceangoing Transits:	Total	Daily Average	Percentage	
Vessels of less than 91' beam	278	8.97	29.26	
Vessels 91´beam and over	672	21.68	70.74	
Total:	950	30.65	100	
Vessels 100' beam and over	579	18.68	60.95	
Vessels 900' length and over	111	3.58	11.68	

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	Percentage
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	527*	335*1	63.57
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	248*	110*1	44.35
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	0	0	0.00
Auctioned booking slots	2	0	0.00

^{*}Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

- 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 August 31, 2014.

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¹ Includes booked transits only

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SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES						
Dates	Days/Hrs	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity ¹	Status
Aug 26 - Sep 2, 2014	8 days	West Lane			26-28	Confirmed

Note: Changes in red

First Gates Moved to New Locks for the Panama Canal Expansion

The Panama Canal Expansion has reached another important milestone with the transfer of the first gates to the new locks complex in the Atlantic side.

"This is a very important operation because it involved the first movement of the gates from the special dock where they were unloaded to the lower chamber of the new locks," said Panama Canal Authority (ACP) Administrator Jorge L. Quijano.

The Administrator explained that the process was carried out following rigorous safety measures to ensure that the more than 3,000-ton steel structures could be moved to the dry lock chambers using the pavement ramp built for this purpose.

Eight of the 16 rolling gates that will be used for the new locks are already in Panama. The remaining eight will arrive in two separate shipments from its manufacturing site in Italy.

In the next couple of days, the other gates will be moved from the temporary unloading dock to the dry lock chambers in order to be able to use this area for the arrival of the remaining lock gates.

The Panama Canal Expansion Program is currently 77 percent complete.

The 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.