

CLOSE WINDOW



July 2004

AROUND THE PORT . . .

A jump in imports propelled May's cargo container total at the Port of Long Beach to the highest level ever for any month, a record 468,029 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), and an increase of 20.5 percent over the same month a year ago.

The previous record was set in July 2002.

Inbound cargo, mostly summer and back-to-school consumer goods, climbed 23.6 percent to 242,910 TEUs. Outbound cargo, mostly raw materials, rose 10.3 percent to 84,502 TEUs. With the imbalance in trade, the number of empty containers – almost all headed overseas – increased 22 percent to 140,617 TEUs.

With the U.S. economy rebounding since the second half of last year, imports at the Port have grown by 19.9 percent in the past eight months. Asian economies also are improved, as reflected in the Port's 24.7 percent jump in exports for the same period.

The Discovery Channel program, Extreme Engineering, will look at the Port of Long Beach and today's mega-terminals in a cable television broadcast tentatively scheduled to air July 28.

Discovery Channel crews filmed at the Total Terminals International facility at Pier T, aboard a Foss Maritime tug, the Hanjin Washington and the OOCL Hamburg, and interviewed Jacobsen port pilots, Port Executive Director **Richard Steinke** and others.

The program is part of a second season for the Extreme Engineering series, which profiles the world's most ambitious engineering projects.

More of the world's largest container ships are headed for Long Beach. China Shipping Container Line has added the 8,000-plus-TEU CSCL Asia to its Asia-America South Loop 1 (AAS1) service.

The service calls in China in Shanghai, Xiamen, Yantian and Hong

Kong, and then crosses the Pacific to Long Beach and Oakland before returning to Shanghai. The *CSCCL Asia* is scheduled to call in Long Beach at Total Terminals International's Pier T facility on Terminal Island late in July.

The *CSCCL Asia* is the first of five new 8,000-plus-TEU vessels that China Shipping is adding to its fleet this year.

China Ocean Shipping Co. has the 8,000-plus-TEU COSCO Long Beach coming to Pacific Container Terminal's Pier J facility in Long Beach in late August as part of the company's Southeast Asia (SEA) service.

The *COSCO Long Beach*, built by Hyundai Heavy Industries of South Korea, is one of five new 8,000-plus-TEU vessels that COSCO will be deploying this year in its SEA service. COSCO is chartering the vessels from E.R. Schiffahrt of Germany.

The SEA service calls in China in Ningbo, Xiamen, Hong Kong and Yantian, heads across the Pacific to Long Beach and Vancouver, sails back to the Far East with a call in Yokohama, Japan, and then returns to Ningbo.

Mediterranean Shipping Co and CMA CGM also are bringing 8,000-plus-TEU ships to Long Beach.

CMA CGM, a French shipping line, shifted its transpacific TPX service to Pacific Container Terminal's Pier J facility in Long Beach beginning with the first call of the 4,038-TEU *Mare Phoenicium* on June 22. Its sister ship, the *Ville de Orion*, made its first call June 28.

The TPX service had called in Los Angeles. MSC already calls in Long Beach at the SSAT facility at Pier A.

This summer, CMA CGM and its Swiss alliance partner, MSC, will change the TPX service to a Pearl River Express service calling in China at Xiamen, Yantian and Hong Kong, and then Busan (South Korea), Long Beach and Oakland.

In August, MSC and CMA CGM are planning to replace the five 4,000-TEU vessels in the TPX service with five 8,200-TEU vessels.

Orient Overseas Container Line was the first to call in Long Beach with an 8,000-TEU vessel. On June 11, the third of its 8,000-TEU ships, the OOCL Ningbo made its maiden call at Long Beach Container Terminal's Pier F facility.

The *OOCL Ningbo*, named after the Chinese port city, is the sixth of 12 SX-class vessels that OOCL will take delivery on through 2007. The Ningbo is deployed in one of OOCL's transpacific services.

Bigger ships need bigger cranes. SSA Marine has ordered four new

ship-to-shore gantry cranes from Shanghai's Zhenhua Port Machinery Co. (ZPMC). The cranes are scheduled to arrive in Long Beach in early July.

Two of the cranes will go to Pacific Container Terminal's southern Berths J266-J270. The other two will be used at SSAT Long Beach's Pier A facility.

The cranes are capable of reaching across 22 containers. They have a lift capacity of 65 tons with its spreader, and 100 tons with a heavy-lift hook.

Marine terminals at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have filed documents with the Federal Maritime Commission, taking the first step in a major effort to move significant volumes of cargo at the San Pedro Bay ports to nighttime and weekend hours.

The documents authorize terminal operators to develop a schedule of uniform full-service truck gates during off-peak hours to ease rush-hour truck traffic on freeways and to help reduce air pollution by reducing truck idling.

As proposed under the West Coast Marine Terminal Operators Discussion Agreement, a fee would be assessed on pickup and delivery of cargo by trucks during daytime or "peak hours" beginning late this year to provide an incentive to shift trucking activities to off-peak hours. The fees would help terminals cover the added costs of off-peak operations.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge toured the Port of Long Beach on June 21, and lauded the maritime industry's efforts to tighten security.

