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**October 2001**

## **AROUND THE PORT**

**A special message from Long Beach Harbor Commission President Carmen O. Perez:** “We at the Port of Long Beach express our sincere sorrow for the loss of our many friends and professional colleagues in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Western Pennsylvania.

“Our deepest sympathies go to their families. We give thanks for those who survived.”

**The Port of Long Beach remains open, operating under precautionary measures to ensure the security of its personnel and cargo ships following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.**

Under security procedures developed in a joint effort by the entire port industry, the U.S. Coast Guard is inspecting arriving vessels and escorting high-risk departing ships. Terminals have restricted access and increased identification requirements for truckers and visitors. The port has instituted similar measures at its Administration Building for employees and visitors.

“The modifications that were made in operational procedures have been absorbed into the normal routine,” said **Richard D. Steinke**, the port’s executive director. “The impact of the additional security measures has been minimal.”

**Containerized cargo shipped through the port in August rose to the highest level of the year - 405,862 twenty-foot-long container units - an indication that holiday shipments have begun moving through the port.**

The port’s peak shipping season typically is August through October when retailers stock stores with holiday clothing, toys and other goods imported from Asia.

Cargo terminals at the port reported that the number of containers shipped in August increased 7 percent over July’s total. Terminals moved 221,492 twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs) of import containers in August, an increase of 6.4 percent over July. They shipped 83,301 TEUs of export containers, a 6.9 percent increase over July. The number of empty containers was 101,069 TEUs, an 8.8 percent increase from July.

With the weakness of economies around the world, August’s container total was down 6.6 percent from August 2000. Imports declined 6.5 percent from last August. Exports, largely raw materials shipped to Asian manufacturers, fell 3.2 percent. Empties, nearly all of them headed to Asia to be refilled with cargo for the United States, decreased by 9.6 percent.

**Gov. Gray Davis has signed a redistricting plan that includes the port in a congressional**

### **district separate from large portions of the city of Long Beach.**

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners adopted a resolution last month opposing just such a redistricting plan.

Under the redistricting plan approved by the governor and the state Legislature, the city of Long Beach will be in one congressional district and the port in another, a district currently represented by Rep. **Dana Rohrabacher**, R-Huntington Beach.

Under the new state Senate boundaries, the port and city will be in the district of Sen. **Betty Karnette**, D-Long Beach. In the Assembly, nearly all of the port will remain in the district of Assemblyman **Alan Lowenthal**, D-Long Beach, with a small part represented by Assemblywoman **Jenny Oropeza**, D-Long Beach.

### **Update on Pier T: All of the structural steel work has been completed for the administration, maintenance and repair, and marine operations buildings at the new \$576 million, 375-acre Terminal Island container terminal to be leased to Hanjin Shipping.**

Work has begun on the initial rail line for the intermodal rail yard. With at least 250 construction workers on the job each day, the first 290 acres is scheduled to open by July 2002, and the remaining 85 acres is to open a year later.

### **The breakbulk ship, *Yasa Emirhan*, made its maiden call in Long Beach at the Pacific Coast Recycling terminal on Aug. 29, loading metal scrap destined for South Korea.**

The vessel is on a short-term lease to Hanjin Shipping.

### **The port is expanding its Foreign Trade Zone No. 50 to include the Arco refinery in Carson, two of the company's marine terminals in Long Beach and four locations in the harbor area.**

The FTZ designation will allow Arco Products Co., a subsidiary of BP America Inc., to avoid paying duty on foreign crude oil that is brought in, refined and then exported as finished product. Arco also will be able to reduce and delay the amount of duty paid on product sold domestically.

The Equilon, Chevron, and Tosco refineries in Southern California already have FTZ designations. The Ultramar refinery also is seeking FTZ status.

### **More than 350 people attended a fund-raiser for the International Seafarers Center last month aboard the Queen Mary. The Seafarers Center celebrated the 90th birthday of the Port of Long Beach.**

Proceeds will allow the center to keep operating beyond the end of the year. The non-profit, non-denominational center serves the crews of ships calling at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

### **Five of the major container shipping lines calling in Long Beach met last month and agreed to increase their vessel sharing in the transpacific.**

COSCO Container Lines Ltd., Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd. ("K" Line) and Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp. already shared "slots." Separately, Hanjin Shipping Co. Ltd. and Senator Lines GmbH operate an alliance.

