CANAL DE PANAMÁ
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Panama Canal Authority

Vice Presidency for Operations

Advisory To Shipping No. A-38-2026

October 9, 2026

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators Monthly

SUBJECT : Canal Operations Summary – September 2026

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:
   a. Transit Pilot Force 295
   b. Pilots in Training 8
   c. Tugs 49
   d. Locomotives 100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	Daily Average	High	Low
Arrivals	31.5	37	25
Oceangoing Transits	32.63	37	28
Canal Waters Time (hours)	37.97	78.15	17.60
In-Transit Time (hours)	11.59	12.73	10.24

Oceangoing Transits:	Total	Daily Average	Percentage
Vessels of less than 91’ beam	149	4.97	15.22
Vessels 91’ beam to under 107’ beam	561	18.70	57.30
Neopanamax Vessels (107’ beam and over)	269	8.97	27.48
Total:	979	32.63	100

Booking Slots:	Available	Used	Percentage
Neopanamax (vessels of 107’ beam and over)	125*	134*[1]	107.20
Supers (vessels of 91’ beam to under 107’ beam)	435*	428*[1]	98.39
Regular Vessels (less than 91' beam)	96*	92*[1]	95.83
Auctioned booking slots	339	291	85.84

*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

[1] 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 October 31, 2026.

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SCHEDULE OF PANAMAX LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES							
Dates	**Duration**	**Miraflores**	**Pedro Miguel**	**Gatun**	**Estimated Capacity^**	**Expected Booking Condition**	**Status**
September 14, 2026	3 hours			East*	25	1	Completed
September 15, 2026	3 hours		West*		23	1	Completed
September 16, 2026	4 hours	West*			23	1	Completed
September 17, 2026	8 hours	West*			23	1	Completed
September 17, 2026	5 hours		East*		23	1	Completed
September 22, 2026	8 hours	West*			23	1	Completed
Septem 22 to October 3, 2026	11 days	West***			23	1	Completed
October 3, 2026	8 hours	West*			23	1	Completed
October 12, 2026	6 hours	West*			23	1	Confirmed
October 12, 2026	12 hours			West*	23	1	Confirmed
October 15, 2026	5 hours	West*			23	1	Confirmed
October 15, 2026	5 hours		West*		23	1	Confirmed
October 21, 2026	4 hours	West*			23	1	Tentative
October 21, 2026	3 hours		West*		23	1	Tentative
October 22, 2026	4 hours			East*	23	1	Tentative
November 13, 2026	5 hours	East*			23	1	Tentative
November 14 to 15, 2026	2 days	East*			23	1	Tentative
November 16, 2026	5 hours	East*			23	1	Tentative

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

^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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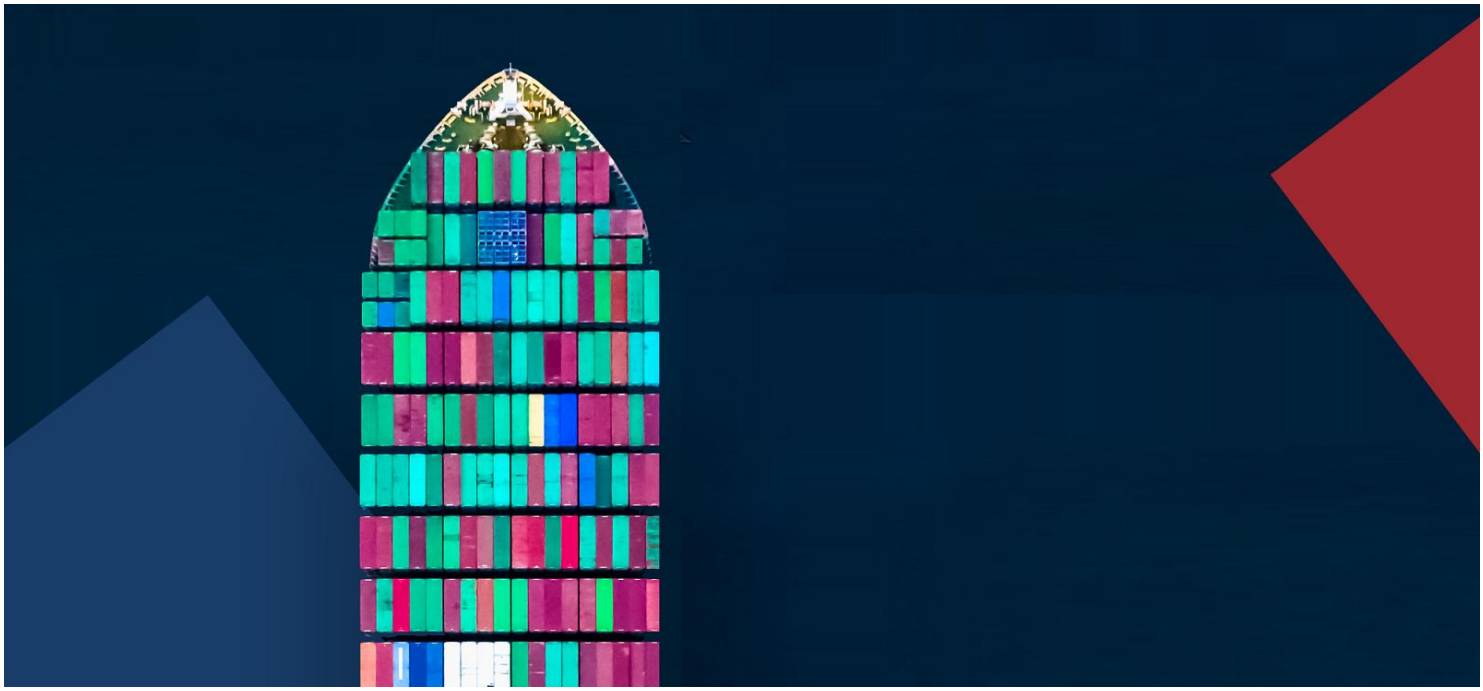
Panama Canal announces increase in draft and daily transit



The Panama Canal announced Today, through an Advisory to Shipping, that it will increase to 10 the number of daily transits in the Neopanamax locks, for a total of 33 daily slots within Neopanamax and Panamax locks beginning October 15, 2026, based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake.

Additionally, taking into consideration the positive effect of the close to average precipitation on the Canal watershed and the effective water saving measures implemented in the Locks, effective immediately and until further notice, the maximum authorized draft, for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be 14.94 m (49.0 feet).

While the water deficit continues in the Canal watershed, the Transit Reservation (Booking) System remains the only way to guarantee a transit date. Vessels without a reservation may therefore face indefinite delays.
The Canal remains committed to closely monitoring water conditions and rainfall levels and to communicating any further adjustments in a timely manner, as circumstances allow.