



Panama signs the Declaration of Zero Emissions for 2050 for Maritime Industry



The President of the Republic Laurentino Cortizo attended the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 26).

The Panama Ship Registry was present, through Panama's Permanent Mission to the International Maritime Organization, and attended a series of events related to the maritime industry.

During COP 26, the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, presented the Declaration of Zero Emissions in the Maritime Industry by 2050, which commits signatories to zero emissions in shipping and to work with the IMO for adopting targets for 2030 and 2040 and achieve the industry's decarbonization by 2050.

This declaration has been signed by 14 countries that recognize the importance of minimizing the effects of climate change. Those are: Honduras, United Kingdom, United States, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Marshall Islands, Norway, Sweden, and Panama.

The Panamanian Registry continues promoting the construction of ships that pollute less, by offering special incentives for Eco-Ships and New Constructions. This is to reduce the economic impact of

the environmental issues, for ship owners and their fleets.

Panama supports the creation of the Research and Development Fund to be managed by the International Maritime Research and Development Board (IMRB) and supervised by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), aiming at accelerating the development of new technologies in maritime transport which are necessary for the decarbonization of the sector.

Panama's Ship Registry provides the IMO with the data collected on fuel oil consumption, in accordance with MARPOL requirements. In 2020, the Panamanian flag achieved 100% compliance in the issuance of certificates and reporting to the GISIS platform, on its fleet's fuel consumption.

The Government of Panama has committed on the following topics:

- Declaration on management and conservation of the Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor for the conservation and management of the ecosystems included in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (Cocos, Galapagos, Malpelo, Coiba).
- Agreement to reduce methane gas emissions by 30% by 2030, which

Panama has signed along with 80 other countries.

- Commitment to end deforestation by 2030, where Panama is a signatory, along with 100 other countries.
- President Cortizo was Witness of Honor at the signing ceremony of the Declaration of Carbon Negative countries.
- Panama signed the Glasgow Declaration for a fair water footprint.

The International Chamber of Shipping organized the conference "Shaping the future of Shipping" to address strategic points on the road to decarbonization and showcase its efforts to offer a sustainable future for the industry. The conference was attended by the countries members of the International Maritime Organization and industry representatives to discuss new technologies and alternative fuels needed to protect the environment.

During the conference, Panama presented its emissions reduction's achievements and the important role it plays in the transition, since it has one of the world's main maritime routes and more than 8,000 ships under its flag.

Panama, as a Carbon Negative country, will continue its efforts for the protection and preservation of the marine environment.



Panama, host of FCCA XXVII Annual Conference



The President of the Republic, Laurentino Cortizo Cohen, accompanied by the Vice President and Minister of the Presidency, José Gabriel Carrizo Jaén, inaugurated the \$207M-Panama Convention Center, a first-world infrastructure with capacity for 25,000 people.

Cortizo Cohen also kicked off the 27th Annual Conference of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Line Association (FCCA), the largest gathering of influential cruise industry leaders from

the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America.

"I am pleased to share with you this inauguration of the Panama Convention Center, strategically located at the entrance to our Canal. This celebration represents a recognition of Panama's regional leadership in the fight against Covid-19, which has led to the launching of the Vaccine Tourism program to promote the arrival of tourists to the country," said the chief executive.

The president said that the meeting provides the perfect opportunity to review and rethink the strategies of the cruise industry after the pandemic caused by Covid-19. He said that this important meeting is a propitious sign of the economic reactivation for which countries and governments are working.

From October 19 to 21, 2021, Panama hosted the XXVII Annual Conference of the FCCA, attended by more than 100 executives and presidents of the most important cruise lines of the continent.

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The Panama Maritime Authority and Astilleros Puerto de Balboa sign contract for shipyard operations



The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) and the company Astilleros Puerto de Balboa, S.A. have signed the contract for the "BALBOA SHIPYARD OPERATION SERVICE, INCLUDING: REHABILITATION, DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHIPYARD", awarded by Resolution ADM-AL No. 002-2021 of July 30, 2021.

The parties agree to enter this contract with an execution term of 20 years from the date of the order to proceed and after the endorsement of the Comptroller General of the Republic.

