



Big Ben Coming to Long Beach



If you think the Queen Mary is a big ship, get ready for the Benjamin Franklin. With the capacity to carry 18,000 container units, this is the largest ship ever to call at a North American seaport. Not only will the ship be making a stop at our Port, but French shipping line CMA CGM will also hold the mega ship's christening here in Long Beach on Friday, Feb. 19 (yes [ships are christened](#) and some even have godmothers or sponsors).

If you aren't already, make sure to follow the Port of Long Beach on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) for a chance at an exclusive opportunity regarding the big ship that will be announced very soon.

Just how big is the Benjamin Franklin?

- 1,300 ft. long — longer than four football fields
- 197 ft. high — as high as a 20-story building
- 177 ft. wide — wider than a 12-lane freeway
- 18,000 container units — all those containers placed in a line would stretch from Long Beach to Ventura

Then. Now. Tomorrow.



"Together, we have the opportunity to transform the Port of Long Beach from a world-class port into the world's best port" – POLB Chief Executive Jon Slangerup

January saw the State of the Union, State of the State and State of the City, but did you know there is an annual State of the Port address as well? At the State of the Port address on Thursday, Jan. 21, Port Chief Executive Jon Slangerup committed to carrying forward his vision of the Port of the Future – a model of faster, cleaner and safer goods movement that benefits and protects the local economy, the community and the environment.

In case you missed it, you can watch the whole address [here](#) or the video highlighting the Port's soon-to-be completed infrastructure projects [here](#).

Students, Get Paid This Summer



If you are or know a sophomore, junior or senior high school student in the Long Beach Unified School District service area, don't miss out on the one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore Port careers and gain professional experience during an eight-week summer internship program. Even better? It's paid.

Applications are being accepted through March 1. For more information and to apply, visit the [Port's Academy website](#).

Watch this [video](#) to learn more about what a Port of Long Beach summer high school internship offers.

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Museum of Latin American Art
628 Alamitos Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90802
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