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Panama Canal May 2016



Global Presence

180 staff in strategic locations





Completion Date : 26th June 2016 ? (Originally scheduled October 2014.



Project delayed by one year

Overall Cost of the Expansion: US\$5.25 billion (This could reach US\$7 billion following cost

overuns)

Delayed due to a contractual dispute between ACP and Grupo Unidos, the Consortium Responsible for the construction.

Leaks were discovered in the new Cocali locks on the Pacific side. Cross Section of the New Locks Complex

Water saving basins

Valve

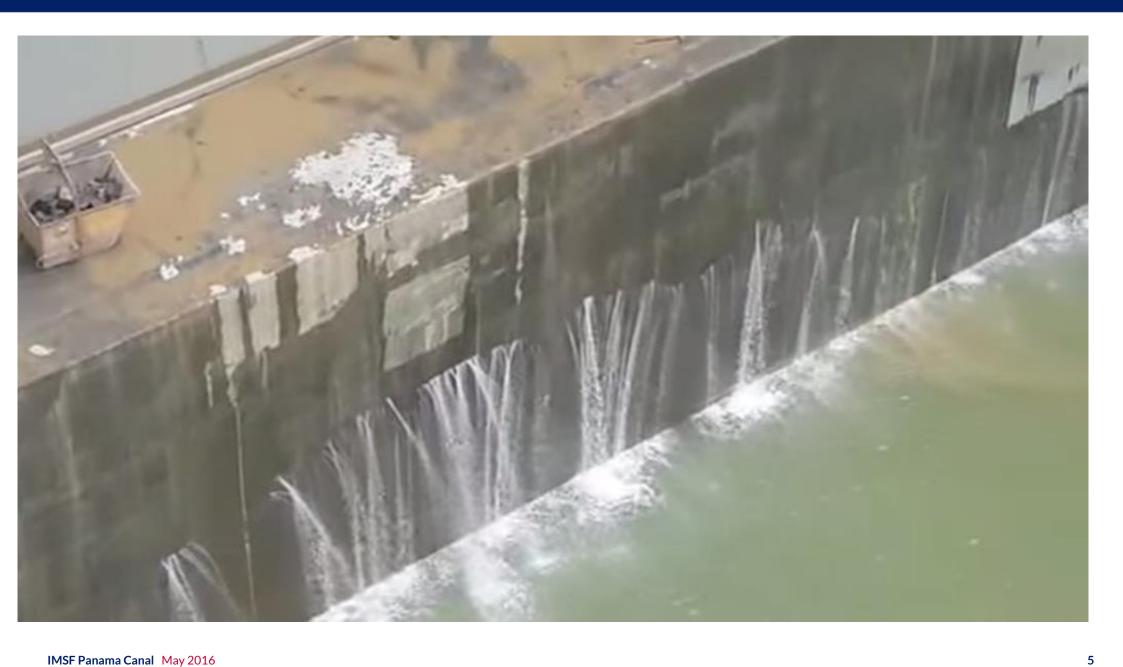
Valve

55m (180')

