



## August 2002

### AROUND THE PORT . . .

**Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke thanked Long Beach Harbor Department employees for their hard work on the first phase of the 375-acre Pier T container terminal on Terminal Island.**

At a “Berth Day” celebration July 26, 200 port employees toured the newly completed facilities. The first 288 acres include a 3,700-foot-long wharf, a 29-lane truck gate complex, 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 87-acre final phase will be complete in mid-2003.

**Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery Co. (ZPMC) expects to deliver the final two ship-to-shore gantry cranes for Pier T on Aug. 3.**

The two cranes would give Pier T a total of 12 of the world’s largest ship-to-shore gantry cranes, each capable of reaching across ships 22 containers wide. The port has an option to order as many as eight more cranes from ZPMC.

**With the pending certification of the first eight gantry cranes, Hanjin Shipping of South Korea is expected to begin moving into the new Pier T terminal in mid-August.**

The first Hanjin vessel would call at Pier T during the final week of August.

**With construction of the first phase of the Pier T terminal complete, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved an \$18.4 million contract with Brutoco Engineering and Construction Inc. of Fontana to install utilities for the 87-acre second phase.**

The low-bid contract includes installation of storm drains, water

service, sewer lines, light poles, refrigerated container power outlets, paving and construction of a secondary truck gate complex. The work is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2003.

**The Board of Harbor Commissioners has adopted a \$438.9 million budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year that increases security staffing to meet post-Sept. 11 needs.**

The spending plan for the 12 months beginning Oct. 1 sets aside \$258.4 million for capital outlays, including \$52 million for completion of the Pier T terminal, and \$36.6 million for a new wharf and gate complex at International Transportation Service's Pier J terminal.

The budget next goes to the City Council for approval. The Council will hold hearings on city department budgets between mid-August and the end of September.

**Led by a surge in imports, the total number of cargo containers shipped through the Port of Long Beach in June climbed to the equivalent of 418,977 container units, a 15.5 percent increase over the same month a year ago.**

June marked the third month in a row that the port's container total (imports, exports and empties) topped 400,000 twenty-foot-long container units – the first such “three-peat” in port history.

The number of imported containers rose to 236,112 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), an increase of 16.3 percent. The port's leading imports include Asian-made clothing, shoes, toys and consumer electronics.

The number of exported containers fell to 75,814 TEUs, a 3.3 percent decline and the first downturn in exports in five months. The port's leading exports include factory equipment, recycled paper and raw materials such as plastics and chemicals.

The number of empty containers jumped to 107,051 TEUs, an increase of 31.7 percent. Most of the empty containers were shipped to Asia to be re-filled with cargo.

**Through the first six months of 2002, the total container cargo volume is up 8.7 percent over the same period a year ago thanks to across-the-board gains in trade.**

For the January through June 2002 period, imports are up 9 percent, exports up 3.6 percent and empties up 13 percent.

**The California Public Utility Commission and Southern California Edison Co. have agreed to exempt nearly the entire Port of Long Beach from future rolling power blackouts.**

The port obtained the exemption after convincing the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration to issue a finding that the port complex is "essential" to the national defense. The Maritime Administration agreed that 49 electrical circuit supplying electricity to all of the port's waterfront facilities are critical to the national defense. Only circuits supplying power to non-waterfront areas in the North Harbor were not exempted.

**The Board of Harbor Commissioners has awarded a \$732,000 contract to J & G Industries of Fountain Valley to demolish the former Sea-Land office building on Harbor Plaza and pave over the two-acre area.**

The work will begin in August and continue until early 2003. The two-acre area west of the port Administration Building will be added to the International Transportation Service container terminal.

**The Board of Harbor Commissioners has honored dozens of terminal operators for their longtime participation in the port's Storm Water Management Program – an award-winning effort that has dramatically reduced the flow of pollutants into port storm drains.**

The port's Planning Division launched the program a decade ago. Since then, the Planning Division has worked closely with terminal operators, developing individual preventative plans to limit the flow of pollutants into storm drains.

The plans included training sessions, the posting of signs, more frequent sweeping, and the use of drip pans while working on equipment. The Planning Division followed up with inspections and water monitoring to enforce the new practices.

**Who was the port's leading trading partner in 2001? What was its leading export commodity? You can find the answers (China and petroleum) and lots of colorful photos in the port's newly issued 2001 Annual Report.**

Free copies are available in the lobby of the port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza. Or, call (562) 590-4121. If the techies have fixed the bugs, you can order a copy at the port's web site:

[http://www.polb.com/html/7\\_contacts/subscribe.html](http://www.polb.com/html/7_contacts/subscribe.html).

