

CLOSE WINDOW



**October 2003**

**AROUND THE PORT . . .**

**Without an early surge in end-of-the-year holiday cargo, the total number of containers shipped through the Port of Long Beach in August fell to the equivalent of 390,717 twenty-foot-long units, an 8.5 percent drop from August 2002.**

The number of inbound containers declined 11.8 percent to 206,910 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). The port's leading imports include such holiday merchandise as clothing, toys, shoes and consumer electronics.

Holiday shipments usually peak in September and October, but in past years have begun arriving as early as July. Last year, importers shipped products early, ahead of a possible showdown between the longshore union and employers.

Amid a weakening of the dollar, which makes U.S.-made products cheaper overseas, the number of outbound containers rose 6 percent to 75,338 TEUs in August. The port's leading exports include machinery, plastics, electronic components, meat and chemicals.

The number of empty containers, nearly all headed overseas to be refilled with cargo, dropped 10.8 percent to 108,469 TEUs.

**The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, with its \$2.4 billion freight rail expressway largely complete, has formed a four-person committee to explore expanding the agency's mission to include other projects that improve the movement of cargo in the region.**

ACTA Chairman and Long Beach Vice Mayor **Frank Colonna** has named three other board members to join him in the committee. The others are Long Beach Harbor Commissioner and former ACTA CEO **James Hankla**, Los Angeles Councilwoman **Janice Hahn** and Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner **Tom Warren**.

ACTA officials noted that the study of a potentially larger mission is consistent with the agency's goal of supporting projects that facilitate goods movement.

**A new U.S.-built container ship has called at the port for the first time in many years. Matson Navigation Co.'s 2,600-TEU *Manukai* called at the Pier C terminal that Matson operates jointly with SSA at the end of September during sea trials.**

The *Manukai*, under the command of Capt. **Katharine Sweeney**, will enter Matson's Long Beach-to-Hawaii cargo service beginning Oct. 1. The vessel is the first of two ordered under a \$220 million contract with a re-opened Philadelphia shipyard that is constructing its first ships in 34 years.

The *Manukai* was built with such environmental friendly features as tin-free coatings, low-sulfur fuel tanks and reduced-emission engines.

**Helping to improve air quality, nearly all of the port's container terminals have joined in a Diesel Emission Reduction Program in which they install exhaust control devices on nearly 300 of their yard hostlers, transtainers and mobile cranes.**

California United Terminals and Hanjin began outfitting their vehicles with the pollution-control devices at the beginning of the summer. Also joining in the program this fall are Long Beach Container Terminal, Pacific Container Terminal, SSAT-Long Beach at Pier A and the SSA/Matson Terminal at Pier C.

Some terminals are installing diesel oxidation catalysts on their vehicles, and others are using diesel particulate filters. The port and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments jointly funded the devices, with the port also paying a portion of the first year's fuel costs for vehicles with catalysts because they require a more expensive fuel.

**The International Transportation Service container terminal on Pier G/J is getting two new ship-to-shore cranes. The gantry cranes, built by Paceco-Mitsui in Japan, have arrived at ITS' newly finished 14-acre wharf extension.**

ITS plans to have the cranes operational by the end of the year, with the first ships – 5,600-TEU “K” Line vessels -- calling at the new deep-water berth early next year.

**Port officials welcomed the 6,800-TEU containership P&O Nedlloyd *Houtman* on Sept. 9 during its maiden call at Long Beach Container Terminal's Pier F facility.**

The *Houtman* is one of four 6,800-TEU vessels built for P&O by Hyundai's shipyard in South Korea. A sister ship, the *Stuyvesant*, called at LBCT earlier in the year.

The ships are being deployed in a new Long Beach-to-Far East service, the Grand Alliance's Super Shuttle Express service that calls in Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Malaysia.

The Grand Alliance consists of P&O Nedlloyd, Hapag-Lloyd, Orient Overseas Container Line and NYK Line.

**What's the No. 1 source of harbor water pollution? Not oil tanker spills or any other activity at the port. The No. 1 source of water pollution is run-off from inland roads, yards, driveways, parks, farms and factories, according to the state Department of Fish and Game.**

The marine ecosystem is threatened by pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer carried into storm drains by water run-off. Oil is washed from driveways and streets. Debris and waste also collects in the storm drains before making their way into the harbor.

The Department of Fish and Game urges citizens to refrain from dumping anything into storm drains. In caring for lawns, residents should cycle their watering to give time for water to percolate into the ground. Pet owners are encouraged to collect their animals' waste from yards and streets.

**Carrying a cargo of caustic soda, the *Green Park*, a 19,500-deadweight-ton chemical tanker, made its maiden call on Sept. 19 at the Dow Chemical facility at Pier S on Terminal Island.**

The vessel is owned by Stonevale Ltd. of the British Virgin Island, and operated by Zodiac Maritime Agencies of London. Built in Japan, the 477-foot-long *Green Park* was launched in August.