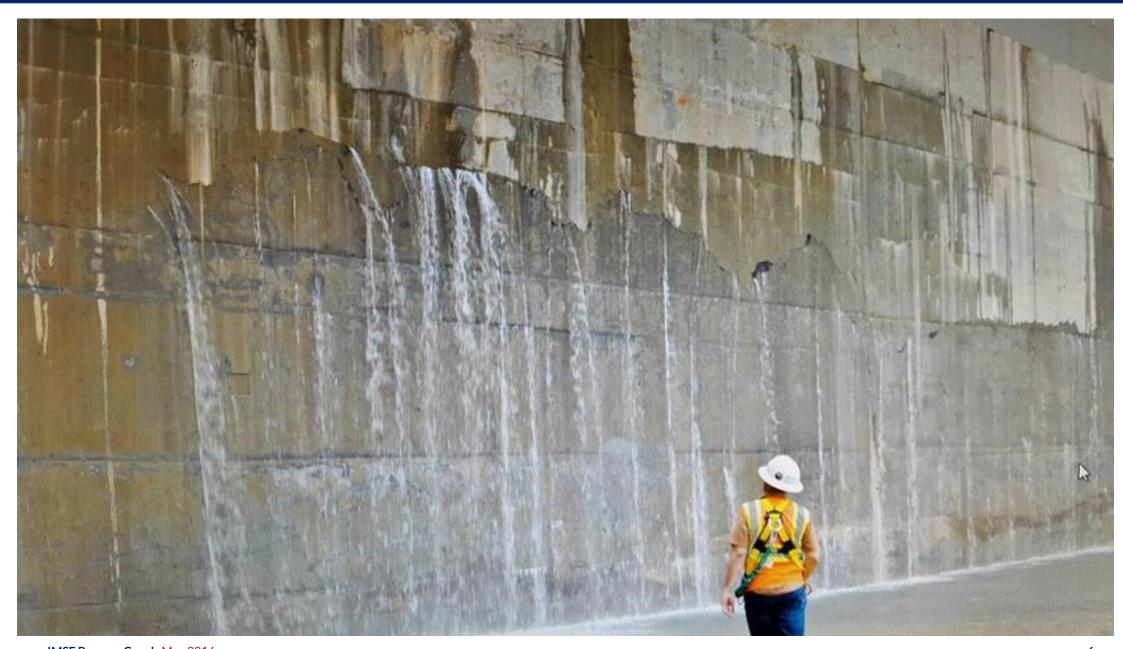








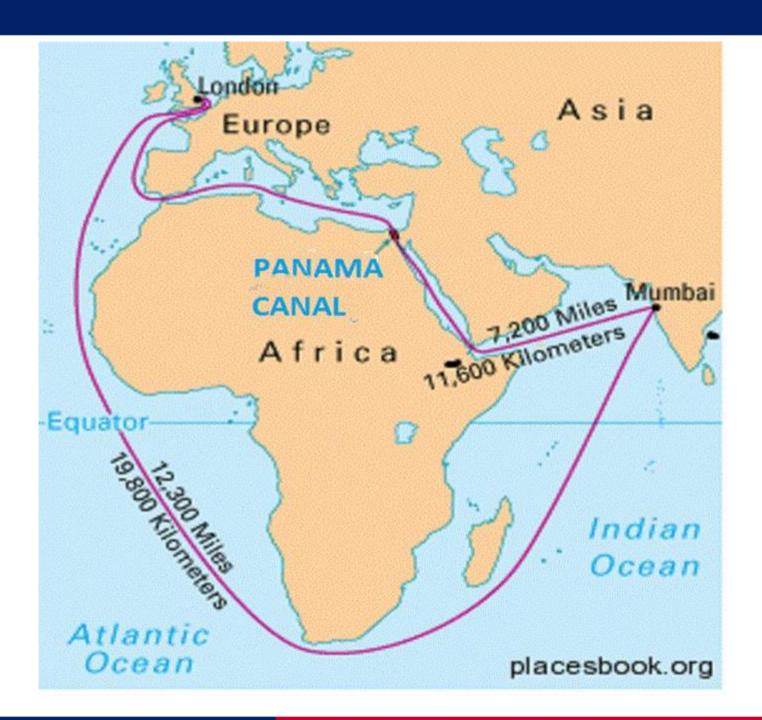








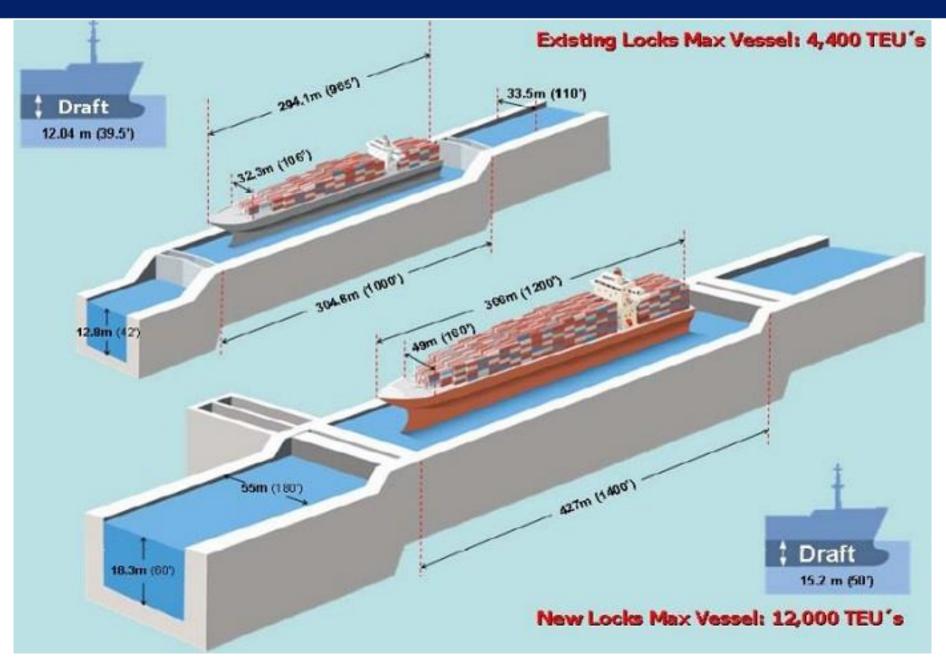