The State shall receive from Astillero Puerto de Balboa, S.A. a total amount of \$14.4M, that shall be paid through monthly payments during the execution period of the contract. The company shall make payments for a fixed monthly fee \$60,000.00. Additionally, the company will have to make an investment of \$20M for the rehabilitation of the shipyard facilities during the period of the contract.

The company may request the extension of the contract one year prior to the expiration of the contract, provided it has complied with all material aspects of the obligations.

The company shall provide at least the following services:

- Painting and surface treatment work.
- Inspection, maintenance, and repair of the propulsion system.
- Repairs to the propulsion system.
- Certified cutting and welding services.
- Inspection, maintenance, and repair of hold covers.
- Crane load testing and certification.
- Maintenance and certification of safety equipment, lifeboats, and their structures.
- Cleaning, maintenance and repair of

ballast tanks, fuel, and other compartments.

- Inspection and maintenance of navigation equipment.
- Maintenance of lines and valves.
- Repair of the main engine and its auxiliaries, scheduled or emergency maintenance.

The Balboa Shipyard is on the Pacific coast and is the only facility in Panama having dry docks, one of them has the necessary dimensions to attend Panamax vessels which is an important asset for the maritime industry.

The complete reactivation of the shipyard will have a direct impact on the national economy by promoting the creation of direct and indirect jobs. It will respond to all customers who require auxiliary services, as well as the vessels transiting Panama's waters and arriving at its ports and will benefit the entire maritime conglomerate.



AMP signs Memorandum of Understanding with SAAM S.A., Americas' leading tugboat company



The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SAAM S.A. and its subsidiary SAAM Towing Panama, Inc., for a five-year renewable period, for the creation of academic actions and the promotion of job opportunities for Panamanian officers, cadets, and junior personnel, which will positively impact the performance of their duties.

"The AMP is creating the necessary mechanisms to promote the development and professional growth of Panamanian seafarers in a comprehensive manner. It is an honor to witness the fulfillment of this stage that also strengthens our technical cooperation between both institutions," said Capt. Juan Maltez, director of the AMP Directorate General of Seafarers (DGGM).

"This agreement shows that what we are doing with various international and national institutions, organizations and companies, aimed at the exchange of experiences and know-how for the implementation of the Panamanian seafarers' competencies, are bearing fruit. We will continue to strengthen the

training and certification processes for Panamanian seafarers," he said.

SAAM towing maintains 27 registered vessels with the Panamanian Ship Registry, of which 14 operate in Panama. Another vessel, whose documentation is being processed, will soon be added to SAAM's fleet.

The attendees boarded the tugboat "SAAM Palenque", the company's most recent acquisition for Panama. The authorities had the opportunity to tour the facilities and talk with the Panamanian seafarers who will operate the equipment and main beneficiaries of the agreement.

In Panama, SAAM Towing has more than 30 years of experience and is the largest operator of tugboat services, maintaining a presence in most of Panamanian ports, both on the Atlantic and Pacific sides, providing towing to container ships, tankers, and bulk carriers in conventional and special operations.

Globally, SAAM S.A., founded in 1961, is the leading company in tugboat services in the Americas and ranks 4th

worldwide, offering traditional services of docking and undocking of vessels, assistance, salvage, and towing, as well as specialized services of attention to vessels in offshore terminals and positioning, and anchoring of oil and gas platforms. With an 84% azimuth fleet, which provides superior maneuverability, safety, and speed, SAAM operates in 13 countries and more than 70 ports in the Americas and is the leader in most of the markets it serves.

The Panama Chamber of Shipping president, Enrique Clement, acted as witness of honor. Also present for the AMP were the General Secretary, Elvia Bustavino, the Director of the General Directorate of Seafarers (DGGM), Capt. Juan Maltez, the Director of the Legal Counsel Office, Raúl Gutiérrez, and the Director of the Public Relations Office, Miriam Rodríguez.

Enrique Arteaga, Institutional Relations Manager, represented SAAM S.A., and Matía de Luiggi, Country Manager, represented SAAM Towing Panama, Inc.



The Florida and Caribbean Cruise Association tours Panama Cruise Terminal



The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) Administrator, Noriel Araúz, received at the Panama Cruise Terminal the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA)'s senior executives interested in developing this type of tourism in Panama.

