

# Operational Update

#### 14 December 2022

## **Overall Operational status**

**Key points:** Container terminal yard utilisation is high at 104% today.

We have continued to operate at high yard utilisation levels throughout the week with another heavy weekend ahead with import demand.

Terminal operations have progressed well considering, but we are now experiencing unplanned Stevedoring staff absenteeism due to illness with another COVID wave going across the market.

Please continue to target collections at night or weekends (off peak periods) to maximise capacity. Day time (peak slots) are being fully utilised.

Terminal vessel delays have stabilised to around an average of less than 2 days and at times we are trying to advance some berthing to ensure consistency of flow.

For the Christmas/New Year period, we ask all import customers to plan timely removal of import containers from the Port. Please plan now and prepare contingencies for the holiday period.

Please continue to monitor vessel arrivals and refer to the Longterm Berth Plan that we also send each week with this Advisory. This gives <u>our best estimate</u> of when a vessel is due to work at the Container Terminal (berthing and sailing dates). We do not manage vessels onto the berth in the order of the vessels arrival but are managing to a sequence of services to ensure all services are handled optimally.

#### **Marine Services**

Operating well.

### Container terminal vessels at anchor

'BIG LILLY 8W' (N2A)

'MAERSK MAKÙTU 249S' (NEASIA)

#### Shipping

The average wait time at anchorage for last week was approx. 1 day; some vessels will wait longer based on their sequence in the queue.

Currently working: 'ADVANCE 032S' (BAE),

'MAERSK NADI 246S' (MCC)

'TAKUTAI CHIEF 0025' (PACCOS)

**Berthing tonight:** 'MAERSK MAKUTU 249S' (NEASIA) **Berthing 15**<sup>th</sup> **December:** 'MOANA CHIEF 4455' (PACCOS)

Berthing 16<sup>th</sup> December: 'CMA CGM SEMARANG 2223' (ÁNLTRZ)

Berthing 17<sup>th</sup> December: 'BIG LILLY 8W' (N2A)

Vessel berthing dates are indicative, check our website for the most current info.

#### **Link/On-dock Empty Container Depot** – Link facility is at 86% utilisation.

**Road Services** – Running well. Average turn times are 22 minutes. In the last 48 hours 1,331 import containers left the terminal via road and 266 left via rail.

Due to low demand for VBS bookings, Fergusson Container Terminal R&D will have **kiosk only operation** from 1900 Saturday to 0700 Sunday.

For companies running empties into Link please ask your drivers to use both entry lanes to avoid queues forming out onto Tamaki Drive.

Rail Services - Ports of Auckland rail services are running as expected.

# **Multi-cargo (MC) Operations**

**Berth and Yard Capacity** – Container/Bulk berths currently at approximately 90% due to continued high volumes and likely to remain at full capacity until Post Christmas with multiple vessels anchoring prior to berthing.

For PCC Car volumes, the yard is currently at 80% and is expected to rise later this week to 100% capacity till post-Christmas with back-to-back PCC vessels arriving.

We ask that all efforts are made to collect import cargo in a timely manner. Please work with the shipping lines on forward vessel receival dates and availability of Sunday R&D. We remind all operators that VBS bookings are required for all container movements in/out of Multi-Cargo except for import empties.

POAL/MC Ops team request key stakeholders to consider all resource options, for the swift delivery of cargo within its permitted free time. Extensions for free time and additional storage will not be considered.

**Road Services** – Container and Breakbulk R&D is well controlled. The Multi-Cargo truck grid may be congested during busy periods and is being managed accordingly.

R&D service issues must be directed to the Shipping Line and their nominated stevedore directly keeping our MC team in copy.

Vehicle Transporters are encouraged to communicate with Multi Cargo Ops for staging areas and any subsequent issues.

Additional reminder to all drivers: you must drive and operate to the weather conditions and adhere to the road markings/Signs.

#### Ports of Auckland operational status:

Normal or nearly	Service degraded,	Service severely	
normal	some delays	degraded, major delays	

**Friendly reminders:** A reminder - Customer Services enquiries should continue to be directed to <a href="CustomerServiceC@poal.co.nz">CustomerServiceC@poal.co.nz</a>. The team can be reached via their normal phone number: **09 348 5360**. Hours of work: Monday to Friday 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs and Saturday 07:00hrs to 15:00hrs.

For Container Terminal VBS Bookings please refer to the bookings system in the first instance. For any essential cargo bookings, hazardous, active reefers or please email <a href="mailto:driverassist@poal.co.nz">driverassist@poal.co.nz</a>.

Next update will be on Wednesday 21 December 2022.