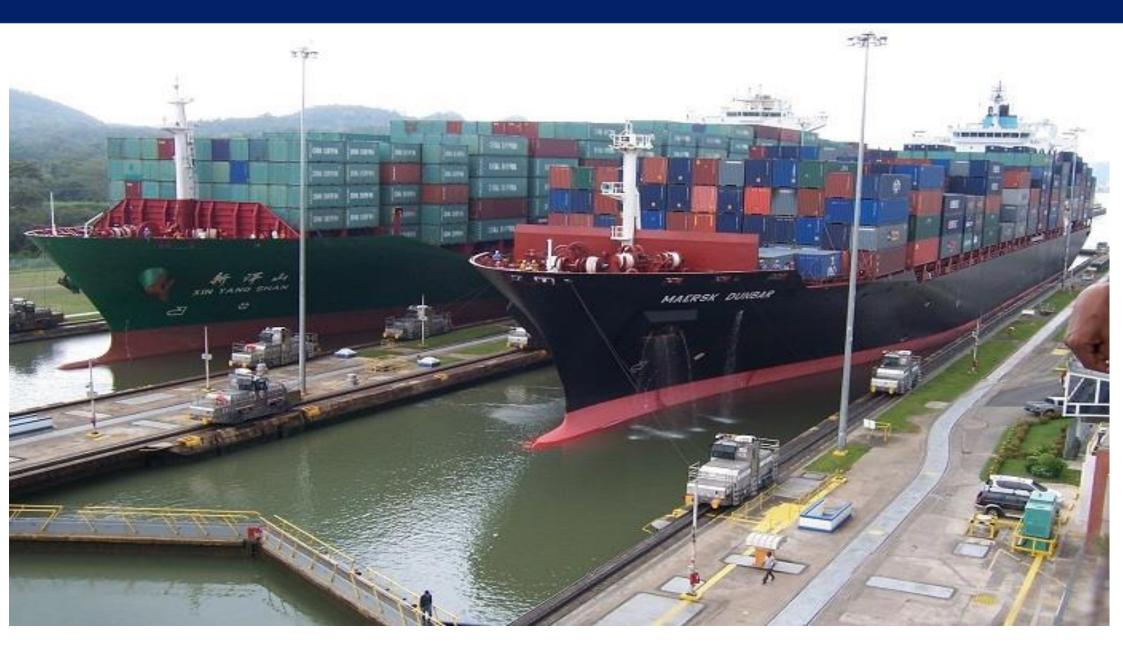




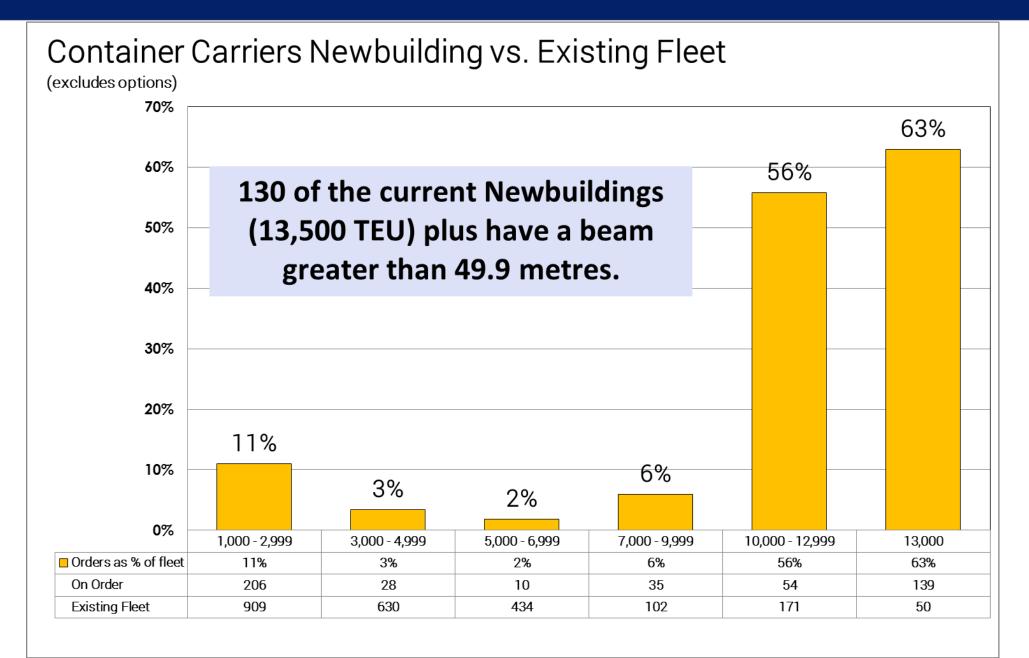














