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**November 2001**

## **AROUND THE PORT**

**Gains in imports offset declines in exports as shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach reported a slight overall increase in container cargo volume in September.** Terminals moved the equivalent of 388,379 twenty-foot-long containers, a 0.2 percent increase over September 2000.

The August-through-October period is typically the port's busiest, when retailers import Asian-made goods for the end-of-the-year holiday season. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks had yet to impact shipments. Orders shipped through Long Beach in September were placed earlier in the summer, a month or more before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Prior to Sept. 11, retailers seemed to be betting on a fairly merry holiday season. The number of import containers shipped through Long Beach in September climbed to 220,204 twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs), a 5.4 percent increase over the same month a year ago.

Exports remained weak, however, dropping 5.1 percent to 76,724 TEUs. The number of empty containers, most headed back to Asia to be refilled with products for the U.S. market, was down 6.5 percent to 91,451 TEUs.

**After completing a rigorous environmental checklist, the U.S. Navy is transferring ownership to the Port of Long Beach of approximately 280 of the 500 acres of the former Long Beach Naval Complex on Terminal Island.**

For more than 50 years, the Naval Complex was one of the nation's largest Navy bases, home for thousands of sailors and civilians. With the end of the Cold War, Congress ordered the complex closed in the mid-1990s.

While resolving environmental issues, the Navy and port agreed to a lease in 1998 that allowed the port to use the site for shipping terminals. The port is building a 375-acre, \$576 million container cargo terminal leased to Hanjin Shipping Co. of South Korea. The new, Pier T terminal is scheduled to open by July 2002.

The Navy is completing an environmental review before transferring a final 140 acres to the port, probably within the next year.

**The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved a 25-year lease with SSAT Long Beach for the use of the 170-acre container terminal currently occupied by Hanjin Shipping Co.**

SSAT Long Beach will bring with it Mediterranean Shipping Co., the world's fourth largest steamship line. Mediterranean has been calling at the Port of Los Angeles.

**Manson Construction Co. of Seattle has completed its \$33.6 million Pier T wharf and dredging construction job, deepening the West Basin, filling Dry Docks 2 and 3, and extending the wharf.**

**The Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved a three-year, \$8.6 million contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services Inc. to manage of the first phase of the Pier G Terminal Redevelopment Program.**

This phase includes a new wharf, landfill and the concurrent construction of a secondary gate. The Pier G project proposes to combine and redevelop the International Transportation Service terminal and Maersk Sealand's Pier G facility.

**Driving to the current Hanjin terminal from Terminal Island has gotten easier. The Anaheim Street off-ramp from the northbound Terminal Island (47) Freeway has reopened to traffic.**

The off-ramp at Henry Ford Avenue and Pier A Way, had been closed since February during the construction of an Alameda Corridor grade separation project. The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority is building an elevated bridge for its mainline railroad track in and out of Terminal Island. The construction will be completed by next spring.

**More than two-dozen historic photographs depicting the 90-year history of the Port of Long Beach will be on display in the lobby gallery of the Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Ave., during the months of November and December.**

Another 90th anniversary exhibit of historic port photographs is on display in the lobby of the port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza. The port building is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For hours at the Main Library, call (562) 570-7500.

**The Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp.'s application for Foreign Trade Zone subzone status for its 137-acre Wilmington refinery.**

The application next goes to the Foreign Trade Zones Board in Washington for approval. FTZ subzone designation would allow Ultramar to avoid, delay or defer certain custom duties and excise taxes on imported crude oil.

**The *Bremen Bridge*, one of "K" Line's new 5,500-TEU container ships, made its maiden call at the International Transportation Service terminal at Pier J in Long Beach on Oct. 15.**

The 25-knot *Bremen Bridge* is the first of 12 new 5,500-TEU containerships being built for "K" Line by Imabari Shipyard in Japan and Hyundai Shipyard in Korea. "K" Line will take delivery of all of the vessels by mid-2002.

The *Bremen Bridge* sails in "K" Line's Asia Express service, calling in Long Beach, Oakland, Japan, China and Korea.

**Wallenius-Wilhelmsen Lines' roll-on, roll-off ship *Tarago* delivered 10 Japanese-made subway cars destined for New York City last month at SSA's Crescent Terminals in Long Beach.**

The rail cars, wrapped in bright-blue plastic., were shipped by truck to a plant in Lincoln, Neb., for finishing before being sent to New York. They were the first of 12 shipments that will be coming through Crescent Terminals in the coming months. The cars are manufactured by Kawasaki Rail Car Inc.

**Port officials welcomed the tanker Iver Prosperity on Oct. 12 during its maiden call at ARCO's Berth B-77.**

**Waterfront Trivia Quiz: When a steamship line refers to a "CA" container it is talking about a**  
1) California legal container, 2) controlled atmosphere container, 3) common atmosphere container, 4) container with a chemical agent, 5) none of the above.

For the answer, go to the last page of this newsletter.

**Foss Maritime Co.'s newest tug, the 6,250-hp, 98-foot-long Marshall Foss, is being assigned to the Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors.**

It is scheduled to arrive in December. A sister tug recently tested in the San Francisco Bay Area at 169,000 pounds bollard pull.

**U.S. Commerce Secretary Donald Evans has awarded a \$398,127 financial assistance grant to the World Trade Center Association of Los Angeles-Long Beach to boost exports of California apparel.**

The World Trade Center Association will help businesses with export action plans, export counseling, a trade show database, virtual trade missions, identification of foreign buyers, and "how to" guides.

**The Los Angeles Transportation Club will hold its 2001 President's Reception and Dinner Dance on Nov. 3 aboard the Queen Mary. For information, call (323) 725-7077.**

**The Foreign Trade Association will hold its annual Past Presidents Luncheon on Nov. 6 at the downtown Los Angeles Marriott Hotel, 333 S. Figueroa. For information, call (213) 627-0634.**

**Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn will be the speaker for the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce's 8 a.m. breakfast meeting Nov. 8 at the Hilton Port of Los Angeles Hotel at the Cabrillo Marina in San Pedro. For information, call (310) 417-3929.**

**Warren Hoemann of the California Trucking Association and Michael Brown of the California Highway Patrol will be the speakers at the Harbor Transportation Club's monthly dinner Nov. 8 at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach. For information, call (562) 434-7393.**

**The Propeller Club's monthly luncheon will be held Nov. 21 at the West Coast Long Beach Hotel. For information, call (818) 951-2842.**

## **PORT PEOPLE**

**The Asian-American Architects and Engineers Association has honored Long Beach Harbor Commissioner John Kashiwabara with a lifetime achievement award for community service and participation in the transportation industry.**

Dr. Kashiwabara, a retired family physician, has been a member of the Board of Trustees for

California State University, a member and president of the governing board of the Long Beach Unified School District, a team physician at Long Beach City College, a member of the Board of Advisors at Cal State Long Beach, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

**Capt. John Strong, vice president of Jacobsen Pilot Service Inc., has been named to a three-year term as chairman of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee.** Strong succeeds **Robert Barker**, the Port of Long Beach director of security.

Capt. **George P. McShea Jr.**, vice president of operations for Polar Tankers Inc., is the new vice chairman of the safety committee, succeeding Strong.

The 18-member committee was established under the California Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990 to produce and update a harbor safety plan.

**Waterfront Trivia Quiz answer: A “CA” container is a “controlled atmosphere refrigerated container”** used to transport perishables products such as fruits and vegetables. Generally, the container is filled with an inert gas mixture such as nitrogen to impede the ripening of the product during transport.

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