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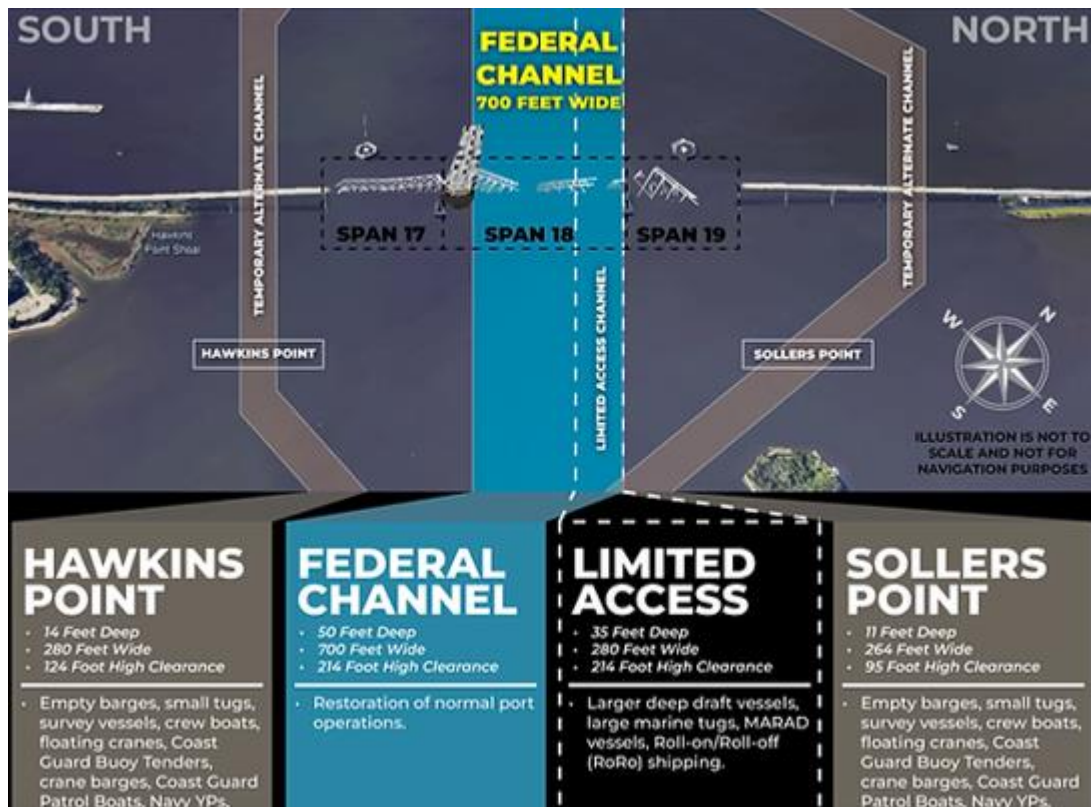


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ACL IS COMING BACK TO BALTIMORE!

ACL is excited to announce that our ships are returning to Baltimore for containers, cars and RORO cargo.

The authorities have advised us that the shallow draft of our CONRO vessels will enable them to fit through the new 35 foot Limited Access channel that is now planned for re-opening in early May. The large container vessels have deeper draft, so they will need to wait until the more difficult 50 foot Federal Channel is cleared.



Since the removal of the collapsed bridge sections from the Chesapeake Bay is such a monumental task, we feel it is prudent to have a second option until the Limited Access channel is fully operational.

WESTBOUND

CUSTOMERS

Effective immediately, ACL is accepting bookings for our next sailing to Baltimore with the provision of optional discharge at Norfolk or New York. If the re-opening is on time as the authorities expect, your cargo will be discharged in Baltimore. If the re-opening is delayed at all, we shall discharge your cargo at the backup port you have selected. Once the re-opening of the Limited Access channel actually occurs, we shall revert to our old schedule with Baltimore on every voyage with no optional ports required. The first ACL sailing will be the Atlantic Sun, sailing Hamburg April 24, Antwerp April 26 and Liverpool April 30 for arrival Baltimore May 11.

EASTBOUND

CUSTOMERS

The first ACL sailing from Baltimore will be the Atlantic Sun on May 11. Please plan for the worst case scenario of a possible delayed re-opening that would require re-routing of your cargo to your choice of Norfolk or New York. If the re-opening is on time as the authorities expect, your cargo will be loaded in Baltimore. Once the re-opening of the Limited Access channel actually occurs, we shall revert to our old schedule with Baltimore on every voyage.

This has been a costly and difficult time for all of us. We thank you for your patience in staying with ACL. We want to thank the US Army, the US Coast Guard, the State of Maryland and everyone who is risking their life to clear the channel so professionally. We also want to thank the Maryland Port Authority, the Port of Virginia, the Port of NY/NJ, FAPS and Ports America for coming to the rescue to accommodate all the heavy cargo diversions. The Port of Virginia, in particular, went truly above and beyond the call of duty by giving us an enormous amount of space to handle huge volumes of RORO cargo on what is essentially a container terminal. Amazing cooperation that we will never forget!

We look forward to working with you to resume reliable, on-time, headache-free transport across the Atlantic. We shall keep you advised of any developments as the channel clearing work progresses.

It's great to be coming home again!