**With family matriarch Sandy Jacobsen breaking a bottle of champagne on the bow, Jacobsen Pilot Service christened its new pilot boat, the 59-foot-long *Vega*.**

Long Beach Mayor **Beverly O'Neill**, Harbor Commission President **John Hancock**, other port officials and customers joined in the festivities.

The Canadian-built *Vega* replaces Jacobsen's 30-year-old *Venus*, and joins the *Polaris* in shuttling Jacobsen pilots to their duties guiding vessels in and out of the port.

**The Sea Launch *Odyssey* launch platform and *Commander* left the port near the end of September, headed for the Equator and a scheduled Sept. 30 launch to place a communications satellite into orbit for PanAmSat Corp. and JSAT Corp.**

The satellite, the third that Sea Launch is placing into orbit for PanAmSat, will be used for Internet and cable communications in North

America and Asia.

**Seismic tests at the Port of Long Beach indicate that old working piers in California may be less prone to collapse during moderate earthquakes than previously thought.**

This was the conclusion following a series of experiments funded by the National Sea Grant College Program and led by UC San Diego engineering professor **Scott Ashford** and graduate student **Sean Walsh**.

Early this summer, they conducted tests on a former Navy pier that is being demolished as part of the second phase of the Hanjin Pier T terminal project. The State Lands Commission is using information gathered from the tests to draft design criteria for marine oil terminals.

**Reversing the order of finish from a year ago, the Millennium Maritime edged out Foss Maritime and Crowley in the Third annual Tugboat Race off the stern of the Queen Mary.**

A fund-raiser for the International Seafarers Center, the event included a dinner honoring retiring Foss executive **P. Barry Baldwin**.

**A photographic exhibit, "The Navy in Long Beach: A Century of Collaboration," which shows the Navy's history in Long Beach, is on display on the Arcade Level of the Breakers Hotel, 210 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.**

The Historical Society of Long Beach and the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association are the hosts for this one-year exhibit open free to the public. For more information, call (562) 495-1210.

**Joel Anderson of the California Trucking Association will be the speaker Oct. 8 for the Los Angeles Transportation Club luncheon at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.**

**John Doherty, the new CEO of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, will be the speaker for the Oct. 9 dinner hosted by the Harbor Transportation Club at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 434-7393.**

**New regulations aimed at stopping terrorists will be among the topics at Tradewatch 2004 on Oct. 16 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel.**

The Port of Long Beach, Foreign Trade Association and the Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association are among the sponsors. For information, call (323) 730-1011.

**The Orange County Transportation Club will hold its Octoberfest Meet-N-Greet Mixer at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Old World Restaurant and Beer Garden in Huntington Beach. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.**

**Module Five of Cal State Long Beach's Global Logistics Specialist Program begins 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the CSULB campus.**

The four-week program covers port technology, industry trends and transportation infrastructure. For more information, call (562) 296-1170.

**The Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce will hold its 25th annual Salute to Industry dinner on Oct. 23 at the Ocean Trails Golf Club in Rancho Palos Verdes.**

This year the event honors the Marine Exchange of Southern California. For more information, call (310) 417-3929.

**Tom Johnson, the port's manager of environmental planning, will discuss "Cold-Ironing" at an Oct. 30 breakfast meeting of the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce.**

"Cold-ironing" is a proposed system for vessels to use shore-side electrical power while at berth. The event, from 7:15 to 9 a.m., will be held at the Sheraton Los Angeles Harbor Hotel in San Pedro. For more information, call (310) 417-3929.

**The Harbor Transportation Club's annual Year In Review discussion is planned for a dinner program Dec. 4 at the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. For more information, call (562) 434-7393.**

## **PORT PEOPLE. . .**

**Former Mattel Inc. logistics manager Donald B. Snyder has joined the port as its new marketing manager, reporting to Wilma Powell, director of Trade and Maritime Services.**

Snyder's responsibilities include maintaining contacts with port customers, analyzing proposed changes to the port's tariff, and evaluating cargo projections and trends.

Previously, he was the manager of import/export logistics for Mattel for six years. He recently represented Mattel at a port-sponsored workshop on the benefits of after-hour truck gates and off-hour distribution operations. Snyder also worked for 10 years for Sea-Land Services.

**A. Richard Aschieris, a former executive secretary to the Long Beach Harbor Commission and now chief executive of the Port of Stockton, will be among this year's inductees into the Long Beach City College Hall of Fame.**

The luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood. For more information, call (562) 938-4205.

**Crowley Maritime Corp. has promoted Todd Busch to general manager of the company's Southern California ship assist and escort services operations.**

Busch, who joined Crowley 16 years ago, will relocate from Seattle to San Pedro, while continuing to direct the sales and marketing efforts for all of Crowley's ship assist and escort business.

His new duties include taking on the administrative and operational responsibilities in Southern California where Crowley operates six harbor tugs in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and two harbor tugs in the Port of San Diego.

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