



December 17, 2015



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## PORT OF LOS ANGELES TO WELCOME THE LARGEST CONTAINER SHIP EVER TO CALL IN NORTH AMERICAN WATERS

The largest container ship ever to call at a North American port is scheduled to arrive at the Port of Los Angeles on Dec. 26th. French shipping line CMA-CGM launched the CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin



on Dec. 10. The vessel is scheduled to make her maiden call at APM Terminals-Pier 400 at the Port of Los Angeles. The ship has a capacity of nearly 18,000 Twenty Foot Equivalent Units

(TEUs), which is about a third larger than the biggest container ships that currently call at the San Pedro Bay port complex.

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## PORT OF LOS ANGELES CARGO VOLUMES INCREASE 7% IN NOVEMBER

The Port of Los Angeles

handled a total of 709,968 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in November 2015, an increase of 7 percent compared to the same period last year. Current and historical data is [available here](#).



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## VIDEO

### LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW



More than 10,000 community members attended the Port of LA's 10th Annual Wilmington Winter Wonderland at Wilmington Waterfront Park on Saturday, December 5. This free community event featured holiday crafts, games, and a whopping 25 tons of snow! Children and their families came out to Wilmington's largest park to make a snowman, throw snowballs, and of course, whiz down the snowbank on a sled.

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# PORT OF LOS ANGELES REOPENS I-110/C STREET OFF/ON RAMPS



The Port of Los Angeles and Caltrans have nearly completed transportation improvements along the I-110 in San Pedro and Wilmington. The I-110/C Street on- and off-ramps were reopened Monday, December 7 and the new off-ramp to Harry Bridges Blvd. will open in 2016.

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## VIDEO: "ELF" PAYS A VISIT TO THE PORT'S *HOLIDAYS BY THE SEA* EVENT

On Saturday, December 5, the Port of Los Angeles hosted the second annual *Holidays by the Sea* event at the Downtown Harbor. The free event featured an outdoor showing of the 2003 movie "Elf," starring Will Ferrell.



The event drew an estimated 1,500 attendees who enjoyed food, activities and a special visit from Santa. The Port of Los Angeles also sponsored the 53rd Annual [LA Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade](#), which took place that same evening. A big thank you to Port of LA employees who donated oodles of toys and blankets, which will be given to our local charities.

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## **PORT OF LA'S BABY DUCK RIDES IN 35TH ANNUAL *SPIRIT OF SAN PEDRO PARADE***





On Sunday, December 7th, the 35th Annual *Spirit of San Pedro Holiday Parade* promenaded down Pacific Avenue. The annual community event had an estimated 8000 attendees and 110 parade entries, including the Port of LA's own "Timmy" the Baby Duck, who was also spotted in Wilmington's *Heart of the Harbor* holiday parade on December 13th.

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## **PRINCESS CRUISES' "LOVE BOAT" SAILS AGAIN AT THE PORT OF LA**

It all began 50 years ago on December 3, when the "Love Boat" set sail on a cruise to Mexico on Princess Cruises' *Princess Patricia*.



[Princess Cruises](#) celebrated its [50<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#) aboard [Pacific Princess](#) in the Port of Los Angeles on December 3, 2015, with a special appearance by the original "Love Boat" cast before setting sail on a throwback cruise, recreating the very first itinerary to the iconic Mexican Riviera.

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***HEART OF THE HARBOR***  
**HOLIDAY PARADE A LONGSTANDING**  
**WILMINGTON COMMUNITY TRADITION**



On Sunday, December 13th, the *Wilmington Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade* marched down Avalon Boulevard. This year over 100 entries were included in the 28th annual parade, which is a long-standing tradition in the community of Wilmington.

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## 2015 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES REAL ESTATE SEMINAR TAKES PLACE AT THE PORT

On December 9 & 10, more than 60 real estate professionals from ports all over the Americas gathered in San Pedro for the American Association of Port Authorities Real Estate Seminar. Topics ranged from "Sailing Through Port Property Opportunities and Challenges" to "What to Do When the Inventory of Developable Land Runs Out."



The Port of Los Angeles proudly hosted a reception on the first

evening as a preview of its newest LA Waterfront attraction, Brouwerij West. Brouwerij West is a craft beer brewery making its home in a WWII-era former Navy warehouse, just steps from CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, a permanent craft marketplace.

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## 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PORT OF LA

**\* Pet Parade "Top Hats & Tiaras":**  
**Saturday, January 16, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**  
**Location:** Downtown Harbor, San Pedro



**\* Whale Fiesta, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium:**  
**Sunday, January 31**  
**Location:** Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro



**\* Lunar New Year Celebration:**  
**Saturday, February 6, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Location:** Downtown Harbor, San Pedro



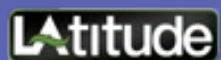


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