During his visit, he met with Long Beach Mayor **Beverly O'Neill**, Port management, other government officials, waterfront business leaders and organized labor to discuss security issues. Ridge said he would seek a more equitable distribution of security funds, after being told that California ports have received only 18 percent of federal security grants while moving 50 percent of U.S. trade.

After the roundtable discussion, Secretary Ridge held a press conference on Pier T in the Port of Long Beach to announce the "Secure Seas, Open Ports" policy for implementing the Maritime Transportation Security Act.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved a \$995,000 contract with two firms, Lockwood Green and Cash and Associates, to design a 16,000-square-foot command and control center to house the Port's Security Division and a new surveillance monitoring operation.

Much of the funding for the project is coming from an \$8 million Transportation Security Administration grant. The center, to be built on Pier F, is to open in late 2006.

Other law enforcement officials are to share the facility, including Long Beach police, Los Angeles port police, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, and the Coast Guard.

Moving to improve air quality, the Board of Harbor Commissioners has conditionally approved a tariff that requires Port marine terminals to reduce particulate emissions from terminal equipment by 30 percent and nitrogen oxide emissions by 20 percent.

The tariff will be effective once the California Air Resources Board and the federal Environmental Protection Agency approve it. When formally adopted, the tariff would give terminal operators three years to comply. The rules would affect terminal operators using more than 500 gallons of diesel fuel per month.

The 4,800-TEU *Zim Piraeus* made its maiden call on June 1 at SSA Terminal's Pier A facility in Long Beach.

The 4,800-TEU container ship, built by Hyundai Heavy Industries of South Korea, is deployed in a Zim Israel around-the-world service.

China Shipping's 5,600-TEU *Xin Xia Men* made its first call on June 1 at the Total Terminals International facility at Pier T in Long Beach.

The ship is deployed in a transpacific service calling in China at Qingdao, Shanghai and Ningbo, as well as Busan, South Korea, and Long Beach.

U.S. Line's 1,700-TEU vessel, the *Bermudian Express*, made its first call on June 22 to TTI's Pier T terminal.

The *Bermudian Express* is deployed in a transpacific service calling in Shekou (south China), Hong Kong and Long Beach.

The 5,700-TEU *Hanjin Basel* made its first call at the Total Terminals International terminal at Pier T on June 23.

The chartered vessel is one of a dozen deployed on Hanjin's PDE pendulum express service calling on the U.S. West Coast, Asia and Europe.

David Wedaman, president and founder of RE Transportation, will be the speaker at the Los Angeles Transportation Club's July 13 luncheon at the Marriott Norwalk Hotel. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.

The golfing giants of the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles (and others) will compete in the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce's 10th annual "Clash of the Port Titans" July 15 at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress.

Some of the proceeds from the Harbor Cup Challenge will benefit the association's education and scholarship fund. For more information, call (818) 951-6088.

The Center for International Trade and Transportation is offering a two-night course, Introduction for Beginners in Global Logistics, beginning 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 27 at Cal State Long Beach. For information, call (562) 296-1170.

The Center for International Trade and Transportation is hosting an all-day executive seminar on July 29 to help managers assess their supply chain vulnerabilities and to develop contingency plans to deal with disruptions.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CSULB Foundation Building. For information, call (562) 296-1170.

PORT PEOPLE. . .

Don Wylie, the Port's managing director of maritime services since 1999, has taken a job as executive vice president of general stevedoring services with Marine Terminals Corp., succeeding Ken Passe who is retiring.

Wylie, who has been with the Port for 13 years, returns to Oakland-based MTC, where he was previously the company's Northern California general manager. MTC, one of the nation's leading stevedoring and terminal operations companies, is a partner in Total Terminals International, which operates the Pier T terminal in Long Beach.

Wylie has served as a member of the board of many local community and industry groups; he is a past chair of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Rotary Club, and past president of the International Business Association.

Jill Morgan, the Port's manager of maritime services, has been named to the board of the Marine Exchange of Southern California.

Morgan also is featured in the spring issue of the Maine Maritime Academy Alumni magazine, The Mariner. She graduated from MMA in 1988, and went on to sail as first assistant engineer aboard ARCO oil tankers.

She came ashore as a port engineer, and went on to earn an MBA degree from USC, and a global logistics specialist diploma from Cal State Long Beach.

The Port of Long Beach Employees Club has elected KC Offenberg of the Engineering Division as the group's president for the 2004-2005 year.

The other new officers are First Vice President **Eamonn Killeen** of Properties, Second Vice President Gail Wasil of Properties, Treasurer **Bruce Hong** of Info Management and Secretary **Pat Mangum** of Planning.

The Port has named C.W. King, president of Wilkin Enterprise Co, Ltd., as its overseas representative in Taiwan. King has more than 30 years' experience in the maritime industry and international trade.

His office is located at 9-1 Floor, 197, Section 4, Nanking East Road, Taipei, Taiwan. His phone number is 886-2-27137778, his fax number is 886-2-27137784, and his e-mail address is kingcw@ms29.hinet.net.

David W. Ellis, an assistant fire chief who grew up in Long Beach, has been named the city's new fire chief, succeeding Terry Harbour, who is retiring.

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