

CLOSE WINDOW



## November 2003

### AROUND THE PORT . . .

**Reporting the biggest percentage gains in 14 months, shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach saw the number of cargo container containers jump to the equivalent of 379,811 units, an 11.6 percent increase over September 2002.**

The September percentages are the first to show gains at the port since Maersk Sealand left Long Beach in August 2002. During the past year, Maersk's "missing" numbers "hid" increases at the remaining terminals. Now with the Maersk number's no longer a factor, the September figures show that inbound containers were up 9.3 percent from September 2002 to 206,315 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), just a few boxes shy of the August 2003 inbound total.

The number of outbound containers rose 22.4 percent to 65,926 TEUs compared to a very weak September 2002. Because of the West Coast lockout at the end of September 2002 and the first week of October 2002, export totals last September and October were the lowest in nine years.

The number of empty containers, virtually all headed overseas to be re-filled with cargo, climbed 10 percent to 107,570 TEUs.

**Reflecting the gains at the port in the last year, the total container volume fell only 6.5 percent to 4.4 million TEUs for the fiscal year – although the departure of Maersk Sealand left a nearly 25 percent gap.**

In the past year, the port has opened the new 375-acre Hanjin terminal on Pier T, and International Transportation Service and Pacific Container Terminal have each expanded their operations into Maersk's two former terminals in Long Beach. Also, Mediterranean Shipping Co. and Matson Navigation Co. have moved to Long Beach from Los

Angeles.

For the fiscal year through September, inbound cargo was down 10.4 percent, outbound cargo down 11.2 percent and empties up 5.2 percent.

**Port officials, including Harbor Commission Vice President John Calhoun, and the chairman of “K” Line, Isao Shintani, gathered Oct. 30 to dedicate a newly completed wharf at the International Transportation Service terminal at Piers G and J.**

ITS is a subsidiary of “K” Line. The new 1,300-foot-long wharf is part of a 14-acre landfill project, extending the wharf area and creating a new deep-water berth.

The water depth is 52 feet at the new berth, J235 and J236, more than deep enough for “K” Line’s next generation of 8,000-TEU vessels under construction in Japan and the current generation of fully loaded 5,600-TEU vessels. ITS has acquired two new ship-to-shore cranes built by Paceco-Mitsui in Japan to work the new wharf.

**International Transportation Service’s new, \$38 million wharf is among a series of recently completed improvements on Pier J that include a new 10-lane truck gate and an expanded rail yard.**

Completed in the spring, the rail yard now includes an additional 15,000 feet of storage track, and the new truck gate includes scales, video inspection, driver’s license reader recognition and a voice communications system.

**The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has voted to obtain \$50 million in terrorism insurance coverage for property damage under a shared program with 15 other public entities including the ports of Oakland and San Diego.**

The insurance, with a \$500,000 deductible, will cover both foreign and domestic acts of terrorism.

**Carrying cargo from Asia and Europe, the Grand Alliance shipping line consortium has begun calling at ITS’ Pier G and J container terminal as part of the alliance’s Pacific-Atlantic Express (PAX) service.**

The alliance members are Hapag Lloyd, P&O Nedlloyd, Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK) and Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL). CP Ships, which includes Lykes and TMM, will also contribute cargo because of a space-sharing agreement with Hapag Lloyd.

The Grand Alliance’s Pacific-Atlantic Express pendulum route calls in Europe, the East Coast of North America, passes through the Panama Canal, calls on the U.S. West Coast in Seattle, Oakland and Long Beach, and then sails to the Far East before swinging back to most of the same ports.

Using 4,700-TEU Hapag Lloyd ships, the service will have two vessels a week calling at ITS, one westbound and one eastbound. The Grand Alliance also has services calling at Long Beach Container Terminal (the Southeast Asia express), and other services at the Port of Los Angeles.

**Port officials welcomed China Shipping Container Lines' vessel Chiwan on Oct. 6, during its maiden call at Hanjin Shipping's Pier T terminal.**

The Chiwan is the first China Shipping vessel to call at the Port of Long Beach. China Shipping has shifted a weekly service to Long Beach from Los Angeles. The service calls in the Far East and the U.S. West Coast. China Shipping also is planning to launch another Far East-to-U.S. West Coast service in Long Beach beginning late next summer, after it takes delivery of the first of its 8,000-TEU container ships.

