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Long Beach Rated Top Seaport in Industry Survey Trade Magazine's Readers Vote Port Five Top Honors

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The Port of Long Beach, one of the world's busiest seaports, has been rated the "Best Overall" seaport in the *Marine Digest & Cargo Business News* annual survey of readers. The Port earned a total of five top awards.

In addition to "Best Overall," the Port of Long Beach was ranked highest in "best gate/terminal operations," "best on-dock/near dock operations," "most adept at problem resolution," and "best response to peak season congestion."

Marine Digest and Cargo Business News, based in Seattle, is a leading publication covering the cargo, seaport and marine industries in the Pacific Rim. The publication's Fourth Annual Customer Service Platinum Awards Readers' Poll asked respondents in the goods movement industry to rank seaports, terminals and shipping companies. The results were published in the January issue of *Marine Digest*.

"We are truly honored to have been selected as Best Seaport in the *Marine Digest* survey," said Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "This is a tribute to our dedicated, hard-working employees and customers who work together in cooperative, collaborative and innovative ways to deal with our constantly changing challenges."

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