



## **Port Honors Top Shipping Lines for Air Quality Improvements** Commissioners Present "Green Flag" Awards to Leading Vessel Operators

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Amid a backdrop of 120 green flags, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners on Wednesday, April 4, presented environmental awards to a dozen major shipping lines that achieved the highest rates of compliance with the Port of Long Beach Green Flag Air Quality Program in 2006.

"When we approved the Green Port Policy in 2005, we challenged the maritime industry to change their practices to be more environmentally friendly," said Harbor Commission President James C. Hankla. "These shipping lines here today have answered that call."

Under the Green Flag program, the Port offers Green Flag environmental awards to individual ships and awards and discounted dockage fees to vessel operators who consistently slow down ship speeds near Long Beach, which reduces air pollution. The program is voluntary, and relies on the cooperation of vessel operators and ship captains.

In 2006, the Port achieved an overall Green Flag compliance rate of 82 percent, which eliminated about 400 tons of air pollution. More than half of all individual ships, 507, were 100 percent compliant and qualified for Green Flags. More than 40 percent of all fleet operators, 120, were 90 percent compliant and qualified for discounted rates and Green Flags.

The companies honored Wednesday were those that improved air quality the most. They achieved the highest rates of compliance with at least 20 vessel calls. They are:

- Alaska Tanker Co., with a 100 percent compliance rate and 53 vessel calls.
- BP shipping, with a 96 percent compliance rate and 26 vessel calls.
- Carnival Corp., with a 93 percent compliance rate and 157 vessel calls.
- China Shipping, with a 96 percent compliance rate and 59 vessel calls.
- CMA CGM (America), with a 93 percent compliance rate and 28 vessel calls.
- COSCO, with a 92 percent compliance rate and 127 vessel calls.
- Hanjin Shipping, with a 97 percent compliance rate and 206 vessel calls.
- Hyundai Merchant Marine, with a 96 percent compliance rate and 56 vessel calls.
- "K" Line America, Inc., with a 99 percent compliance rate and 173 vessel calls.
- Mediterranean Shipping Co., with a 97 percent compliance rate and 128 vessel calls.
- Mitsui OSK Lines, with a 91 percent compliance rate at 23 vessel calls.
- Orient Overseas Container Lines (OOCL), with 100 percent compliance and 61 vessel calls.

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