Panama vs. Suez

Basis 10,000TEU

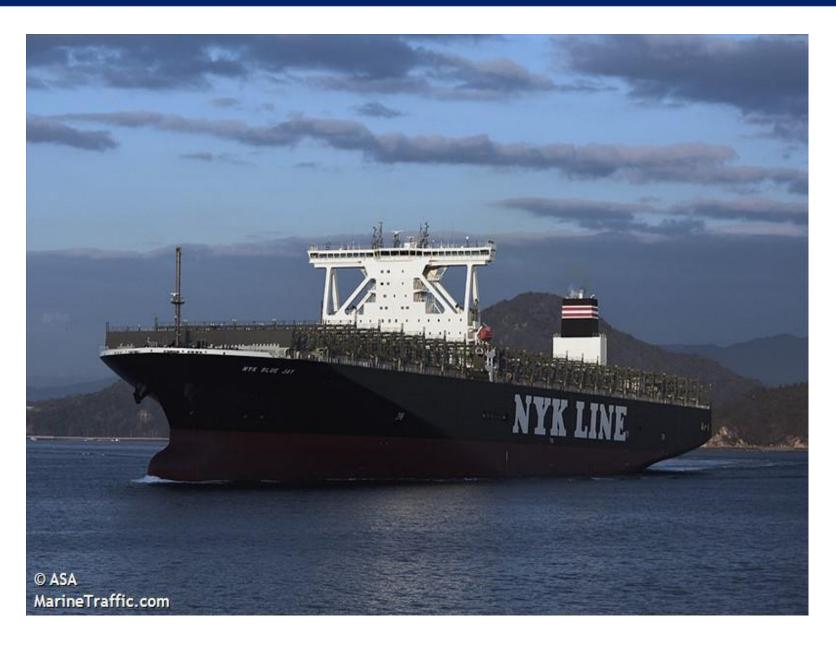
Destination: Rotterdam @24 Knots - 250 tonnes/day

