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MARITIME NEWS

Message from Maritime Director Bryan Brandes

Season's greetings! During a year, unlike any other in our lifetime, I thank you for your perseverance and commitment to keep business moving and working through a multitude of unforeseen challenges!

We appreciate your continuing confidence in the Port of Oakland and choosing to maintain your business with us. The pandemic has shown that your contribution in moving cargo through Oakland and the region has never been more essential.

My colleagues and I extend our warmest wishes to you, your family, and friends for a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy, brighter New Year! ●



Port import volume rebounds, up 8% in 2021

Shipping lines restoring service to Oakland following mid-year cancellations

Import cargo volume is growing again at the Port of Oakland. The Port said that containerized imports jumped 6.5 percent last month, compared to November 2020 totals. For the first 11 months of 2021, Oakland imports are up nearly 8 percent.

Increased cargo activity is welcome news in Oakland following two straight months of declining imports. The Port attributed the recovery to additional vessel traffic. It said that 75 ships called in Oakland during November, the most in six months.

'We're gratified that shipping lines and cargo owners still recognize the value of coming to the Port of Oakland,' said Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. 'We're working hard to move their cargo efficiently as ports elsewhere face headwinds.'

According to the Port, shipping lines are restoring vessel service to Oakland following mid-year cancellations. The Port said some cargo owners even chartered their own ships in November to reach Oakland. According to the Port, carriers view Oakland as an uncongested alternative to gridlocked Southern California gateways. Ships bypassed Oakland → 03

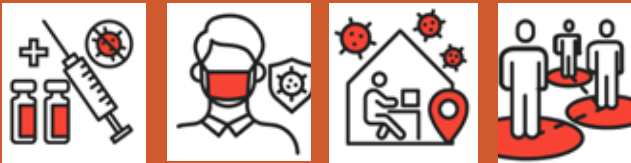
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Tips for Protecting Yourself & Others This Holiday Season

- ✓ Get Vaccinated, Including a Booster Shot if You're Eligible
- ✓ Stay Home if You're Sick
- ✓ Get Tested Before and After Traveling or Gathering for the Holidays
- ✓ If Some of Your Group is Unvaccinated, Take Precautions
- ✓ Wear a Mask, and Make Sure it's a Good One
- ✓ Gather Outside or Increase Airflow in Indoor Spaces
- ✓ Follow Local Guidance
- ✓ Activate CA Notify
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Port of Oakland creates new role to set course for future

Jason Garben will guide shipping buildout

A veteran Port of Oakland project administrator has been given a key role in planning the Port's maritime future. The Port appointed Jason Garben Project Management Services Manager in its Maritime Division. It said the newly created position would help spearhead the Port's seaport development and modernization efforts.

The Port said Mr. Garben would manage a team of four responsible for planning infrastructure projects. The role is crucial as Oakland embarks on a major planning process to shape its future in shipping. The Port said the group's purview would include Oakland's entire physical plant, from marine terminals to maritime support facilities.

"With so much attention on the global supply chain these days, the Oakland Seaport will have the opportunity to really distinguish itself as a leader in maritime commerce," said Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. "Jason steps in at a critical moment and we're counting on him to help write the next chapter in the Port's history."



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In his new position, Mr. Garben reports to the Port's Maritime Director. The Port said he would collaborate with revenue and operations management teams to balance business development and regulatory compliance.

Mr. Garben joined the Port in 2017 as a Senior Maritime Project Administrator. Before that, he worked as Development Services Director for the city of Suisun. ●





Port of Oakland, State partner to support agricultural exporters

Supply chain snarl brings farm, transportation, State leaders together

There's a dire flipside to the supply chain meltdown delaying import cargo arrivals this holiday season. It's also strangling U.S. exports - especially shipments of farm goods.

That was the catalyst this week for a Port of Oakland meeting convened by California Gov. Gavin Newsom's office. State officials met with farm producers and transportation executives to solve a year-old shipping crisis. At stake, the state's multi-billion-dollar ag (agricultural) export industry. The Governor's California Agriculture Supply Chain Technical Working Group conducted the sessions at Port of Oakland headquarters.

The meeting was led by State Transportation Agency Secretary David S. Kim, California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross, and Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Director Dee Dee Myers. Participants included seaport

stakeholders within the broad and varied agricultural commodity sectors, freight forwarders, trucking and warehousing operators

Oakland is the preferred agricultural gateway because it has always been an export-friendly port. Oakland is hosting these discussions in order to improve the situation for our export partners explained Port leadership.

The situation is not satisfactory, said farm producers. Exports have been stymied by a shortage of space and availability of vessels serving the Port of Oakland. Magnifying the problem is an undersupply of containers. The result of supply chain snarls is increased costs and challenges in getting California farm goods to certain key overseas markets.

The Port of Oakland reported that export volume has declined 6.5 percent in 2021. It dropped nearly 10 percent last month.

Oakland is one of the busiest U.S. gateways for ag exports given its proximity to California's Central Valley.

To address concerns, the Technical Working Group asked industry leaders for supply chain remedies in three areas:

- Asset management including availability of containers and the chassis used to transport them over the road;
- Port and inland port operations, including off-dock container yards; and
- Long-term supply chain strategies and increased investment in critical port infrastructure.

Industry officials said they'd explore solutions ranging from pop-up equipment depots to incentives for exporting through underutilized gateways. State officials indicated they would continue to partner with ports and supply chain stakeholders to identify and implement remedies to alleviate this crisis. ●



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earlier in the year due to excessive delays in Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The Port said increased vessel traffic should benefit exporters frustrated by a lack of vessel space. Oakland exports declined 9.4 percent last month because there weren't enough ships headed to foreign markets, the Port said. Oakland is one of the major gateways for U.S. exports transported to Asia. The Port said its total volume - including imports, exports and empty container repositioning, is up 1 percent this year. If activity levels hold, 2021 could be the busiest year in Oakland's history, the Port said. ●



A long history of providing transportation services

From its early days as part of SeaLand, followed by Horizon Lines, and now as an independent company in The Pasha Group Family of Companies, Sea-Logix, LLC has a long history of providing transportation services at the Ports of Oakland, Long Beach and Los Angeles.

At the Oakland location, Sea-Logix offers drayage services, as well as cross dock, transload, blocking and bracing, storage, and LTL (less than truck load) consolidation services for both domestic and international customers.

Sea-Logix utilizes all-electric yard hostling equipment at the Oakland facility and zero-emission drayage services are available to and from the Port.

As part of Sea-Logix's larger infrastructure investment and environmental sustainability initiatives, new LNG (liquefied natural gas) Sea-Logix trucks will soon haul cryogenic ISO (International Organization for Standardization) containers from the source LNG refining facility to the Port of Long Beach to fuel two new natural-gas powered 'Ohana Class containerships joining the Pasha Hawaii fleet.

Company officials said, "Sea-Logix is proud to partner with the Port of Oakland in our shared commitment to delivering exceptional customer service and fostering environmental improvements in the communities we serve." ●

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