

CLOSE WINDOW



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AROUND THE PORT . . .

With the arrival of four ship-to-shore cranes in June bringing the total number of gantry cranes at Pier T to 10, the first 288 acres of the Port of Long Beach's new Terminal Island container terminal is near completion.

Hanjin Shipping of South Korea was planning to begin its move to the new Pier T facility in August. Hanjin has been calling at Long Beach's 170-acre Pier A terminal since 1997.

Two more of the gantry cranes are due to arrive in August, which will give Hanjin 12 of the world's largest cranes. The new cranes can reach across vessels nearly 200 feet or 22 containers wide.

The first phase of the new Pier T terminal also features a 3,700-foot-long wharf with a minimum water depth of 50 feet, a truck gate complex with 29 lanes, 13 electronic truck scales, more than 140,000 square feet of terminal buildings, and the port's largest on-dock rail yard with more than 83,000 feet of rail.

The port will complete the final 87 acres by mid-2003.

Once Hanjin moves out of Pier A, the port will make some repairs, and then terminal operator SSAT will be moving in.

SSAT's key customers at Pier A will be Mediterranean Shipping, which will be moving from the Port of Los Angeles, and Zim American-Israeli Shipping Co., which has been calling at Long Beach's Pier C terminal. The 57-acre Pier C facility also is leased to SSAT.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has voted its preliminary approval for a 20-year lease with SSAT to operate Pier C with Matson Navigation as its key customer.

Matson is the leading ocean carrier between the U.S. West Coast and Hawaii. Matson, which has been calling at the Port of Los Angeles, would move into Pier C after Zim moves to Pier A.

Led by a sharp rise in imports, container cargo shipments at the port climbed in May to 428,033 twenty-foot-long container units – an increase of 16.5 percent over May 2001. This May’s total is the fourth highest monthly total in port history.

“Even with a sluggish U.S. economic recovery, trade continues to grow,” said port Executive Director **Richard Steinke**.

The number of imported containers rose to 231,382 twenty-foot-equivalent units, an increase of 18 percent over May 2001. For the fourth consecutive month, exports gained over the export total for the same month a year ago. Exported containers in May increased to 84,062 TEUs, a gain of 3.6 percent over May 2001. The number of empty containers shipped through the port jumped to 112,589 TEUs, a 24.6 percent increase.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved the award of a \$10.4 million contract to Excel Paving of Long Beach to grade, pave and install utilities on the northern half of Pier S for development of a 160-acre container terminal.

The work is expected to begin during the second week of July, with completion due within nine months.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has elected John W. Hancock as its president for the 2002-2003 year. Hancock also served as president in the 1998-1999 year.

In its annual rotation of officers, the commissioners voted **John R. Calhoun**, J.D., as vice president, **Roy E. Hearrean** as secretary and Dr. **John E. Kashiwabara** as assistant secretary. **Carmen O. Perez**, the outgoing president, is the other board member.

Hancock named Perez to a special position to coordinate port security.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded \$4.3 million in federal grants to the port to enhance landside law enforcement patrols and to launch a video surveillance system to monitor bridges and roadways.

In all, the Transportation Department awarded \$92.3 million in post-Sept. 11 port security grants to 51 ports throughout the nation. The Port of Long Beach had applied for nearly \$20 million in federal grants to fund seven programs.

“This is a good start,” port Executive Director Steinke said. “We

appreciate the recognition by the federal government of our need for this funding. We look forward to passage of the comprehensive port security bill now before Congress, and additional appropriations to augment our security initiatives.”

The Long Beach Police Department has added a new 24-foot boat to its patrols of the port focusing on anti-terrorism and waterway safety.

The patrol boat will operate as part of an enhanced security agreement between the port Harbor Department and the Police Department. The state Department of Fish and Game donated the boat. The U.S. Coast Guard has trained the officers assigned to the patrol crews. Gulfstream Aircraft donated materials and labor to paint the boat.

As *Tie Lines* went to press, the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union extended their contract negotiations. Cargo continued to move smoothly through the port.

The current three-year agreement expired at 5 p.m. July 1. The PMA represents the employers including shipping lines, terminal operators and stevedoring companies. The ILWU represents the 10,000 longshore persons at West Coast ports.

