

Argentia Shipping News - July 2007

- The newly constructed Fleet Dock heavy lift capabilities have been utilized by the M/V Vasco Da Gama. A 60 tonne drag head was removed from and replaced on the ship during a recent visit to Argentia. This was the heaviest lift ever to be performed at dockside in Argentia and was accomplished using a 440 tonne crane. A local crane service and stevedoring was utilized.
- AMA/APC attended the 2nd annual meeting of the Independent Marine Port Association of Canada (IMPAC) in Sydney in May 2007. Port Security was the focus of this meeting and presentations were given by Emilia Wariner, Marine Security Contribution Program, Alonzo McNeil, CBSA and Ivan Rice, Transport Canada Security. Other items of interest discussed included IT systems and insurance.
- Eimskip container operations continue in Argentia. Two new ships now provide greater capacity for the service between Reykjavik, Iceland and Newport News, Virginia, USA. The M/V Reykjafoss & MV Celia are expected to remain in service along this route indefinitely.
- St. Lawrence Cement has commenced operations in Argentia for another season. The cement carrier MV Melissa Desgagnes called at port twice in May to restock silos.
- Argentia Freezers & Terminals Ltd. (AFTL) operations are ongoing. Stevedoring services have been provided for offloading of containers, fish products, and steel pipe for transshipment.
- Security enhancement project CP-1 for the Port - Security Fencing & Port Security Building - is expected to be completed by July 31, 2007. Security Project, CP-2 - Video Surveillance - has reached the engineering system design stage and construction will commence in the very near future.
- Pan Geo Sciences, a seismic research company have concluded their testing operations in Argentia. The company's infrastructure removal will continue until late July.
- The summer maintenance program has begun on the Fleet and Navy Docks. General minor repairs and painting are included.
- A project to pave the laydown area behind the newly constructed portion of the Fleet Dock is pending final site adjustments by PWGSC.
- Operations, safety, and security training is an integral part of day to day Port operations by all stakeholders.
- In accordance with Transport Canada Port Regulations, access to Port Areas is restricted to those having business to conduct or interaction with ships and business on the Port properties.