



Panama Canal Authority  
Vice Presidency for Operations  
**Advisory To Shipping No. A-09-2026**

April 10, 2026

**TO :** All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators Monthly  
**SUBJECT :** Canal Operations Summary – March 2026

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force .....	295
b. Pilots in Training .....	10
c. Tugs .....	48
d. Locomotives .....	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	37.2	56	23
Oceangoing Transits	37.03	41	34
Canal Waters Time (hours)	21.39	32.02	15.96
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.67	12.19	9.55

**Oceangoing Transits:**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	206	6.65	17.94
Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam	640	20.65	55.75
Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over)	302	9.74	26.31
Total:	1148	37.03	100

**Booking Slots:**

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Neopanamax (vessels of 107' beam and over)	153*	174* <sup>1</sup>	113.73
Supers (vessels of 91' beam to under 107' beam)	467*	505* <sup>1</sup>	108.14
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	120*	137* <sup>1</sup>	114.17
Auctioned booking slots	377	286	75.86

\* Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

<sup>1</sup> Includes booked transits only

3. The following page provides the scheduled locks maintenance work and other information of interest to the shipping community.
4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on April 30, 2026.

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<b>SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES</b>							
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Miraflores</b>	<b>Pedro Miguel</b>	<b>Gatun</b>	<b>Estimated Capacity<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Expected Booking Condition</b>	<b>Status</b>
March 19, 2026	4 hours			East*	26	1	Completed
March 25 and 26, 2026	7 hours/day	East*			26	1	Completed
April 7 to 9, 2026	3 days			East**	16	2	Completed
April 13, 2026	5 hours		West*		26	1	Tentative
April 14, 2026	5 hours	East*			26	1	Tentative
April 15, 2026	8 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
April 20, 2026	4 hours		East*		26	1	Tentative
April 21, 2026	4 hours	East*			26	1	Tentative
April 22, 2026	8 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
April 29 and 30, 2026	7 hours/day	West*			26	1	Tentative
May 3, 2026	12 hours			West*	26	1	Tentative
May 4, 2026	12 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
May 5 to 17, 2026	12 days			***	26	1	Tentative
May 17, 2026	12 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
May 18, 2026	12 hours			West*	26	1	Tentative
May 19, 2026	8 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
May 20, 2026	4 hours		West*		26	1	Tentative
May 21, 2026	4 hours	East*			26	1	Tentative
May 22, 2026	8 hours	West*			26	1	Tentative
May 25 and 26, 2026	5 hours/day			East*	26	1	Tentative
May 27, 2026	6 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
June 9 to 17, 2026	9 days			East**	16	2	Tentative
July 7 and 8, 2026	5 hours/day			East*	26	1	Tentative
July 9, 2026	8 hours			East*	26	1	Tentative
July 14 and 16, 2026	5 hours/day	West*			26	1	Tentative
July 21, 2026	1 day			West**	16	2	Tentative
July 28 and 29, 2026	5 hours/day			West*	26	1	Tentative
August 4 and 5, 2026	5 hour/day	West*			26	1	Tentative
September 1 to 12, 2026	11 days	West***			26	1	Tentative

<b>SCHEDULE OF NEOPANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES</b>						
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Agua Clara</b>	<b>Cocolí</b>	<b>Estimated Capacity</b>	<b>Expected Booking Condition</b>	<b>Status</b>
March 30, 2026	4 hours		*			Cancelled
March 31, 2026	6 hours		*			Cancelled
April 6, 2026	4 hours	*				Completed
April 7, 2026	4.5 hours	*				Completed
April 23, 2026	6 hours	*				Tentative

<sup>^</sup>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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## The Panama Canal Authority publishes amendments to prequalification documents for strategic initiatives



As part of the ongoing process for the selection of concessionaires for the development of the energy corridor and the container transshipment terminals in Corozal and Telfers, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) published an amendment to each of the prequalification documents corresponding to these initiatives.

The prequalification documents for the initiatives were published on January 30, 2026, establishing guidelines for interested parties to submit the required documentation to participate in these processes.

Both amendments incorporate adjustments aimed at providing greater clarity to participants and improving the efficiency of the process in response to feedback received from the market. As part of these adjustments, the deadline for submitting clarification requests has been extended to April 8, 2026, and the deadline for submitting prequalification documents has been extended to June 8, 2026.

These initiatives are intended to promote new economic opportunities for the country, including job creation and investment attraction, and are being developed with consideration for both the environment and nearby communities to ensure that logistics and infrastructure development make positive contributions.

The energy corridor and the container transshipment terminals are part of the Canal's 2025–2035 Strategic Vision, aimed at diversifying services, strengthening operational resilience, and consolidating the country's position as a global logistics hub.

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