Representatives of more than 22 cruise lines, together with officials of the AMP, toured the Panama Cruise Terminal to learn about the progress of the construction, which is at 83%.

The AMP Administrator, Noriel Araúz, said: "we are in preliminary meetings with some cruise lines interested in using this terminal as of November, which will support economic reactivation".

This terminal, which is based on a Home Port concept, will allow, simultaneously, the berthing of two cruise ships and will have capacity to receive more than 5,000 passengers, with the highest standards of quality and safety.

The new Cruise Terminal is a reality that will place Panama at the forefront of the industry, offering a new tourist destination, reactivating the economy, and attracting thousands of visitors.

The Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) congress brought together top executives of the cruise industry; it opened October 19 until October 21, at the Panama Convention Center.

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Panama supports the Neptune declaration on seafarers' welfare and change of crews

The Republic of Panama, through the Panama Maritime Authority, has given its support to all those national and international actions aimed at the welfare of seafarers, valuing and assuming that they are "Essential Workers" and a fundamental part of the global supply chain. This is the reason why Panama has offered its support to the Neptune Declaration on the Welfare of Seafarers and Crew Change and showed interest in becoming signatories of the Declaration.

The Neptune Declaration calls for the implementation of four main actions to address the crisis:

- Recognize seafarers as key workers and give them priority access to Covid-19 vaccines.
- Establish and implement health protocols based on existing best practices.
- Increase collaboration between ship operators and charterers to facilitate crew changes.
- Ensure air connectivity between key maritime hubs for seafarers.

Since March 2020, Panama began to apply, as the first country in the world to provide timely humanitarian assistance to the cruise ships "Zaandam" and "Rotterdam", by transferring their passengers and crew members; arranging for the delivery of supplies, medicines, medical equipment and coordinating their transit through the Panama Canal.

In addition, Panama applied the recommendations set forth in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.14, regarding the imperative need for safe crew changes and established the

protocols to carry them out safely and implemented the IMO's decision to designate seafarers as "Essential Workers" as of May 17, 2020.

Following these guidelines, Panama drew up its own protocols called "Diagram of Modalities for Repatriation, Disembarkation and Embarkation of Crew Members" which, through seven different modalities, guarantee safe crew changes.

Crew changes were carried out at a pace and scale never seen before in Panama through maritime, air and land routes that included various government institutions, shipping companies and shipping agencies, acting in a synchronized manner, with the mission of providing a response to seafarers and crew members who needed to return home. From March 17, 2020, to May 2021, there were over 18,000 crew change movements (repatriations and disembarkations). The crew changes included seafarers of more than 50 different nationalities and Panamanian seafarers; from different types of vessels, mostly cruise ships that arrived in Panama's jurisdictional waters and ports, both by sea and air, in vessels registered in Panama and registered under other flags, in open collaboration with the IMO Member States.

In addition, Panama has expressed its support to the various international and national declarations and guidelines which are coordinated for promoting the vaccination of seafarers against COVID-19, in support of "key workers". Since May 2021, several vaccination days have been held for workers in the maritime, logistics and port sectors, as well as Panamanian seafarers.

The Republic of Panama works hard and tirelessly on behalf of its 318,000 seafarers on board of the 8,600 vessels registered in Panama, through actions that have proved, nationally and internationally, that Panama ratifies the Maritime Labor Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006), the amendments to the Convention have been adopted and regulated in its national legislation through Executive Decree No. 160 of March 3, 2021.

Panama takes great care that these labor rights are complied with on board Panama-flagged vessels, even in times of pandemic during which Panama has redoubled efforts to ensure that all seafarers on Panama-flagged vessels maintain their employment contracts in force and guarantee the payment of their salaries, the right to repatriation, the right to vacations, overtime pay, the right to medical care and other labor benefits.

Because of all the actions carried out in favor of seafarers, Panama has received several international recognitions and has participated in national and international forums and before organizations such as the IMO, the United Nations (UN), the International Labor Organization, the International Transport Workers Federation, the International Chamber of Shipping, the International Maritime University of Panama (UMIP), the ISPS Mexico International Network, among others.

