

June 11, 2007

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-12-2007

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – MAY 2007

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	275
b. Pilots in Training	0
c. Tugs	27
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>High Daily</u>	<u>Low Daily</u>
Arrivals	36.32	49	29
Oceangoing Transits	37.32	43	28
Canal Waters Time (hours)	27.43	46.63	13.39
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.77	13.88	8.38

Distribution of Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 80' Beam	364	11.74	31.46
Vessels 80' Beam and Over	<u>793</u>	<u>25.58</u>	68.54
Total of Oceangoing Transits:	1157	37.32	
Vessels 100' Beam and Over	524	16.90	45.29
Vessels 900' Length and Over	144	4.64	12.44

Note: For the purpose of this report, the term "oceangoing transits" is equivalent to the number of locomotive transits.

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	456*	445*	97.59
Regular vessels (beam < 91')	270*	236*	87.41

*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

3. The following page provides 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, 2007.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK FOR FY 2007						
Dates	Outage Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity	Status
June 13-22	3	Lane with restrictions (10d)	Lane Outage June 20-22 (3d)		32-36 during restrictions* 26-28 during outage	Confirmed
July 11-20	3	Lane with restrictions (10d)	Lane Outage July 18-20 (3d)		32-36 during restrictions* 26-28 during outage	Tentative
Aug. 8-10	2			Lane Outage (2d)	26-28	Tentative
Aug. 14-23	3	Lane with restrictions (10d)	Lane Outage Aug. 21-23 (3d)		32-36 during restrictions* 26-28 during outage	Tentative
Sept. 5-15	6		Lane Outage Sept. 5- 10 (6d)	Lane with restrictions Sept. 5-15 (10d)	32-36 during restrictions* 26-28 during outage	Tentative
Sept. 26-28	2			Lane Outage(2d)	26-28	Tentative

* **Note:** Actual transit capacity will depend on the type of restriction imposed during work.

Transit Capacity: The normal capacity of the Panama Canal is 38 transits per day. This capacity is reduced during locks outages, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. Normally, during these periods, the Panama Canal Transit Reservation System slots are fully utilized. 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 of this requirement to perform simultaneous single lane outages for additional maintenance at other locks. Two-day lane outages have no significant impact on Canal vessel backlog, therefore are not normally included in this chart.

GLOBAL SEARCH IS ON FOR TOP-TIER FIRM TO ASSIST PANAMA CANAL WITH MANAGEMENT OF EXPANSION

CANAL REQUESTS PROPOSALS FOR THE EXPANSION PROGRAM MANAGER

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announced its search for an Expansion Program Manager for the Canal expansion. The ACP is seeking a top-tier firm with a solid reputation in program management and experience working on various construction projects worldwide. The selected firm will assist the ACP in the management of approximately 10 major contracts, interfacing with both design and construction teams.

The ACP Board of Directors approved the use of an integrated program management model, wherein the Authority will designate tasks between ACP personnel and the selected firm.

"The selection of a reputable and experienced Program Manager is an important component in the success of the waterway's expansion," said ACP Engineering and Programs Management Director Jorge L. Quijano. "We are looking to attract a firm with global reach and proven experience in providing proactive solutions as we move forward with the program."

Expansion will build a new lane of traffic along the Panama Canal through the construction of a new set of locks, thereby doubling its tonnage capacity and allowing the passage of longer, wider and deeper draft vessels. The Program Manager will provide services that will include assisting the ACP in the integrated oversight and effective control of the following projects: the design and construction of the new Atlantic and Pacific Post-Panamax Locks; dredging, to include widening and deepening of the Atlantic entrance channel; dredging of the Pacific entrance channel; the dry excavation of the access channel that connects Gaillard Cut to the new Pacific Locks; dredging of the Gatun Lake channels; and the further deepening of Gaillard Cut, in addition to other improvements to existing Canal structures.

Information regarding this tender is available through the ACP's online bidding system (SLI), <http://www.pancanal.com/esp/procsales/buy.html> or via the ACP's Web site at www.pancanal.com. Interested parties have 48 days from the tender release date for bid submissions.