



Advisory To Shipping No. A-05-2025

March 10, 2025

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT : Monthly Canal Operations Summary – February 2025

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	289
b. Pilots in Training	10
c. Tugs	45
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	35.1	50	25
Oceangoing Transits	34.8	38	31
Canal Waters Time (hours)	20.8	28.3	16.2
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.2	11.9	8.5

Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	188	6.7	19.3
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	550	19.6	56.4
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over)	237	8.5	24.3
Total:	975	34.8	100.0

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax (vessels of 107' beam and over)	109*	83* ¹	76.15
Supers (vessels of 91' beam to under 107' beam)	449*	355* ¹	79.06
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	106*	91* ¹	85.85
Auctioned booking slots	407	357	87.71

* Does not include additional auctioned booking slots
¹ Includes booked transits only

- The following page provides the scheduled locks maintenance work and other information of interest to the shipping community.
- This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on March 31, 2025.

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Vice President for Operations

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SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES							
Dates	Duration	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Capacity[^]	Expected Booking Condition	Status
February 17, 2025	6 hours		East*		26		Completed
February 24, 2025	4 hours			West*	26		Completed
February 25, 2025	3 hours		West*		26		Completed
February 26, 2025	5 hours	East*			26		Completed
February 27, 2025	5 hours		West*		26		Completed
February 28, 2025	6 hours	East*			26		Completed
March 10, 2025	8 hours	East*			26		Confirmed
March 10 to 21, 2025	11 days	East***			26		Confirmed
March 21, 2025	8 hours	East*			26		Tentative
March 27, 2025	6 hours	East*			26		Tentative
March 27, 2025	5 hours		West*		26		Tentative
April 1, 2025	5 hours	East*			26		Tentative
April 1, 2025	3 hours		West*		26		Tentative
April 2, 2025	4 hours			West*	26		Tentative
April 7, 2025	4 hours		West*		26		Tentative
April 8, 2025	6 hours		East*		26		Tentative
May 16, 2025	8 hours			West*	26		Tentative
May 19 and 20, 2025	5 hours/day		West*				Tentative
May 27 to 31, 2025	5 days		West*				Tentative
June 10 and 11, 2025	5 hours/day		West*				Tentative
June 12, 2025	8 hours		West*				Tentative
June 25 and 26, 2025	5 hours/day		West*				Tentative
July 1, 2025	3 days			East*			Tentative

SCHEDULE OF NEOPANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES						
Dates	Duration	Agua Clara	Cocolí	Estimated Capacity	Expected Booking Condition	Status

[^]The normal transit capacity of the Panamax locks is 34-36 vessels per day, and in the Neopanamax locks is 9-11 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix, transit restrictions, and other factors. The maximum sustainable capacity of the Panama Canal (Panamax and Neopanamax locks) is approximately 36-38 vessels per day.

* In order to perform scheduled maintenance works
 ** In order to perform scheduled dry chamber works
 *** Culvert outage

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Panama Canal Welcomes Hoegh Aurora, the World's Largest Car Carrier



The Panama Canal reaffirmed its position as a key hub for international maritime trade with the transit of the Hoegh Aurora, the world's largest car carrier, operated by shipping company Höegh Autoliners.

This milestone highlights the canal's capability to handle the largest and most advanced vessels, further cementing its historic role in global logistics and trade.

The Hoegh Aurora measures 199.9 meters in length and 37.5 meters in beam, with a cargo capacity of 9,100 CEU (Car Equivalent Units). Built in 2024 and registered under the Norwegian flag, the vessel began her journey in Asia with an initial stop in China, followed by South Korea, and Japan before continuing to later destinations in Jamaica, Mexico, and the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Höegh Autoliners developed the Aurora-class vessels as part of their efforts to transition from conventional fuels to more sustainable alternatives.

The Hoegh Aurora's transit through the Panama Canal highlights the route's efficiency and reliability. These qualities are made possible by the dedication of the canal workers, whose efforts enable the passage of next-generation vessels and support the flow of global trade.

The Hoegh Aurora surpasses the previous record holder for the largest car carrier to transit the canal, the Hoegh Target, which has a capacity of 8,500 vehicles and made her inaugural transit in 2016.

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Panama Canal Administrator Ricaurte Vásquez Morales and Vice President of Operations Boris Moreno presented a recognition to the Hoegh Aurora in honor of her inaugural transit through the canal.

“This transit reaffirms the efficiency and strength of the interoceanic route as a key route for global trade, highlighting the dedication and commitment of its workforce,” stated the Administrator of the Panama Canal.



The Panama Canal continues to evolve to meet the demands of maritime commerce, which reinforces the Panama Canal's Authority commitment to providing a safe, efficient, and reliable service for the global shipping community.