



Bolstering Business by Better Understanding Port Customers and Users

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- Our experience with the survey
- Survey findings
- Customer service initiatives



May TEUs: +7.2%

Best month so far in 2013

CY YTD TEUs: +6.3%

Best calendar year-to-date in the history of the port

FY YTD TEUs: +10.5%

Best fiscal year-to-date in the history of the port

*Percent increase from 2012

2013 TEUs

In thousands



THE PORT OF **VIRGINIA** MSC Asya: Deep Draft Record Set



1100+ feet long 49.5 foot draft at departure



- Focus on what is important to the customer to put ratings in perspective
- Practical application to set priorities in improving customer satisfaction
- Ability to benchmark against the industry
- Performance criteria and analysis by customer group



Overall, the survey results confirm our understanding of how we are perceived among the three different customer groups.

Also, the survey results reaffirm our knowledge of some of the customer service issues raised by the survey.



- Dedicated Customer Service Group
 - Provision of adequate, on-time information
- Operation Port Plus
 - Incidence of delays, timely vessel turnaround, speed of stevedore's cargo loading/unloading

IRGINIA Customer Service Group

- Ability to resolve majority of customer service issues right away
- Single point of contact for customers regardless of type of issue
 - Single phone number, email address, website form
- Comprised of people with operations background in rail, truck, gate, quotes, etc.
- Communication with Sales and documentation in CRM

WIRGINIA Operation Port Plus

Program initiated in 2011

Improve Process	Eliminate Inefficiency	Develop Best Practices Port Wide
We must, as the	As a group we	This Maritime
Port of Virginia,	must allow	Community must
commit to ensure	ourselves to let go	commit to not only
that our freight	of longstanding	develop best
arrives and	thought	practices in every
departs both	processes and the	segment of freight
safely and in the	" <u>because that is</u>	movement but in fact
most efficient	<u>how we have</u>	be willing to defend,
possible manner.	<u>always done it"</u>	document, and be
We will develop	attitude and be	measured by the very
and implement	open to the	standards this
needed	collective,	program hopes to
improvements	allowing them to	create. In essence
and as a group	interject new and	the Port of Virginia
have a	thought provoking	must commit to
commitment to	ways to complete	becoming a Total
service levels.	our daily tasks.	Quality Port.

WIRGINIA Harbor Pilots and Tugs Project

- Harbor Pilots and Tugs Project: Operations from Buoy to Berth
- Include all areas affected: Pilots Agents
 ILA Ship Line Terminal Operations
- Recommendations completed and implemented: August 2012

Project Recommendations

1. Monitor channel depth and width needs

As trends and forecasts of larger ships and frequencies indicate advantages of two way traffic support of projects should be given

2. Harbor Master

Consolidate data for ship position, vessel schedule, berth availability, agent scheduling and pilot tug schedule to manage vessel arrivals. The objective is good vessel service, reduced delays and lower costs

3. Berth Management and Pricing

Develop the optimal process for VIT operations. If that includes having vessels arrive when premium labor costs are incurred then evaluate smoothing the charges to vessels as an incentive.



Thank you

