



News Release

Port Honors Shipping Lines for Green Leadership Green Flag, Green Ship awards recognize vessel operators

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Twenty shipping lines were honored today by the Port of Long Beach for efforts to improve air quality locally by slowing down or deploying cleaner vessels – or both – at the annual Green Flag and Green Ship awards.



The Port's Green Flag Program was created in 2005 and participation today is nearly universal. In 2012, almost 96 percent of all ships calling at Long Beach slowed to 12 knots within 20 nautical miles of the Port. In 2009, the Port added the 40 nautical mile option and last year, more than 83 percent of vessels slowed from 40 nautical miles. Slower ships burn less fuel, producing less pollution. Thirteen shipping lines were found to be top performers, earning Green Flags this year.

Meanwhile, 10 shipping lines received the first Green Ship awards, a program that since July 2012 has encouraged vessel operators to assign the cleanest ships to Long Beach. Three of the companies collected both Green Flags and Green Ship awards today.

These programs offer financial incentives. Green Flag participants were awarded \$2.5 million in dockage fee discounts in 2012. And since the Green Ship Program began in July 2012, the Port has awarded \$135,000 in incentives.

Since the launch of the ship-slowing program in 2005, more than 200 vessel operators have been awarded Green Flags and qualified for reductions on dockage fees. The program has been instrumental in helping the Port decrease diesel pollution from all port-related operations by 75 percent since 2005. The Green Ship program, which accelerates the deployment of newer, greener ships, aims to achieve further air quality improvements.

"Congratulations to the winners of the Green Flag and Green Ship awards. These fleets are the top performers in an industry that is working to reduce its environmental impact," said Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners President Susan E. Anderson Wise. "We thank these winners and all the shipping lines participating in these programs, as they help to improve air quality in Long Beach."

Green Flag 20 nautical mile winners:

- Matson Navigation
- CMA CGM

Green Flag 40 nautical mile winners:

- Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha or "K" Line
- China Ocean Shipping Company or COSCO
- Nippon Yusen Kaisha -- NYK Line
- Alaska Tanker Co LLC
- BP Shipping Ltd.
- ZIM Integrated Shipping
- Pacific International Lines
- Mitsui OSK Lines, or MOL, Ltd.

Green Ship award winners:

- Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics
- Tesoro - Gold Star Maritime Co.
- Wan Hai Lines (America) Ltd.
- NAVIG8 Group Holdings Inc.
- Oxbow Carbon and Minerals, LLC
- OSG International Inc.
- OSG Ship Management (GR) Ltd.

Dual winners of Green Flag and Green Ship award:

- Hanjin Shipping (20 nautical mile Green Flag)
- Mediterranean Shipping Co. or MSC (40 nautical mile Green Flag)

- Orient Overseas Container Line or OOCL (40 nautical mile Green Flag)

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, a primary gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and environmental stewardship. With 140 shipping lines connecting Long Beach to 217 seaports worldwide, the Port handles trade valued at \$155 billion each year and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs in Southern California.

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