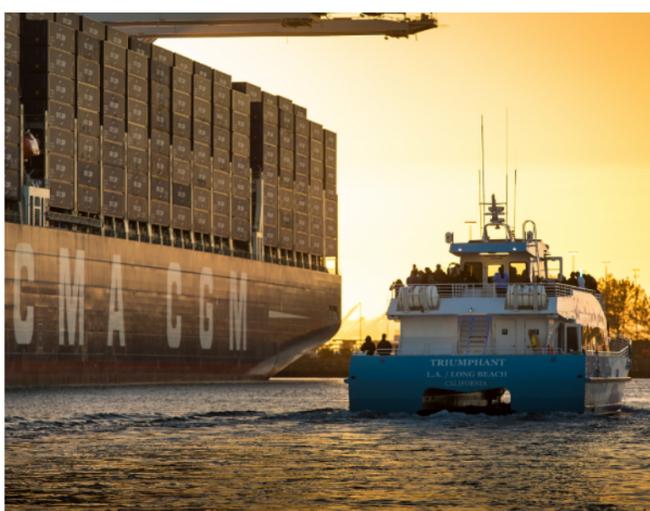




Free Harbor Tour Signups Begin in April



The Port's popular Harbor Tours are just around the corner! Get close to some of the biggest vessels on the planet, take pictures of local wildlife, see how the engine of the local economy operates and learn about the many infrastructure projects that are making the Port of Long Beach the Port of the Future.

We are aware that these tickets can be difficult to get, so there will be a change to the registration process this year. All tickets will be distributed through a lottery system instead of first-come, first-serve.

Registration will still go live on the first Monday of every month preceding the tour dates. But instead of having to be online right at noon, you will have a 12-hour period (from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) to submit a reservation request for your desired tour date. **The first registration day will be Monday, April 4, for tours in May.**

With so many new and exciting things happening at the Port this year, don't miss out on the opportunity for an all-access pass to the Port of Long Beach!

Visit polb.com/porttours for more information.

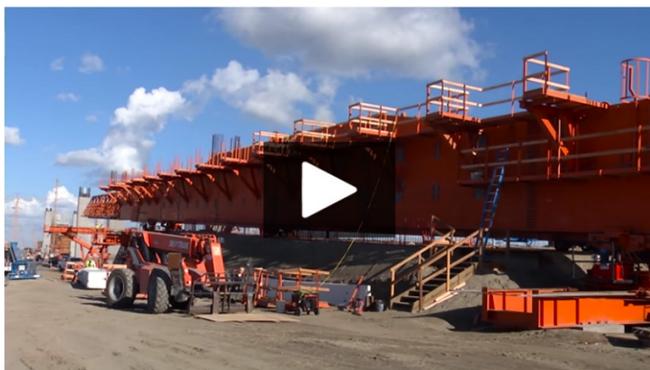
The First of Many Megaships



History was made in February at the Port of Long Beach when we welcomed French-based CMA CGM's Benjamin Franklin cargo ship, which is as tall as a 20-story building, as wide as a 12-lane freeway and longer than four football fields. The Port even hosted a special pop-up harbor tour for some lucky folks in the community to get an up-close view of the megaship (the biggest to ever visit North America). And even more of these massive vessels are scheduled to come to Long Beach in the near future.

If you missed it, we have some awesome photos of the Benjamin Franklin [here](#).

Building a Bridge with Innovation



The Port strives to be at the forefront of innovation, so it's no surprise that the construction for the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project features significant advances in engineering. A "movable scaffolding system" or "MSS" is being used for the first time on a bridge project in California, which allows for more efficient and cost-effective construction.

MSS makes it so that there is a perfect concrete pour every single step of the way. The structure essentially "slides" forward between columns as the roadway gets built, reducing the amount of false-work that is traditionally needed.

Watch this [video](#) to learn more about this exciting engineering feat.

Visit newgdbridge.com for more updates, photo and videos.

Upcoming Events

The Port of Long Beach is proud to sponsor these community events! Click on the event for more information.

[Port to Learning Gallery Exhibit](#)

[Who Are You?](#)

Open through Mar. 13*
Museum of Latin American Art
628 Alamitos Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Free Admission on Sundays*

[Saturday Mar. 12 Community Tree Planting**](#)

9 a.m. - Noon
Fremont Elementary School
4000 E. 4th St.
Long Beach, CA 90814

***For more information about the tree plantings, please contact the Neighborhood Services Bureau at (562) 570-6866*

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