



Panama Canal Authority
Vice Presidency for Operations

Advisory To Shipping No. A-44-2023

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TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Yacht and Small Craft Transits While Water Conservation Measures are In Effect

The reduction in precipitation in the Canal watershed during the entire year has forced the ACP to progressively implement water conservation measures during most of 2023. The current level of Gatun Lake and the rainfall projection for the remainder of the 2023 rainy season indicate that these measures will likely continue during the upcoming dry season and into the 2024 rainy season and may possibly force the ACP to impose additional restrictions.

While these measures are in effect, yachts, and other small craft up to 38.1 m (125 feet) LOA will likely experience extensive delays. Organized yacht rallies and local tourist vessels shall take this into consideration and adjust their transit itineraries accordingly, since the special handline lockage will not be available.

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