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AMP prepares for new Panama Maritime Alert System



The Panama Maritime Authority, as an institution committed to the country's development, held a meeting for the new Panama Maritime Alert System, with the participation of all parties involved in risk management such as the National Aeronaval Service (SENAN), Civil Protection National System (SINAPROC), Panamanian Red Cross, National Police (PN), Civil Aviation Authority (AAC), Firemen (BCBRP), Ministry of environment (MIAMBIENTE), 911 Emergency system (SUME), Ministry of Public security (MINSEG), Electric Transmission company (ETESA) and Panama's Institute of Geoscience (IGC).

The Panama's Maritime Alert System aims at reducing the risk of maritime incidents, accidents, and catastrophes, thus avoiding loss of human lives. It will also provide information on natural disaster threats, pollution, fires,

explosions, lost persons, damaged vessels, and possible shipwrecks that may occur in its jurisdictional waters.

This early warning system will be the first in Panama and when fully implemented, it will be downloaded to cell phones as AMP (Panama Maritime Alert) and will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The AMP is preparing and training its personnel for the use of this application.

During the meeting, the Administrator of the Panama Maritime Authority, Noriel Arauz, said: "It is our goal to significantly reduce accidents and human losses that occur at sea. We are confident that these new tools will help us save countless lives a year, in addition to providing support to small boats, pleasure or recreational boats as well as those fishermen who work hard every day for their livelihood and provide for thousands of Panamanian households".

"We are trying to involve the different institutions to use this tool, which will have the purpose that the entire Panamanian maritime community as fishermen, operators of small boats or those people who go to sea in commercial or pleasure yachts, can have through their cell phones real-time information related to weather situations, maritime accidents or pollution of the maritime environment," commented the AMP's General Director of Merchant Marine, Rafael Cigarruista.

The Panama Maritime Authority is continuously improving its processes and implementing best practices and having a system like this will make it easier to help in case of emergencies, among other benefits for the Panama's Merchant Marine.

Panama joins the BIMCO efforts and other stakeholders signing the

Declaration of the Gulf of Guinea against piracy

Panama Maritime Authority signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ClassNK on cybersecurity

The Panama Maritime Authority has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Japan-based Class NK on cyber security.

The Panama Maritime Authority, aware of the role that maritime transport represents and the risks it faces because of the technological growth on board, wants to encourage all the Panamanian fleet's shipowners, operators, and any other interested parties, to report incidences derived from any cyber event. That will help to better understand the cyber threats to which ships are exposed and implement more effective measures to control such risks.

A voluntary cyber incident reporting scheme has been developed through Merchant Marine Notice (MMN) 22/2021, which is available as of November 17, 2021, on the Ship Registry website

<https://panamashipregistry.com/marine-notices/voluntary-cyber-incident-scheme-reporting/>

The information received will allow the Panama Maritime Authority, in close collaboration with Class NK, to analyze the trends and patterns to which vessels are exposed in terms of cyber risk and thus propose measures to safeguard the efficiency of maritime transport.

Speaking on the occasion, ClassNK's Mr. Hirofumi Takano, Executive Vice President, Director of Innovation Development Division said, "Sharing a common objective to build onboard cyber resilience by cross-industry approach, I am pleased to embark the new partnership with PMA and contribute to maritime cyber security with our expertise. ClassNK has strived to develop rules and standards and conduct certification services based on outcomes gained through collaboration with front runners. We will continue to promote initiatives based on diverse partnerships and work to propose best practices related to ensuring cyber security suitable for shipping".

Speaking on the occasion, AMP's Eng. Rafael Cigarruista, General Director of

Merchant Marine said, "As a world largest flag state, it is our duty to take action against cyber risk and contribute to the safety of maritime transport. In this occasion, we are very happy to conclude a MoU with ClassNK, a leading classification society putting effort into maritime cyber security. By integrating the knowledge and expertise from both flag state and classification society, we are confident in developing measures against cyber risks that are appropriate for the industry to deploy."

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<i>Tripartite Agreements in Compliance with Regulations 6.3 of Annex II MARPOL 73/78</i>	MMC-186	October 2021
<i>High Risk Areas (HRA) and precautionary zones</i>	MMC-230	October 2021
<i>Authorized service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear</i>	MMC-258	October 2021
<i>Administrative Fee imposed by the Republic of Panama for each statutory certificates and approvals issued by Class Societies and Recognized Organizations duly authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority</i>	MMC-324	October 2021

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