

Port Capitalizes On Enhanced Technology

At the Port of Baltimore, we are intent on fortifying our reputation as an “easy-in, easy-out” port for vessels. Taking advantage of improved technologies is one way to accomplish that.

Currently, we are testing a Sparcs 2.9 upgrade to our Vessel and Yard Planning computer program. The impact will be felt in enhanced operational effectiveness. Speeding up the logistical process for containers is a constant goal, and this Express Terminal System, operating on real time, tracks the units even as they are moving.

At our Seagirt Terminal, with seven scales and 14 inspection stations, we anticipate further reducing the turnaround time for trucks, which is already under 30 minutes for a single transaction and less than 60 minutes for double transitions. From the time the driver pulls onto the scales, everything will be automated.

Incidentally, our NAVIS System now affords truckers, brokers, and forwarders the ability to instantly check the status of their containers, and to receive an e-mail when they are ready for pickup.

Our Rubber Tire Gantries



The success achieved by our QCHAT (Quality Cargo Handling Action Team) Program with automobiles is now being expanded into other commodities. This joint public-private collaboration has begun examining general Ro/Ro cargo, and I am confident that again, our partners will set the gold standard.

At the Port of Baltimore, technology strengthens quality, our way of doing business.

just received an updated GPS system for improved signal strength, which will further increase productivity and capacity. And three brand new RTGs are scheduled for delivery here at the end of this month.

James J. White
Executive Director



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