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## Schedule for Arrival of New Cranes at Norfolk International Terminals

**NORFOLK, VA** – On Friday, May 23, the Virginia Port Authority will be providing the media a chance to witness the arrival of its three new cranes from aboard the Carrie B sightseeing vessel.

Members of the media should be prepared to board the Carrie B at 2 p.m. at the Town Point Park Pier; departure is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call 757-683-2143 and leave a message confirming your attendance. On Friday there will be no shore-side access at the terminal to the cranes.

The following is the schedule for the arrival of the cranes at the North Berth at Norfolk International Terminals. It is important to keep in mind that this schedule may change because of weather and/or tide conditions.

-- **8 a.m. Thursday, May 22:** ZPMC vessel transporting the three fully-assembled cranes is set to arrive in the Lynnhaven Anchorage, just off Chick's Beach in Virginia Beach.

-- **8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thursday, May 22:** US Coast Guard will conduct its inspection of the ZPMC transport vessel.

-- **Balance of the day, Thursday, May 22:** Vessel will remain in the Lynnhaven Anchorage overnight.

-- **2 p.m./2:30 p.m., Friday, May 23:** Weather and tide permitting, the ZPMC transport vessel will begin its move to Norfolk International Terminals.

-- **3:15 p.m./3:30 p.m. Friday, May 23:** ZPMC transport vessel should be passing Norfolk Naval Base and begin rounding the corner toward the North Berth at Norfolk International Terminals.

-- **4 p.m., Friday, May 23:** ZPMC transport vessel should be in place at the North Berth at Norfolk International Terminals.

The arrival and installation of the cranes are the last phases of the wharf extension project at the North Berth. The \$35 million project included construction of 900 linear feet of wharf, reconfiguration of 19 acres of container yard for straddle carriers and dredging the berths to 50 feet deep. Construction began in January 2007 and the project was completed ahead of schedule and on budget.

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**The Virginia Port Authority (VPA) is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, reporting to the state Secretary of Transportation. The VPA owns and operates four general cargo facilities on behalf of the state: Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Newport News Marine Terminal and the Virginia Inland Port in Warren County. The terminals are operated by Virginia International Terminals, Inc. (VIT) the non-stock, non-profit operating company. The VPA, through terminal earnings generated by VIT, is operationally self-sufficient. The VPA and correlating maritime industry is responsible for 343,000 jobs, \$41 billion in total revenues throughout the Commonwealth.**

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