Bunkers: Singapore 380cst @ \$213.5/tonne (5th May, 2016)

	<u>Panama Canal</u>			Suez Canal			
Load Port	Distance	Steaming Days	Bunker Costs*	Distance via Suez	Steaming Days	Bunker Costs*	
Dalian	13,553	23.53	1,235,325	11,096	19.26	1,108,220	
Shanghai	13,463	23.37	1,226,925	10,665	18.52	972,300	
Kaohsiung	13,868	24.07	1,263,675	10,070	17.48	917,700	
Hong Kong	14,111	24.5	1,286,250	9,888	17.17	901,425	
Tokyo	12,587	21.85	1,147,125	11,359	19.72	1,035,300	

Add 1 day for Canal transit





NYK BLUE JAY NYK IBIS

14,000 TEU

LOA: 364m

Beam: 51m

Depth: 29.5m

Draught: 15.79m

Gross: 144,285

Built: JMU Kure

Delivered:

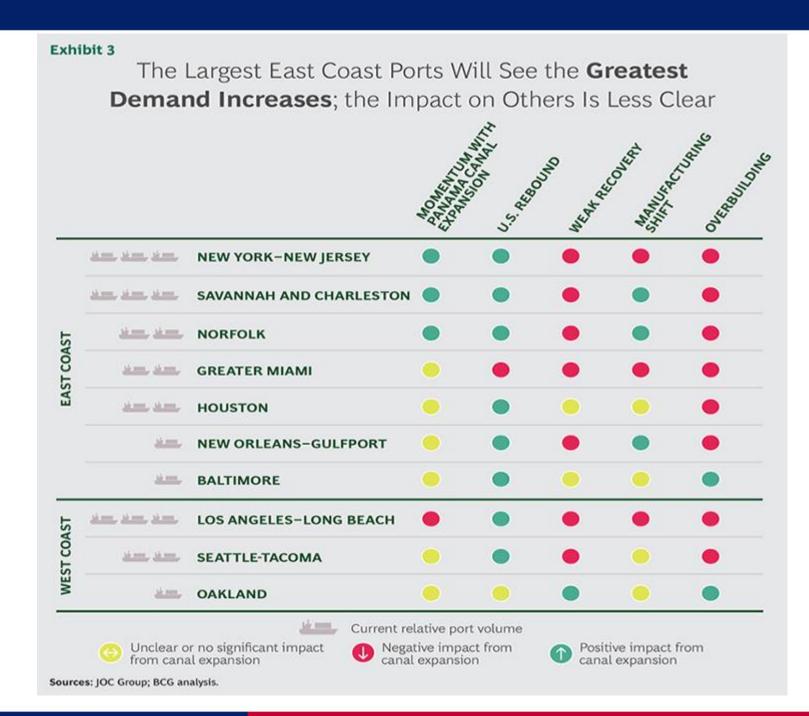
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Engine:

Wartsila 9X82

42,750Kw







TOO MUCH BEAM FOR THE ENLARGED PANAMA CANAL

Q-Max Q-Flex

Existing Fleet: 10 33

Newbuilding: 0 0



Q-Max



Q-Max Name: Membrane Type: Propulsion: Slow speed diesel with reliquefaction

Length: 345 meters Beam: 53.8 meters Depth: 27 meters Draft: 12 meters Capacity: 266,000cm

