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TIE LINES – July 2000

AROUND THE PORT...

Shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach broke the monthly record for total container cargo volume, moving the equivalent of 406,772 20-foot-long containers in May, an increase of 3.1 percent over May 1999. The previous best was September's 402,710 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

The May total included 315,786 loaded TEUs -- the highest-ever loaded container total in a single month for any U.S. port. Loaded export containers jumped 11.7 percent to 97,770 TEUs. Loaded import containers climbed 6 percent to 218,016 TEUs.

Gearing up for the peak shipping season, port officials have been meeting with the railroads to request more manpower and equipment. Shipping terminals in Long Beach are opening their gates longer and later. Many of the terminals and their customers subscribe to an Internet system that allows shippers to track more than 100,000 cargo containers at one time.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has selected Dr. John E. Kashiwabara as its president for the 2000-2001 year. He succeeds **Roy E. Hearrean**, who remains on the board. **Carmen O. Perez** is the board's vice president, **John W. Hancock** the secretary and **John R. Calhoun** the assistance secretary.

Kashiwabara, a retired family physician and former member of the California State University Board of Trustees, was appointed to the Harbor Commission in 1996.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has authorized the port staff to seek bids on 12 to 16 dockside container cranes for the Pier T container terminal under construction at the former Navy property on Terminal Island.

The port is looking for cranes with a lifting capacity of 65 tons, a lifting height above the wharf of more

than 120 feet, and an outreach of more than 201 feet or 22 containers wide. In addition to the cranes for Pier T, the port may also buy as many as four cranes for other terminals. The total contract could cost between \$120 million and \$130 million.

An presidential advisory committee of experts has prepared will release a draft National Invasive Species Management Plan. The National Invasive Species Advisory Council will hold a public hearing on July 12 in Oakland, at the Elihu Harris State Building, seeking comment on the proposed plan. The plan was drafted under an order directive issued by President **Bill Clinton**. Port of Long Beach Planning Director **Robert Kanter**, Ph.D., is a member of the advisory committee, representing the maritime industry.

The plan aims to control or prevent the introduction into U.S. waters of non-native species that threaten human health and the ecology at the nation's harbors and other waterways. One potential source of invasive species is the ballast water of ocean-going vessels. Ballast water is a potential source of invasive species.

In a related matter, the California Association of Port Authorities is managing an EPA-funded study on "Feasibility of Onshore Treatment of Ballast Water." The report should be available in late July. For information, contact CAPA representative Tim Schott at (916) 444-7158.

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority has approved a 2000-2001 budget that includes projected expenditures of \$680 million, largely for construction of the 20-mile-long freight train expressway.

Expenditures also will go to developing a revenue-collection system, two new management positions, and a program that will provide jobs and training for young people in the Conservation Corps. The total cost of the project was increased to \$2.46 billion. About \$1 billion has already been spent. The project bonds will be paid off by tolls collected from railroads that use the corridor.

Great White Fleet, a Cincinnati-based subsidiary of Chiquita Brands International, will introduce a fixed-day weekly container service between the California United Terminals facility in Long Beach and Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, starting July 12.

Great White will deploy two 216-TEU vessels, the *Dominica* and the *St. Lucia*. The service, which offers a five-day transit time, is the only weekly direct service to Central America from the U.S. West Coast.

Sea Launch, an international consortium based at the Port of Long Beach, has scheduled an end-of-July launch to place a PanAm Sat Corp. communications satellite into orbit.

The Pas-9 satellite will be blasted into space from Sea Launch's mobile launch platform at the equator. The satellite will be used to transmit broadcast and data signals to and from Latin America, the Caribbean and Western Europe.

A big plate of swordfish, octopus, shrimp, salmon, halibut and all the fixings coupled with a good cause -- scholarships for local high schoolers - proved to be an irresistible lure to hundreds of folks. The 13th Annual Seafood Feast last month sponsored by the ILWU and the

Propeller Club attracted nearly 1,500 people.

More than 100 volunteers, including the 16-member ILWU-Propeller Club planning committee, pitched in. They included ILWU cooks, and volunteers from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles who served the food.

Proceeds go to Propeller Club activities and the ILWU-Propeller Club Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to seniors attending schools in Long Beach, San Pedro and Wilmington. In its 13 years, the annual feast has raised more than \$150,000 for scholarships.

The U.S. Coast Guard has presented Seattle-based Crowley Marine Services Inc. with the William M. Benkert Award, a national award recognizing excellence in marine environmental protection.

The Coast Guard evaluated Crowley's employee training programs, environmental outreach, and performance at its Alaska, U.S. West Coast, East Coast and international operations. The award is named for Rear Admiral William Benkert, a Coast Guard officer known for his leadership in marine environmental protection.

“Using E-Commerce to Facilitate International Trade Logistics” will be the topic at the Foreign Trade Association of Southern California's July 18 luncheon at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.

The speaker will be **Samuel H. Banks**, a consultant to the international trade and travel industries and a former deputy commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service. For reservations, call (213) 627-0634.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

About 500 military veterans obtained an array of social services at the 10th annual Stand Down assistance program June 23-25 at Veterans Stadium in Long Beach. Gus Hein, executive secretary to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, was chairman of Stand Down 2000.

The program offers medical and legal services, employment counseling, food and clothing.

J. Gordon Palmer, the port's assistant director of planning and its manager of master planning, has left for a job with the Port of Stockton as one of three deputy port directors.

Also heading to Stockton is the port's marketing manager, Hal Hilliard. Hilliard is Stockton's new director of marketing and public relations.

They join **Rick Aschieris**, formerly executive secretary to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, and now executive director of the Port of Stockton.

With Hal Hilliard's departure, the port's Trade and Maritime Services Division is recruiting for a new marketing manager.

It is looking for someone with a degree in international business, sales, marketing or a related field, and at least five years of experience in marketing and/or operations with a steamship line. For more

information, call (562) 901-1750.

Capt. Karsten Lemke of Zim-American Israeli Shipping Co. has been elected president of the board of the Marine Exchange of Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Inc. Outgoing president Capt. Torben Blichfeld of Maersk is now board chairman.

The new vice president is Capt. Thomas Jacobsen of Jacobsen Pilot Service. The Marine Exchange works with the Coast Guard in providing vessel traffic management and other maritime information services.

Carl Ann Wylie has been elected president of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce's International Business Association. The new president-elect is Karsten Lemke of Zim-American Israeli Shipping.

Wylie, president of Carl Ann Wylie Associates, a marketing communications firm based in Long Beach, succeeds **Yvonne Avila**, the port's director of communications.

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