**Now you can learn more about the port's Healthy Harbor Long Beach environmental initiatives by going to the port's web site – [www.polb.com](http://www.polb.com) – and clicking on the environment pages.**

The pages include information on the port's air quality, water, wildlife habitat and site clean up programs, and its successes.

**The Hamburg Sud shipping group will stop using the trade names Columbus Line and Crowley American Transport and replace them with its own name in January.**

**The group has provided services to Latin America and the Far East, with calls at Pacific Container Terminal's Pier J facility in Long Beach.**

The Hamburg Sud shipping group also provides services linking South America with Europe, North America, the Mediterranean, Asia, South and West Africa. Other services link Europe with the Mediterranean, India and Pakistan. It also has services linking Australia/New Zealand and the Pacific islands with Asia and North America.

**The port has replaced crash cushions at the south end of the Long Beach (710) Freeway where the southbound roadway splits into lanes for downtown traffic crossing the Shoemaker Bridge Ramp and other lanes heading into the port.**

The older yellow, sand-filled crash barrels required freeway traffic to be stopped for several hours whenever the cushions were hit. The new black, high-density, high-molecular polyethylene crash barrels are empty and can be restored to pre-crash condition within 15 minutes.

**Following its 10th successful satellite launch on Sept. 30, Long Beach-based Sea Launch announced plans to offer launch services from Kazakhstan, in addition to its sea-based launches at the**

## **Equator.**

The new offering, Land Launch, is based on the collaboration of Sea Launch and Space International Services (SIS), of Russia, to meet the launch needs of commercial customers with medium weight satellites. Sea Launch, which is home-ported at the Port of Long Beach, will continue to provide heavy-lift launch services. The international partners include Boeing (U.S.), Kvaerner Group (Norway), RSC Energia (Russia) and SDO Yuzhnoye/PO Yuzhmash (Ukraine). With the Sept. 30 launch from the Equator, Sea Launch placed into orbit a satellite for high-definition TV broadcasts.

## **Gov. Gray Davis has signed legislation that exempts shipping lines from an 8.5 percent sales tax on bunker fuels until 2014.**

After a previous exemption expired on Jan. 1, 2003, the sale of bunker fuel in California dropped by more than 40 percent. State Sen. **Betty Karnette**, D-Long Beach, and Assemblyman **Alan Lowenthal**, D-Long Beach, were among the sponsors of the new exemption legislation.

## **State Sen. Betty Karnette will give a Sacramento perspective on “Goods Movement” at the Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce’s Nov. 13 luncheon at the Coast Long Beach Hotel. For more information, call (310) 417-3929.**

## **Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna will discuss “Clean Air Programs: Gateway Cities and the Port of Long Beach” at the Propeller Club’s Nov. 19 luncheon at the Coast Long Beach Hotel. For more information, call (818) 951-2842.**

## **Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, whose district includes the port, will present a congressional legislative update at the International Business Association’s Nov. 21 luncheon at the Westin Long Beach Hotel.**

The Huntington Beach Republican recently urged port terminals to open off-hour truck gates to ease congestion on the Long Beach (710) Freeway. For more information on the IBA luncheon, call (562) 432-8128.

## **PORT PEOPLE . . .**

**Rose Rigby has been promoted to one of the port’s wharfinger positions in the Trade and Maritime Services division.**

**Evergreen shipping line Corporate Advisor Bob Kleist, a leading figure in the Southern California maritime and international trade community for more than 50 years, died on Oct. 4 in Glendale. He was 86.**

Before joining Evergreen, he was director of marketing at the Port of Los

Angeles and a vice president with Pacific Far East Line. Kleist was a pilot with the famed Flying Tigers in China during World War II.

**Long Beach City Manager Jerry Miller and the City Council have confirmed the appointment of Christine F. Shippey as assistant city manager.**

Shippey has worked for the city for more than 19 years, serving in various departments and roles including most recently as the acting director of public works.

She has a bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from the University of Southern California.

**The American Association of Port Authorities at its annual conference in Curacao presented awards of excellence to Port of Long Beach Communications Director Yvonne Smith for two of her division's publications, the 2002 Annual Report and the 2003 port Reference Guide and Tidetables.**

The art director on both projects was **Donna Shipman**, with contributions from **Art Wong**, **Steve Sykora** and **Ka-Wai "Tony" Chan**.

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