Q-Flex



Q-Flex Name: Membrane Type: Propulsion: Slow speed diesel with reliquefaction

315 meters Length: Beam: 50 meters Depth: 21-27 meters Draft: 12 meters

Capacity: 210,000cm - 216,000cm



Membrane Type

Existing 299 / Newbuilds 110



Name: Conventional Type: Membrane Propulsion: Steam

Propulsion: Steam

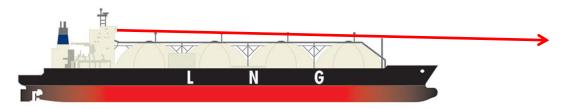
Length: 272 - 299.5 meters Beam: 42.5 - 49 meters

Depth: 26 meters Draft: 11 meters

Capacity: 125,000cm - 160,000cm

Moss Type

Existing 113 / Newbuilds 14



Name: Conventional

Type: Moss Propulsion: Steam

Length: 276 - 299.9 meters Beam: 42.5 - 49 meters

Depth: 26 meters Draft: 11 meters

Capacity: 125,000cm - 177,000cm

Guidance notes from SIGTTO

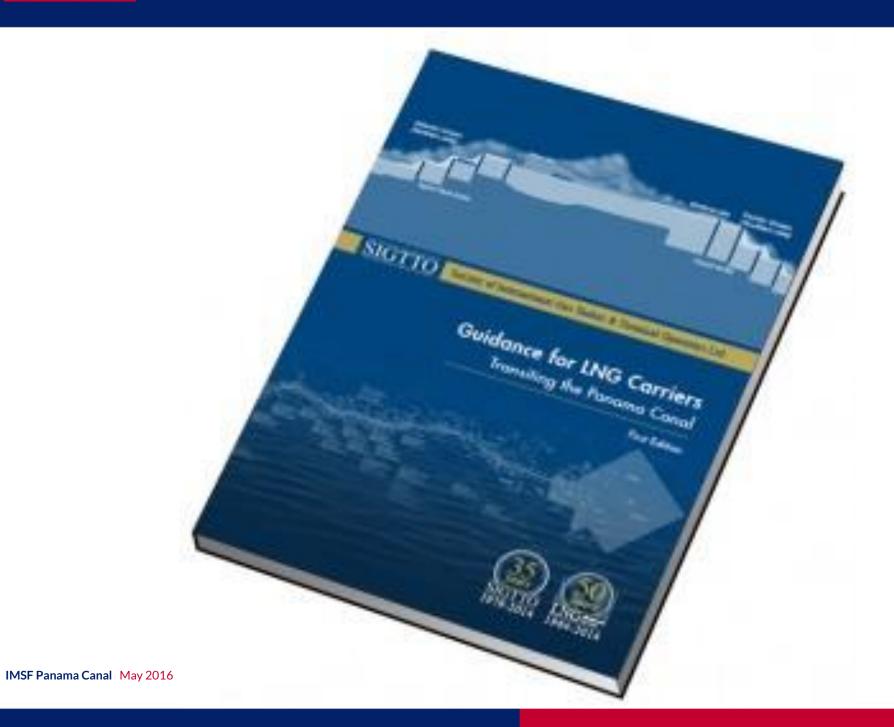
There are still questions over how many ships will actually be able to transit the Panama Canal on a daily basis.

Some LNG experts say only six ships a day will be able to enter the locks in each direction.

LNG ships may need to be modified to transit the canal. Modifications to the ship include changes to pilot platforms and moorings.

