



June 2002

AROUND THE PORT . . .

Import and export container cargo climbed in April as the total number of cargo containers shipped through the Port of Long Beach rose to 410,200 container units, an 11.9 percent increase over April 2001.

Amid signs of a turnaround in the U.S. economy, shipping terminals at the port reported that their inbound container cargo in April climbed 12.5 percent to the equivalent of 227,953 twenty-foot-long container units.

The port's leading imports include Asian-made clothing, shoes, toys and consumer electronics.

The number of outbound containers jumped 14.8 percent to 87,961 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in April.

April was the third consecutive month that exports have shown a percentage gain against last year's export total. The dollar has been trading lower against foreign currencies in recent months, making U.S. exports less expensive overseas.

The leading exports shipped through Long Beach include factory equipment and raw materials such as plastics, chemicals and recycled metal and paper.

The number of empty containers climbed by nearly 8 percent to 94,286 TEUs.

Nearly all of the empty containers are shipped overseas to be re-filled with products that are then returned to the United States.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has authorized the sale of as much as \$325 million in harbor revenue bonds, with the proceeds to be used to fund various construction projects during the next two years.

The projects include completion of a container terminal on Pier T; remediation and channel widening for a terminal on Pier S; slip improvements at Pier E; and a new wharf and gate complex at Pier G.

Four more of the world's largest ship-to-shore cranes are due to arrive on June 9 for the port's new 375-acre container terminal under construction for Hanjin Shipping Co. of South Korea.

The four 350-foot-high cranes will arrive fully assembled. The bright red-orange cranes are able to reach across a new generation of containership that is 22 containers wide. The cranes cost about \$7 million each.

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.

With the latest shipment, six cranes have arrived at the new Pier T Hanjin terminal. The first two cranes arrived in April. A second shipment with four cranes arrived in May. A final shipment of two cranes is to arrive in August. The new Pier T terminal 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.

Maersk Capt. Bob Lamb and the crew of *Sea-Land Innovator* arrived at the Port of Long Beach's Pier G terminal last month after a dramatic rescue.

They saved three people and a kitten on May 20, who had drifted in rough seas for three days aboard a disabled 48-foot sailboat en route from Honolulu to San Diego.

The sailboat, "*Life's Dream*," issued a mayday call to the U.S. Coast Guard 600 miles west of San Francisco.

A wave had snapped the rudder off and a line fouled the propeller. The sailboat had departed Honolulu 17 days earlier.

Overhearing the communications between the stricken vessel and a Coast Guard plane, the captain of the *Sea-Land Innovator*, which was 80 miles away from the vessel at the time, volunteered to perform the rescue.

Seas were rough with 12-foot swells and wind from the northwest at 25 to 31 mph. The rescued parties were **Harvey Owens, Krista Steel**, and Steel's 10-year-old daughter, **Taysia Riley**. The cat was not identified. The *Sea-Land Innovator* is a U.S. flag containership operated by U.S. Ship Management Inc. of North Carolina, serving the northern Asia to U.S. West Coast trade lane on Maersk Sealand's TP-2 string. The vessel was enroute from Pusan, South Korea, to Long Beach at the time of the rescue. The ship arrived on schedule at the Port of Long Beach on May 22.

The port is requesting "expressions of interest" from prospective tenants for a proposed Terminal Island liquid bulk terminal at

Berths T123 and T124 on Pier Echo south of the BP (Arco) oil terminal and Fremont Forest's lumber terminal.

The port is planning to develop a five-acre facility primarily for use in receiving crude oil or petroleum products. The terminal would include a berth with water depth of as much as 76 feet.

All expressions of interest must be submitted to the port by the close of business on July 17. For more information, contact port Properties Director Hal Duensing at (562) 590-4162.

Ideal weather provided perfect conditions for record-breaking crowds to tour the Port of Long Beach on May 11 aboard free harbor cruises hosted by the port in celebration of World Trade Week.

More than 2,100 visitors took the free boat rides, the highest one-day total ever for the port's yearly cruises.

Visitors were given a 90-minute-long look at port operations, including a close-up glimpse at giant container ships, ship-to-shore cranes, tugs and sea lions.

Four of "K" Line's new 5,600-TEU containerships made their maiden calls last month in Long Beach at International Transportation Service's Pier J terminal: *Rotterdam Bridge* on May 7, *Chiswick Bridge* on May 14, *Golden Gate Bridge* on May 21 and *Lion's Gate Bridge* on May 28.

The vessels are among seven new 5,600-TEU containerships calling at the port. The new ships are part of "K" Line's expanded "boomerang service" to the Pacific Rim.

Port officials welcomed the newest of Hanjin Shipping Co.'s 5,500-TEU containerships, the *Hanjin Taipei*, during its maiden call May 28 at Hanjin's Pier A terminal.

