



May 2002

AROUND THE PORT

The Port of Long Beach is inviting the public to come aboard on Saturday, May 11, for free seaside tours as part of the month-long celebration of World Trade Week.

The narrated, 90-minute harbor cruises will depart every half hour beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing through the day until the last departure at 2:30 p.m. The boats will depart from a berth just east of the Pine Avenue Pier located between the Aquarium of the Pacific and Shoreline Village in downtown Long Beach.

Come early! There are no reservations. Free tickets for each of the day's harbor cruises are available on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 8:30 a.m. May 11 at the port's information booth next to the Pine Avenue Pier.

Visitors may park at the aquarium parking garage at Shoreline Drive and Chestnut Avenue. Parking validation will be available at the information booth. Two of the three boats are accessible to wheelchairs. Printed guides will be available for the hearing impaired.

Four giant ship-to-shore cranes are due to arrive in mid-May at the port's new 375-acre Pier T container terminal under construction on Terminal Island.

The four 350-foot-high gantry cranes will arrive fully erected. The bright red-orange cranes are able to reach across a new generation of containership that is 22 containers wide. Before the arrival of these cranes, the largest existing cranes in Long Beach could reach across 20 of the eight-foot-wide boxes.

The cranes are among 12 being built for Pier T by Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery Co. (ZPMC) of China, one of the world's leading manufacturers of ship-to-shore cranes. The cranes cost about \$7 million each.

The first two cranes arrived in April. A third shipment with four cranes is set to arrive in early June, and a fourth shipment with two cranes is to arrive in early August.

The new Pier T terminal, leased to Hanjin Shipping Co. of South Korea, will be the port's largest. The first 290 acres is on schedule to open in July. The

remaining 85 acres will open in mid-2003.

With exports climbing for a second-consecutive month and imports slowed by the Chinese New Year, the number of cargo containers shipped through the port dipped to 343,606 twenty-foot-long container units in March, a decline of 4.6 percent from March 2001.

Shipping terminals at the port reported that the number of export containers in March rose to 87,845 twenty-foot-long equivalent units (TEUs), a 4.1 percent gain over March 2001.

The February export total increased 10 percent over February 2001. The port's back-to-back monthly percentage increases were the first for exports since August 2000. The port's leading exports include factory equipment and raw materials such as plastics, cotton and recycled paper.

The number of import containers fell 12.1 percent to 171,874 TEUs in March following the up-and-down pattern of the last six months. Imports had soared by 30 percent in February.

The Chinese New Year on Feb. 12 shut down business in Asia during the middle of February, slowing import shipments to the port during the early part of March. The port's leading imports include clothing, shoes, toys and consumer electronics.

The number of empty containers shipped through the port increased by 4.4 percent to 83,887 TEUs in March.

More than \$94.7 billion in trade moved through the Port of Long Beach in 2001, according to the Waterborne Trade Atlas.

The port's top trading partners were China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Operations on the Alameda Corridor freight rail expressway began on schedule April 15, speeding cargo between the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and transcontinental rail yards near East Los Angeles.

On the first day, 33 trains used the Corridor. By 2020, 100 trains a day are expected to be using the expressway.

Trains can now travel between the ports and the rail yards in about 45 minutes, a trip that had taken as much as two-and-a-half hours before construction of the Corridor, which eliminated more than 200 rail crossings.

The state Regional Water Quality Control Board in Los Angeles has named the Port of Long Beach one of its most improved permittees.

The water board recognized the port's comprehensive storm water management program, which was cited as a "unique model." The board said the "port's commitment to environmental restoration and acceptance of responsibility for storm water management is exemplary."

Port Planning Director **Robert Kanter** is the architect of the program, and environmental specialist **Rick Cameron** and **Stacey Crouch** did much of the

work implementing the program.

The Water Quality Control Board also honored the port for embracing a “philosophy of environmental stewardship by pursuing an aggressive cleanup program to remedy contamination and improve sites for redevelopment.”

The board cited the port’s work at the former Naval Complex on Terminal Island.

The port’s Trade and Maritime Services Division has an opening for a trade analyst who would also serve as assistant marketing manager.

The trade analyst would be responsible for preparing reports on cargo trends and other research to support the port’s marketing efforts. The deadline for applications is May 10. For more information, call (562) 590-4110.

The “K” Line containership *James River Bridge* made its maiden call at International Transportation Service’s Pier J terminal on April 9. “K” Line’s *Akinada Bridge* containership made its first call to Long Beach on April 22.