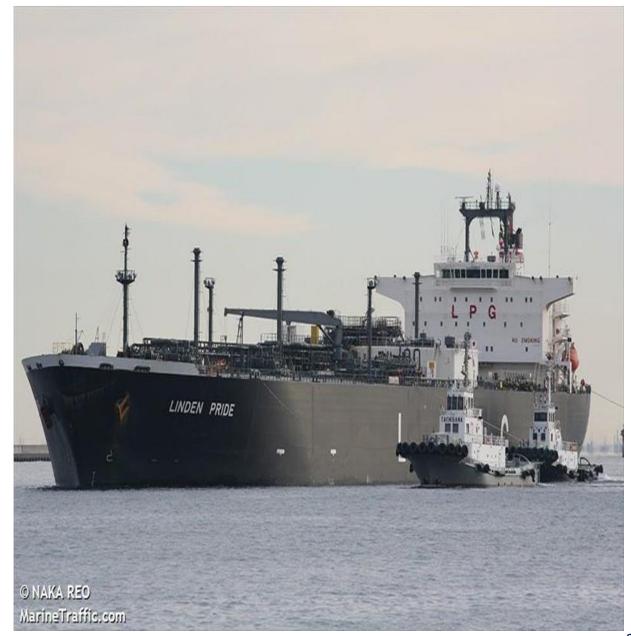
Moss type LNG designs favoured by many Japanese owners. However there are strict requirements over visibility from the bridge which some of the older Moss ships will struggle to comply with. However PCA are likely to impose additional controls on terms of pilots/tugs etc.







- Bunker prices being so low has caused the economics to go via the Panama Canal to become minimal.
- Would only benefit time wise by going to Japan, save very little time going to China and Korea.
- With a large increase in VLGC capacity, many owners will prefer to go via the cape as it will keep vessel utilization higher.
- Currently some owners are slow steaming in Ballast, and do not need the reduction in time by going through the Panama.
- For Neopanamax spec, only 4 vessels will be to transit each day (2N, 2S) meaning there will be competition from LNG and Containerships for these spaces, meaning VLGC owners may have to pay a high premium to go through.





Panama Canal Expansion	
Existing and New Dimensions	
*Typical	*T

			*Typical Aframax	*Typical Suezmax
	Existing	New 2016 Limits	Dimensions	Dimensions
Max Length	294.3m	366m	245m	275m
Max Beam	32.21m	49m	42.8m	48.5m
Max Draft	12.03m	15.24m	14.9m	17m