Meeting in Shanghai last month, they agreed to study and accelerate cooperative arrangements to form a single alliance of all five lines.

### **Sea Launch, which docks its launch vessels at the Port of Long Beach, has agreed to launch a PanAmSat Corp. satellite in the fourth quarter of 2002.**

The new spacecraft will support both PanAmSat's cable program distribution services as well as a new joint venture with Japan's JSAT Corp. for expanded services in North America and Asia.

**The Latin America-to-Asia service offered by Maruba Lines, TMM Lines, and Columbus Lines will be calling at the Pacific Container Terminal on Pier J beginning in mid-October.**

The service had called at Long Beach's International Transportation Service terminal on Pier J. The service operates with 11 ships, with two vessels a week calling in Long Beach. The first two ships scheduled to arrive at PCT will be the *Columbus Hong Kong* and the *Merkur Delta*.

In addition, Columbus and Polynesia Lines will move their Polynesia service to PCT. The service will consist of two ships, Polynesia and *Taubala Samoa*.

**Fred Malesa of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co. will be the speaker at the Harbor Transportation Club's Oct. 4 dinner at the Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro.** For more information, call (562) 434-7393.

**The Foreign Trade Association's California International Trade Delegate luncheon will be held Oct. 9 at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel.** For information, call (213) 627-0634.

**Justo Frias, president of the Gigante USA grocery store chain, will be the speaker at the FoodMex 2002 luncheon Oct. 18 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel.**

The port and Long Beach City College's California-Mexico Trade Assistance Center are the sponsors.

**Leadership Long Beach will be honoring the Port of Long Beach and Diane Creel, chief executive of Earth Tech, at its Excellence in Leadership award dinner Oct. 18 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach.**

**Stevedoring Services of America, one of the nation's leading terminal operators, will be honored with the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce's 2001 Salute to Industry Award at a dinner Oct. 19 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach.**

In Long Beach, SSA is a partner in operating Pacific Container Terminal, C-60 and Crescent Terminals. For information on the dinner, call (310) 417-3929.

**Jeff Holmstead, assistant secretary of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be the keynote speaker at a two-day Waterfront Diesel Emission Conference on Oct. 24-25 at the Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach.**

The Pacific Maritime Association is the sponsor. Conference supporters include the Port of Long Beach. The program will focus on marine terminal air quality and public health issues. For more information, contact Nancy Gorell at 415-576-3269 or email: ngorell@pmanet.org.

**Jack E. Suite, coast director of contract administration for the Pacific Maritime Association, will be the speaker for the International Trade Club luncheon on Oct. 24 at the San Pedro Hilton Hotel.** For more information, call (562) 434-7393.

**PORT PEOPLE**

**Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke will be installed this month as chairman of the board of the American Association of Port Authorities at the organization's annual convention in Quebec, Canada.**

The AAPA is an alliance of more than 150 port authorities in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America.

**Sea Launch has promoted James G. Maser from chief systems engineer to president and general manager.**

Maser has appointed **Kirk Pysher**, previously deputy chief systems engineer, to succeed him as chief systems engineer.

Maser succeeds **Will Trafton**, who has been appointed president of Boeing Launch Services Inc. and vice president and deputy general manager for Boeing Expendable Launch Systems in Huntington Beach. Trafton will continue as chairman of Sea Launch.

**The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada presented its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Long Beach Harbor Department's Finance Division.**

The port was honored for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2000.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was presented to the individuals primarily responsible for preparing the report: port Assistant Director of Finance **J. Antonio Urrutia** and Senior Accountant **Theresa Jallorina**.

This is the 18th consecutive year the finance officers association has honored the port for its financial reporting.

**Port Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer Al Moro and Deputy Chief Harbor Engineer for Design Jim Santa Ana have successfully defended the Long Beach City Employee's Summer Golf League Title.**

With their victory, the Championship Perpetual Trophy will remain with the port for another year.

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