For updates on the negotiations, go to the PMA website at www.pmanet.org. The ILWU website is www.ilwu.org, but the union had not posted updates.

The deadline is July 17 to submit an expression of interest in a proposed deepwater liquid-bulk terminal at Terminal Island’s Berths T123 and T124 at Pier Echo.

The facility would be designed to handle the “very large crude carrier” class of oil tankers, which are among the world’s largest. For more information, call port Properties Director **Hal Duensing** at (562) 590-4162.

Twenty-five photographs highlighting the 91-year history of the Port of Long Beach are on display in the lobby of the Long Beach Entertainment and Convention Center.

A more extensive exhibit, with 100 historic port photographs, continues on display at the port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza.

Preparing for the construction of a deep-water wharf at the south end of Pier G, Manson Construction Co. brought in 60,000 tons of rock at the Maersk-Sealand terminal in June.

Canadian Shipping Line’s ship, the *Sheila Ann*, hauled the rock from

Canada. It also has brought rock for a 15-acre landfill at the south end of the International Transportation Service terminal at Pier J. Another load of rock was due to arrive at the end of June.

Port officials welcomed three more of “K” Line’s new 5,600-TEU containerships – the *Venus Bridge* on June 6, the *Mercury Bridge* on June 12, and the *Jupiter Bridge* on June 18 – during their maiden calls at the International Transportation Service terminal at Pier J.

The vessels are among 13 new 5,600-TEU ships that “K” Line is deploying in a pendulum service that calls in Europe, Asia and the United States.

The *Hanjin Pretoria*, a 4,300-TEU container ship, made its maiden call on June 17 at Hanjin’s Pier A terminal.

Toko Line’s bulk vessel, *Colonel Caballero*, brought a shipment of Japanese steel to the port on its maiden call on June 24 at the Crescent Terminals facilities at Pier F.

The ship also was calling at the ports of Stockton, Ensenada, Manzanillo and Mazatlan. The vessel is due to return to Long Beach in July with a shipment of steel from Mexico.

Sea Launch has successfully launched a PanAmSat satellite into orbit to provide Internet, video, audio and data services for the United States and Latin America.

It was the seventh successful launch for Sea Launch, which is home ported at the Port of Long Beach and sails to the equator for its launches. It was the second PanAmSat satellite placed into orbit by Sea Launch.

David Bennett, “K” Line America’s West Coast vice president of sales, will be the speaker at the Los Angeles Transportation Club luncheon July 10 at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.

Farzam Kamalabadi of Future Trends International of Shanghai and Frederick Hong, an attorney practicing in China, will be among the speakers at an all-day program July 16 at the World Trade Center Conference Theater in Long Beach.

The program, “Piercing the Great Trade Wall of China,” is sponsored by the World Trade Center Association, the California Council for International Trade and United Airlines Cargo. For more information, call (213) 680-1888.

The eighth annual Harbor Cup Challenge, which includes matches between the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, will be held July 18 at the Cypress Golf Course.

The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce is sponsoring the event. Proceeds benefit the association's education and scholarship fund for students at the California Maritime Academy. For information, call (310) 417-3929.

The International Trade Club will hold its Summer Charity Golf Tournament on July 26 at the Green River Golf Course in Corona. For information, call (562) 434-7393.

John Cushing of eModal.com will be the speaker at the Harbor Transportation Club dinner Aug. 8 at Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. For more information, call (562) 434-7393.

Save the date. The Foreign Trade Association will hold its 30th annual golf tournament on Aug. 15 at the Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. For information, call (323) 730-1011.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

The Long Beach City Council has approved Mayor Beverly O'Neill's nomination of Dr. John Kashiwabara to a second six-year term on the Harbor Commission.

Kashiwabara is a retired family physician who is very active in civic groups and the first Japanese-American to serve on the Harbor Commission.

David L. Hauser, a member of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners from 1983 to 1995, died on June 24. He was 73.

Hauser, a mortgage broker and real estate lender, worked closely in negotiating the 1994 purchase of 725 acres of oil fields in the North Harbor. The port has redeveloped the land to create the 170-acre Pier A Hanjin terminal and the planned 160-acre Pier S facility. Hauser also was a founding member of the joint powers authority for the Alameda Corridor, the 20-mile-long train expressway that opened in April.

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