**Pending a security review, the Port of Long Beach has declared its cargo-handling areas, including the waters under and around wharves, off-limits to fishing.**

Fishing from land within the port is permitted only in designated fishing areas. Fishing from vessels is generally permitted without a permit in open water areas outside the main navigation channel and restricted areas shown on navigation chart.

Fishing from vessels under and around wharves and berthing areas requires the consent of the port and, pending review of security issues, consent is not currently being granted.

**Millennium Maritime has christened its newest tractor tug, the *Millennium Dawn* in a ceremony June 26.**

The San Pedro-based company now operates five tractor tugs serving Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors. The 105-foot Millennium Dawn has a bollard pull of 65.5 tons.

**The first Sinolines container ship, the *Trade Foison*, made its maiden call on July 18 at Hanjin's Pier A terminal.**

The Chinese shipping line, which had previously operated its transpacific service on Hanjin vessels, is now operating five chartered 2,800-TEU vessels in the Pacific. The vessels call in China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Long Beach and Oakland.

**The newest Hanjin container ship, the 5,700-TEU *Hanjin Helsinki*, made its first call on July 18 at Hanjin's Pier A terminal.**

The *Helsinki* is deployed in Hanjin's Pacific South China Express Service, which calls in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Long Beach and Oakland.

**NYK Line's bulk carrier, the *Hibiscus*, made its maiden call on July 22 at the Cemex USA terminal at Pier D.**

The vessel brought 41,000 metric tons of cement from China. The ship was expected to carry scrap metal back to China.

**Port officials welcomed the container ship *Zim California* on July 24 during its maiden call at SSAT's C-60 Terminal.**

The vessel is one of six new 4,800-TEU ships deployed on the Zim Container Service calling in the Far East, U.S. West Coast, Panama Canal, U.S. East Coast and the Mediterranean.

**The International Longshore and Warehouse Union has suspended its negotiations with the Pacific Maritime Association until Aug. 13.**

Meanwhile, cargo continues to move smoothly through West Coast ports. The current three-year labor agreement expired July 1. The two groups have agreed to a series of 24-hour contract extensions until at least Aug. 13.

For updates on the negotiations, go to the PMA website at [www.pmanet.org](http://www.pmanet.org) or the ILWU website at [www.ilwu.org](http://www.ilwu.org).

**The Foreign Trade Association will host a customs mock trial and breakfast at 8 a.m. Aug. 7 at the Sheraton Los Angeles Airport hotel.**

U.S. Court of International Trade Judge **R. Kenton Musgrave** will preside. For information, call (323) 730-1011.

**John Cushing of eModal will talk about his company's truck appointment system at the Harbor Transportation Club dinner Aug. 8 at Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro.**

For information, call (562) 434-7393.

**The Center for International Trade and Transportation is offering beginning classes in global logistics on Aug. 7 and 14 at Cal State Long Beach.**

Topics include career opportunities, trade and transportation terminology, supply chain concepts and goods movement. The Port of Long Beach has been one of the sponsors of the CITT's global logistics specialist program. For information, call (562) 296-1170.

**Swift Transportation President Jerry Moyes, also the vice president of the American Trucking Association, will be the speaker at the Aug. 13 luncheon meeting of the Los Angeles Transportation Club.**

The event will be held at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.

**The Foreign Trade Association will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament on Aug. 15 at the Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena.**

For information, call (323) 730-1011.

**The maritime industry will salute the U.S. Coast Guard for its vigilance since Sept. 11 at a fund-raising dinner-dance Sept. 17 aboard the Queen Mary. Proceeds will benefit the International**

## **Seafarers Center of Long Beach-Los Angeles.**

The event will include the second annual Great Tugboat Race and other festivities. For information, call (818) 951-2842.

## **PORT PEOPLE . . .**

**The seven-member Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority board has elected Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn as its chairwoman.**

She succeeds Long Beach City Councilman **Frank Colonna**, who was elected vice chairman of the ACTA board.

**Metropolitan Stevedore Co. has appointed John R. Hampton as vice president and chief financial officer and Philip Poggi as controller.**

Hampton, who holds an MBA from Pepperdine University, has been with Metropolitan since 1993. Poggi joined the company in 1994.

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