



AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS

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ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-20-2020

June 10, 2020

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – MAY 2020

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	260
b. Pilots in Training	32
c. Tugs	46
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	28.00	38	19
Oceangoing Transits	28.84	34	23
Canal Waters Time (hours)	26.21	45.32	17.80
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.08	12.75	7.94
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	168	5.42	18.79
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	482	15.55	53.91
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over)	244	7.87	27.29
Total:	894	28.84	100.00
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and Over)	248*	205*	82.66
Large Vessels (91' beam to under 107' beam)	403*	259* ¹	64.27
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	186*	128* ¹	68.82
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Auctioned booking slots	19	5	26.32

* Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

¹ Includes booked transits only

3. The following pages provide 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, 2020.

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SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES							
Dates	Duration	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Capacity[^]	Expected Booking Condition[^]	Status
September 3, 2020	4 hours			East*	30-32	1.a	Tentative
September 8, 2020	4 hours	East*			30-32	1.a	Tentative
September 12, 2020	12 hours	East*			26-28	1.a	Tentative
September 13, 2020	12 hours	West*			26-28	1.a	Tentative
September 14 to 24, 2020	10 days	Center Wall***			26-28	1.a	Tentative
September 25, 2020	12 hours	East*			26-28	1.a	Tentative
September 26, 2020	12 hours	West*			26-28	1.a	Tentative

The normal transit capacity of the Panamax locks is 32-34 vessels per day and 9-10 vessels in the Neopanamax Locks, depending on vessel mix, transit restrictions and other factors. This capacity is reduced during locks maintenance work, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. When the Panama Canal's capacity is expected to be reduced, a corresponding reduction in the number of available reserved transit slots may be ordered by the Canal Authority. 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 to perform simultaneous single lane outages at other locks.

- * In order to perform scheduled maintenance works
- ** In order to perform scheduled dry chamber works
- *** Culvert outage
- [^] Effective Feb. 15, 2020 and until further notice, the total number of reserved slots offered and daily transits is being adjusted as part of the water conservation strategy. The booking condition may be modified depending on the level of Gatun Lake.