The 901-foot-long *Hanjin Taipei* is another of the 5,500-TEU-class vessels that Hanjin has acquired on a long-term charter from the German leasing company Conti Rederei.

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union has begun negotiations in San Francisco with the Pacific Maritime Association on a new three-year contract. The existing contract expires July 1.

The ILWU represents 10,000 longshore workers in California, Oregon and Washington. The PMA represents ocean carriers, stevedoring companies and terminal operators.

While the two groups have not disclosed the key issues at the bargaining table, the news media has reported that the primary issues are likely to be changes in work rules and the introduction of new

technologies. The union's main concerns are reportedly improving pensions and increasing its jurisdiction over jobs.

Sinotrans, which has been joint operator with Hanjin and is best known as China's national freight forwarding company, will launch its own string of ships in the trans-Pacific beginning in late June.

Sinotrans Container Lines (Sinolines) is chartering five 2,500-TEU vessels that will call weekly at Long Beach, Oakland, Huangpu (China), Hong Kong, Chiwan (China), Shanghai, Pusan (South Korea), and back to Long Beach.

Sinolines also operates vessels in the intra-Asia and Asia-Europe trade.

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority has re-opened South Henry Ford Avenue at Pier A Way, restoring vehicular access to Anchorage Road and the Wilmington Marinas.

ACTA is building overpasses to separate the train and street traffic at Henry Ford Avenue, Pier A Way and the Terminal Island Freeway. The project is scheduled for completion this summer.

The southbound Pacific Coast Highway on-ramp to the northbound Long Beach (710) Freeway will be closed through June 18 as part of the \$16.7 million pavement reconstruction project. Detour routes will be posted.

The project, which is necessitating periodic lane closures, includes the installation of a new concrete center divider.

The second phase, which includes excavating and repaving the shoulders in both directions, will begin in mid-June. Repaving mainline freeway lanes in both directions with new, longer lasting asphalt material is scheduled to begin in September.

For more information, go to: www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/710_rehab

Clarence W. Gooden, president & CEO of CSX Intermodal, will be the speaker at the Los Angeles Transportation Club's June 11 luncheon at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel. For information, call (562) 856-9197.

"Foreign Trade Zones and U.S. Customs: Friends or Foes" will be the topic of the Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce luncheon June 12 at Simon's restaurant at Ports O'Call, San Pedro. The speakers will be **Tommy L. Berry** of the KPMG and **Michael Kelly** of the U.S. Customs Service. For information, call (310) 417-3929.

More than 1,500 people from throughout the maritime industry are expected to gather for the 15th annual ILWU/Propeller Club Seafood

Feast from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 12 at the Port of Los Angeles's Berth 54 in San Pedro.

Proceeds support a memorial scholarship fund honoring longshore workers who lost their lives on the waterfront. Sponsors include the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), the Propeller Club of Los Angeles/Long Beach, and the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased in advance at any ILWU office or by calling (818) 951-2842.

Fausto Capobianco, the Port of Long Beach's communications director, will discuss the 90-year history of the port at the International Trade Club's June 18 luncheon at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 434-7393.

The Long Beach Port Ambassadors' installation of officers dinner will be held June 19 at the Queen Mary's Royal Salon Kings View Room.

New regulations on the presentation of electronic documents will be the topic of a program 8:30 a.m. June 20 at the World Trade Center Association Conference Theater in Long Beach. For information, call (213) 680-1888.

The Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce will host a reception for Mexican cabinet minister Ernesto Ruffo at 5:30 p.m. June 27 at the offices of Keesal, Young & Logan, 400 Oceangate in Long Beach. For information, call (310) 417-3929.

The eighth annual Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce Harbor Cup Challenge will be held at the Cypress Golf Club on July 18. For information, call (310) 417-3929.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

Arthur H. Fry, with more than 20 years of experience in the maritime industry, has been named the Port of Long Beach's marketing manager.

Before joining the port, Fry worked for 15 years as a sales and customer service manager in Long Beach for Foss Maritime Co. He also has worked as a sales representative in Long Beach for Interocean Steamship Corp and Tricom Shipping Agencies Inc., booking cargo for Neptune Orient Lines, Ivaran Lines, Polynesian Line and Italian Lines.

Oops! Last month's list of port Employee of the Year nominees

failed to include James Brown of the Security Division. Brown and the others were nominated for their hard work and dedication.

The Association of Water Transportation Accounting Officer's Southern California Chapter has awarded scholarships to business accounting students Alimou Diallo of Cal State Dominguez Hills (\$700), Stirling A. Elliot of Cal State Long Beach (\$700), Lori Hauersley of CSULB (\$700), and Kristy Meyers of CSUDH (\$500).

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