

Panama Canal Authority  
Vice Presidency for Operations  
**Advisory To Shipping No. A-26-2026**

August 10, 2026

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

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| a. Transit Pilot Force ..... | 294 |
| b. Pilots in Training .....  | 10  |
| c. Tugs .....                | 49  |
| d. Locomotives .....         | 100 |

2. Traffic Statistics:

|                           | <u>Daily Average</u> | <u>High</u> | <u>Low</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Arrivals                  | 35.4                 | 48          | 25         |
| Oceangoing Transits       | 34.03                | 37          | 25         |
| Canal Waters Time (hours) | 25.38                | 41.13       | 17.42      |
| In-Transit Time (hours)   | 10.87                | 13.48       | 9.48       |

**Oceangoing Transits:**

|                                         | <u>Total</u> | <u>Daily Average</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Vessels of less than 91' beam           | 175          | 5.65                 | 16.59             |
| Vessels 91' beam to under 107' beam     | 570          | 18.39                | 54.03             |
| Neopanamax Vessels (107' beam and over) | 310          | 10.00                | 29.38             |
| Total:                                  | 1055         | 34.03                | 100               |

**Booking Slots:**

|                                                 | <u>Available</u> | <u>Used</u>       | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Neopanamax (vessels of 107' beam and over)      | 163*             | 183* <sup>1</sup> | 112.27            |
| Supers (vessels of 91' beam to under 107' beam) | 506*             | 463* <sup>1</sup> | 91.50             |
| Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)            | 137*             | 120* <sup>1</sup> | 87.59             |
| Auctioned booking slots                         | 306              | 247               | 80.72             |

\* 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 August 31, 2026.

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| SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES |             |            |              |        |                     |                            |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Dates                                         | Duration    | Miraflores | Pedro Miguel | Gatun  | Estimated Capacity^ | Expected Booking Condition | Status    |
| July 14 and 16, 2026                          | 5 hours/day | West*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Completed |
| July 21, 2026                                 | 1 day       |            |              | West** | 16                  | 2                          | Completed |
| July 28 and 29, 2026                          | 7 hours/day | East*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Completed |
| August 4 and 5, 2026                          | 5 hour/day  | West*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Completed |
| August 25, 2026                               | 5 hours     |            | West*        |        | 26                  | 1                          | Tentative |
| August 26, 2026                               | 5 hours     | West*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Tentative |
| August 27, 2026                               | 8 hours     | West*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Tentative |
| September 1, 2026                             | 8 hours     | West*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Tentative |
| September 1 to 12, 2026                       | 11 days     | West***    |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Tentative |
| September 12, 2026                            | 8 hours     | West*      |              |        | 26                  | 1                          | Tentative |
| September 26 to 27, 2026                      | 2 days      | East*      |              |        |                     |                            | Tentative |

| SCHEDULE OF NEOPANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES |          |            |        |                    |                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Dates                                            | Duration | Agua Clara | Cocolí | Estimated Capacity | Expected Booking Condition | Status    |
| August 6, 2026                                   | 5 hours  |            | *      | 10                 | 1                          | Completed |
| September 21, 2026                               | 5 hours  | *          |        | 10                 | 1                          | Tentative |

^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 Announces New Draft Adjustments for Neopanamax Locks**



The Panama Canal Authority has announced, through a notice to shipping, that effective August 26, 2026, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be reduced to 48 feet (14.63 meters). A further adjustment will take effect on September 3, lowering the maximum draft to 47.5 feet (14.48 meters).

The measure is based on current water levels and projected conditions for the upcoming weeks in Gatun Lake. It is part of Canal's ongoing water management and operational strategy aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability of its operations.

The draft adjustment will not affect the number of daily vessel transits. Instead, it reflects water conservation and resource management measures that have been in place since December 2025 as part of preparations for the 2026 dry season.

These reductions represent the fourth and fifth draft adjustments announced by the Panama Canal Authority. The measures are the result of operational planning informed by lessons learned during the 2023–2024 period, as well as hydrological analyses and historical data that support the Canal's operational decision-making process.

Canal specialists continue to closely monitor weather conditions and produce technical forecasts that enable a more accurate assessment of the potential impacts of the El Niño phenomenon. This allows the Panama Canal Authority to determine and communicate any additional operational or water management measures that may be required in the coming months.