The vessels are among 13 new 5,500-TEU ships that “K” Line is deploying in a revamped pendulum service that calls in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

U.S. International Trade Administration Undersecretary Grant Aldonas will be the speaker at the annual World Trade Week Kickoff Breakfast on May 1 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The Port of Long Beach is among the sponsors of the breakfast. For more information, call (213) 580-7569.

“To Queue or not to Queue” will be the topic when Stephanie Williams of the California Trucking Association discusses legislation proposed by Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal at a Harbor Transportation Club dinner May 2.

Lowenthal’s Assembly Bill 2650 would penalize marine terminals if idling trucks wait more than 30 minutes to enter. The Harbor Transportation Club meeting will be held at the Ports O’Call Restaurant in San Pedro. For more information, call (562) 434-7393.

The 75th anniversary of the 1927 founding of the Steamship Association of Southern California will be celebrated at the association’s 53rd annual Dinner Dance May 4 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City. For more information, call (213) 627-0634.

An International Trade and Transportation Job Fair will be held from 9 a. m. to 1 p.m. May 14 at the Boeing Pacific Center, 3855 Lakewood Blvd., Building 1A, Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 499-2160.

Don J. Schneider, president of the Wisconsin-based truckload carrier, Schneider National Inc., will be the speaker at the Los Angeles Transportation Club lunch May 15 at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel. For more

information, call (562) 856-9197.

Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority CEO James Hankla will talk about “What’s Next After the Alameda Corridor” at the 76th annual World Trade Week luncheon and trade fair on May 21 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The Foreign Trade Association, Women in International Trade and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce are the sponsors. For information, call (213) 627-0634.

Transportation consultant Gill Hicks, a former Port of Long Beach planner and former Alameda Corridor general manager, will talk about “International Goods Movement in Southern California” at an International Trade Club luncheon May 21.

The event will be held at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 434-7393.

The Harbor Transportation Club will hold a golf tournament May 24 at the California Country Club in Whittier. For information, call (562) 434-7393.

Steve Van Andel, chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and president of Alticor Inc., the parent company of Amway Corp., will be the speaker at a World Trade Week luncheon May 22 at the Long Beach Hilton Hotel.

The California Council for International Trade, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce’s International Business Association, the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, Los Angeles Custom Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association, Propeller Club and the World Trade Center Association are among the sponsors. For information, call (562) 432-8128.

Almost time again for octopus salad and that giant culinary feast of “legendary proportions.” The 15th annual ILWU/Propeller Seafood Feast will be held June 12, moving this year to Berth 54 at the Port of Los Angeles.

Also sponsored by the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, the feast is a fundraiser for a memorial scholarship fund established to honor longshore workers who lost their lives working on the waterfront. For tickets, call (818) 951-2842.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

Harbor Commission President Carmen O. Perez is among the honorees who the state Legislature will recognize on May 13 in celebration of the maritime transportation industry.

Other honorees include **Chuck Foster**, retired executive director of the Port of Oakland; **Henry Gilbertson**, former president of Sea-Land Service; and **George Hayashi**, CEO of MOL America.

Diana Connolly, a long-time executive secretary, has been named the port’s 2002 Employee of the Year.

Also honored for their hard work and dedication were Employee of the Year nominees **Karen Stip** of the port's Communications Division; **Janet Bill, Ken Gale, Jim Stein** and **Marcella Wintz** of Engineering; **Marilyn Barras** of Finance; **Bruce Hong** of Information Management; **Robert Treon** of Maintenance; **Rick Cameron** of Planning; **Karl Adamowicz** of Properties; and **Marva Stewart** of Trade and Maritime Services.

Former Press-Telegram trade and transportation reporter Keith Higginbotham has joined the port's Communications Division as a communications specialist.

Mark Nero, who did an internship at the Press-Telegram in the mid-1990s, returns to the Long Beach paper to cover the port after a stint with the San Bernardino Sun.

The port has awarded \$8,000 scholarships to 11 students at Cal State Long Beach and Long Beach City College.

The port honored three international business students at Cal State Long Beach: **Vlad Marinescu, Niku Patel** and **Shahrokh Sheik**.

The port awarded its **Woodrow Wilson** Memorial Scholarship to international business students at Long Beach City College: **Keith Devereaux, Glenn Haas** and **Angelica Torres**. Woodrow Wilson was a port security director active in the port's scholarship program.

Scholarships also were presented to four maritime-related vocational education students at Long Beach City College: **Dexter Rumaguira, Ryan Alvarado, John O'Campo** and **Thomas Kiebler**.

Since 1993, the port has awarded \$75,000 to 90 students.

Gill Hicks has been named chair of the California Marine Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council.

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