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## **PORT OF BALTIMORE PUBLIC MARINE TERMINALS TO OPEN THIS SATURDAY IF NO NEW LABOR AGREEMENT IS REACHED**

### ***Extended Hours Allows Cargo Supply Chain More Time to Handle Goods Before Possible Labor Work Action***

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) will open the Port of Baltimore's Seagirt and Dundalk public marine terminals this Saturday December 29 for the delivery and receiving of cargo if no new International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) labor agreement is reached. The current master contract between the ILA and United States Maritime Alliance is due to expire at midnight on December 30. The master contract impacts cargo handling at 15 East Coast and Gulf Coast ports from Maine to Texas, including the Port of Baltimore.

"While we hope for a resolution before the deadline, at the same time we want to do as much as we can to keep the cargo supply chain moving," said MPA Executive Director James J. White. "Opening on Saturday allows cargo owners and trucks to come to the Port of Baltimore, deliver or receive their cargo and get it moving before a possible labor work action."

Access gates at the Seagirt Marine Terminal, which is the Port of Baltimore's primary container terminal, will be open this Saturday from 7 am to 6 pm. The Dundalk Marine Terminal, which includes containers, autos, farm and construction machinery and breakbulk, will be open Saturday from 6:30 am to 6pm. Normally the Seagirt and Dundalk marine terminals are open Monday through Friday and not on Saturday for the delivery or receiving of cargo.

General cargo in 2012 at the Port of Baltimore's public marine terminals was up nine percent through October over the same time period last year. Among individual commodities, roll on/roll off was up 23 percent, autos were up 19 percent, and containers were up six percent.

In 2011 the Port of Baltimore saw a 15 percent increase in cargo from 2010 which marked the greatest increase of growth by any major U.S. port. The Port's public and private marine terminals saw 37.8 million tons of cargo cross their docks in 2011, up from 32.8 million tons in 2010. The total dollar value amount of that cargo was more than \$51.4 billion, the Port's highest dollar value ever and a 24 percent jump from 2010. The port also set seven other cargo records in 2011.

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## ***Port of Baltimore Public Marine Terminals to Open Saturday***

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 U.S. ports for handling farm and construction machinery, autos and light trucks, imported forest products, imported sugar, imported iron ore and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranks second in the U.S. for exported coal, imported salt, and imported aluminum. Overall Baltimore is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> for the total dollar value of cargo and 12<sup>th</sup> for cargo tonnage. Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, while about 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

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