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Port of Baltimore sets monthly cargo record in July

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The Port of Baltimore posted a record month in July for cargo, topping a previous all-time high set earlier this year.

Some 853,818 tons of general cargo were handled at the port in July, up from a previous record of 852,522 tons set in April.

General cargo includes container goods, automobiles, forest products and roll on/roll off (farm and construction) equipment.

The port reported that July's general cargo number was up 24 percent compared with June. During the first seven months of the year, cargo tonnage is up 11 percent over the same period last year.

Roll on/roll off is up 32 percent, auto units are up 22 percent and containers are up 8 percent.

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Baltimore port broke cargo volume record in July

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Yesterday, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley announced that the Port of Baltimore in July handled 853,818 tons of general cargo, breaking the previous monthly record of 852,522 tons set in April 2012. General cargo volume, which rose 24 percent versus June, includes containerized goods, autos, forest products and roll on/roll off equipment, such as farm and construction vehicles.

Through 2012's first seven months, the port's tonnage climbed 11 percent year over year. Roll on/roll off volume jumped 32 percent, auto traffic climbed 22 percent, container volume rose 8 percent and wood pulp loads increased 2 percent.

Last year, the port's volume rose 15 percent from 2010's level, marking the greatest growth rate of any major U.S. port, O'Malley said in a prepared statement. The port also set seven other cargo records in 2011.

Canton Railroad Co. provides switching services at the port, which is served by CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway.

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Baltimore sets new port record

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The public marine terminals at the USA's Port of Baltimore handled a record of more than 852,500 tonnes of cargo in July, setting a new record for most cargo tonnes in one month and eclipsing the previous record of set in April of this year.

Ro-ro movements at the port have increased by 32 percent over the first seven months of this year compared to the same period last year.

“The Port of Baltimore continues to lead the way as we recover from the challenging economic conditions of the past few years,” said State of Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley. “In Maryland, we have one of the best cargo ports in the nation, and that’s good news for jobs and good news for strengthening and growing our economy.”

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 ports in the USA for handling farm and construction machinery, autos and light trucks.

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Baltimore tonnage bounces back

August 24 – The public marine terminals at the USA’s Port of Baltimore, Maryland, handled a record of more than 4.8 million tonnes of general cargo during the first six months of 2012, topping the previous record of some 4.7 million tonnes set during the pre-recession first half of 2008.

The new record is also a 10 percent jump from the first six months of 2011, when the port handled around 4.38 million tonnes of cargo.

“This latest record achieved by the Port of Baltimore further proves that one of Maryland’s main economic engines has fully bounced back from one of the most challenging economic periods in our country’s history,” commented State of Maryland governor Martin O’Malley.

Among the key commodities at the Port of Baltimore’s public marine terminals during the first half of 2012, ro-ro traffic in the form of farm and construction equipment was up by 36 percent, while the number of automobiles handled rose by 27 percent, and containers were up seven percent.

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 US ports for handling farm and construction machinery, autos and light trucks. It is placed 11th for the total dollar value of cargo and 12th for cargo tonnage.