

The Panama Ship Registry growing, steady as she goes!

The Panama Ship Registry completed the first semester of the year with positive numbers, despite the worldwide crisis of the Covid -19 pandemic, which hits several sectors of the global economy. Which keeps Panama leading in this aspect.

During this first semester of the year (2020), more than 469 ships have been registered in Panama, representing that an increase of 13.6 millions of gross tonnage (approx.) of growth for our fleet. «The statistics analysis, understanding what happens on the market economies, the effects experienced by our ship-owners, allow us to execute a plan with its performance indicators. Having a coordinated work, in addition with the help of a multidisciplinary team of human resources determined to overcome



the proposed goals, this is an essential factor and is the key to maintain our position to continue with positive numbers» was highlighted by the Eng. Rafael Cigarruista, General Director of Merchant Marine of the Panama Maritime Authority of (PMA).

Regarding the withdrawal of ships from the Registry, there is an optimism perception, compared to statistics of previous years, as during the same period of time, those numbers has been reduced by 25%. It is important to highlight that although a decrease in shipbuilding and an increase in ship scrapping is expected, we must be optimistic and take measures that will help us continue to improve.

Without a doubt, the Panama ship Registry is aiming to continue with its necessary strategic measures on maintaining its advantage in the world maritime sector.

New buildings

These new buildings represent 34% of vessels for the first months of the year, taking Panama as their flag registry, of these, 45% are bulk carriers, which add to approximately 3.4 million of GRT. In addition, vessels such as container carriers, chemical / products tankers and pleasure yachts in national waters, have a significant representation in this group.

The Panama Ship Registry is pleased to have new tonnage of ship-owners from different markets, such as Greek, Japanese, Korean or Italian, who continue to place their trust in the Panama Flag Registry.

Some of these ships are: the LPG tanker Buena Bandera of the Tabuchi Kaiun Co., the FJ Bianca of the Fukujin Kisen Co., the MSC Gülsun of the Mediterranean Shipping Company, the Wisteria Salute of

the Misuga Kaiun Co. and the HMM Algeciras of the Hyundai Merchant Marine. Each of them, are ships of great magnitude, that fill their owners and the Registry with pride on choosing us to join on their voyages.

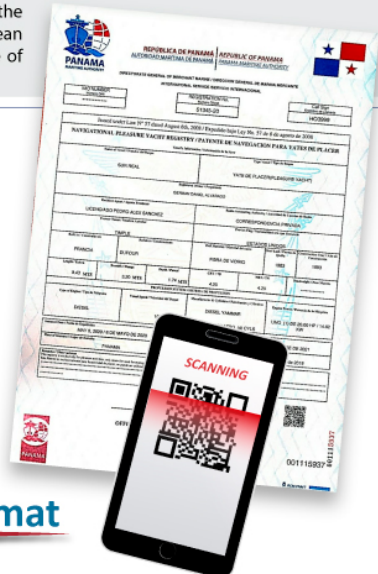
Smooth transition

Thanks to the uninterrupted operation during this pandemic of the PMA Ship Registry, the General Consulates of Merchant Marine can issue ship Navigation Certificates and Radio Licenses in printed and electronic format. With these new techniques, the use of the scanned digital signature is being introduced, both options, on paper and in electronic format, will be kept and will be operational on board; in this way, it ensures that all ship-owners and their ships will receive the required documents in real time.

phase will proceed in a good manner, until the more of 8,000 registered ships move to electronic records.

The General Directorate of Merchant Marine of the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA), understands the need for a more user-friendly services provided, that our customer service be more expedite, which is why we remain at the forefront of technology.

Navigation Certificates and Radio License In Electronic Format



We will have a smooth controlled transition period, keeping both options (paper and electronic), assuring that this

The world's first Isthmus transfer of crew members

"We are very proud to perform the first; Isthmus Transfer" operation in the world during the Coronavirus-related health crisis (COVID-19), which consists of about ninety-one (91) crew members, of around twenty-five (25) different nationalities that were on board the Carnival Miracle Cruise Liner on the Pacific side which were transported on tenders belonging to shipping company to the Flamenco marina, in Amador, and then transferred by bus ride to the Colon 2000 terminal, on the Atlantic side, in order to facilitate boarding to the Carnival Glory Cruise Liner, with destination the Island of Curaçao to be then able to be repatriated to their respective countries of origin, indicated by

the Minister of Maritime Affairs, Naval Arch. Noriel Arauz.

A humanitarian and effective response is being provided to seafarers from twenty-five (25) nations, including: the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Haiti, who arrived to our jurisdictional waters on different vessels: Carnival Miracle, Carnival Inspiration and Carnival Imagination, Carnival Company cruise liners, originating from the United States west coast.

This operation is possible, thanks to our geographical position that has unique characteristics and advantages that we can offer as a Logistics Hub, as well as to the auxiliary maritime industries, a sector that is being strengthened by capturing new



revenues, from providing essential services to these ships that are anchored in our national waters.

Seafarers, Key Workers

Panama's permanent commitment to comply with both national and international regulations, its accurate logistics gear and its competitive market structure, have allowed it to climb up and to reach undisputed leadership in the global maritime sector. We are proud of this achievement, since the maritime, port and logistics areas in Panama represents 32% of the national GDP and generates around 290 thousand jobs, directly and indirectly, all of which has a greater meaning given the fact that 90% of the world's cargo is transported by sea.

Under these important principles, the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) demonstrate its support for the "Recommended Protocols on Assuring Safe Ship Crew Changes and Secure Travel Framework during the COVID-19 pandemic", considered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), through the IMO Circular Letter No. 4204 / Add.14, regarding the ruling need for safe crew changes.

The previous document, it's a way of giving seafarers appreciation and the worthiness that they deserve, considered as a key element in the maritime world trade and freight transportation for the benefit of humanity, working day by day so that goods and merchandise can reach the most remote corners of the world, despite the limitations and restrictions established by many countries as a result of the new coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

First Arrival, Port of Gateway, United Kingdom

In the month of June, the world's largest container ship, HMM Algeciras, with Panama flag registry, arrived on its first call to the port of Gateway in the United Kingdom. It was a timely moment for Hon. Natalia Royo de Hagerman, Ambassador of Panama to the United Kingdom, along with Mr. Fabio Hidalgo, Director of the Segumar Regional Office, to deliver a

commemorative plaque for the arrival of the ship.

This ship belongs to Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM), which can load up to 23,964 TEU at its maximum capacity and on this trip it carries on board a total of 19,621 TEU, making it a record number.



We are thinking on you

The renewal recently occurred in the Panama Ship Registry, by meaningful changes in the internal its processes, worth to mention as the first year of management, for the 5-year period (2019-2024), is completed. This Administration has prioritized customer loyalty, by investing in improving the customer service experience and training to personnel, delivered by now to the main offices that provide direct support to customers and their legal representatives.

Actually, the Registry, thinking in you, has a network of Merchant Marine Consulates on 4 continents (America, Africa, Europe and Asia), as well as the International Technical Offices of Segumar, where the clients can request assistance with any issue related to our services. Can also request technical assistance twenty-four hours a day at our main offices in Panama City, by calling (+507 501-5359, +507 501-5361, +507 501-5362) and special email addresses: (conditionals@segumar.com, authorizations@segumar.com and exemptions@segumar.com) for this purpose.

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