130,000mt

65,000mt



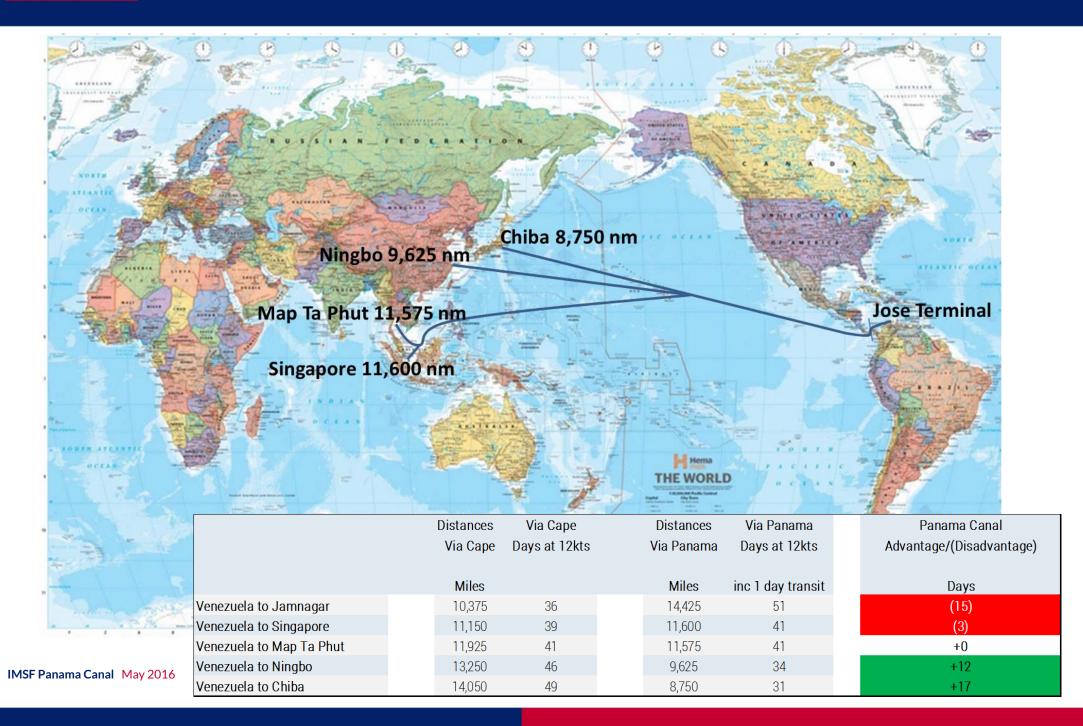
*Typical VLCC Dimensions 333m 60m 22m

* 2008 built onwards

Max cargo size

	Distances Via Cape Miles	Via Cape Days at 12kts	Distances Via Panama Miles	Via Panama Days at 12kts inc 1 day transit	Panama Canal Advantage/ (Disadvantage) Days
Venezuela to Jamnagar	10,375	36	14,425	51	(15)
Venezuela to Singapore	11,150	39	11,600	41	(3)
Venezuela to Map Ta Phut	11,925	41	11,575	41	+0
Venezuela to Ningbo	13,250	46	9,625	34	+12
Venezuela to Chiba	14,050	49	8,750	31	+17







LR1 Product Tankers Trading EC South America?



Commercial Owner	Nos.
Andriaki Shipping	4
BW Pacific	6
CMB Financial Leasing	2
Concordia Maritime	10
Coral Shipping	1
Cosco Dalian	5
D'Amico Tankers	6
Eletson	1
Global Energy Maritime	1
Jacob E.	2
Livanos Group	6
Meiji Shipping	2
Nakata Gumi	2
Nautical Bulk Holding	3
Navig8 Product Tankers	6
Nisshin Shipping	3
Pleiades Shipping Agency	3
Prime Marine Management	4
Samos Steamship	2
Sinokor Merchant Marine	6
Sumitomo Corp.	2
Unknown	2
Valles Steamship	1





DRY BULK MARKET

Deadweight sizes of Capes are moving up so are less likely to use the enlarged canal.

Draft restrictions in US East Coast ports will also limit any increase in vessel calls.

In a weak commodity market, a buyer in India choses NOT to source steam coal from Indonesia or South Africa (nearest) but instead from Colombia because FOB plus Freight combined is cheaper.

Longer delivery is not an issue.



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The International Transport Workers' Federation

The ITF has expressed concern over the safety of the new Panama Canal locks after an independent study into the expansion project confirmed some local pilot's concerns that the design of the new locks poses added risks to workers and ships. Canal officials have denied the accuracy of the study.

The ITF says that the concluded that the safety of maneuverability within the locks is compromised due to several factors, namely:

- The locks' dimensions are too small for safe operation (with both gates closed);
- There are no refuge areas for the tugboats inside the locks, leaving no room for failure (human error, miscommunication, broken lines or engine failure);
- The tug bollard pull is insufficient;
- In terms of maneuverability in the locks, the control of the vessel was compromised under the average environmental conditions present in that geographic area (data provided by the contracting party). The main reasons were the low power of the tugboats and the required bollard pull. With milder conditions the exercise was concluded safely.
- The study recommends that a complete risk analysis and special training should be carried out to avoid any accidents that may result in loss of life or pollution.

The conclusions echo similar concerns expressed to back in July 2014 regarding the design of new locks, particularly with regards to the size of the individual lock chambers, the configuration of the tugs, and the prevailing winds that the region is known for. In an editorial written in October 2014 by Captain Rainiero Salas, President of the Panama Canal Pilot Association, wrote about concerns of major operational issues with the expanded Canal, which also centered around the use of tugboats over locomotives and the lack of a structured training program for pilots. Salas also warned about the navigation of two ships at a time through Culebra Cut (Gaillard Cut), the narrowest part of the Panama Canal.







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Ship-to-ship propane transfers and the Panama Canal

