ILTA Weekly Terminal Industry-Peer Exchange Call

May 21, 2020
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST
Participants – 65

Updates and Announcements

- **Coast Guard Update – Capt. Kevin Oditt**
  - COVID-19 update in Houston-Galveston
    - Only one container terminal with a positive case
    - Developing on-board instructions/policy for foreign mariners
    - Six cruise ships off coast of Galveston, working to repatriate the crew members
    - 150-200 ships a day arriving, around 2,000 mariners daily to inspect for virus
  - Terminal Inspections
    - Not receiving many requests for annual inspections but starting to tick upwards again
    - Adapting policy to maintain social distancing (including doing a lot via email)
    - Not sure when unannounced exercises will start up again
  - Giving support to foreign mariners unable to disembark their ship
    - Working with Siemen Center to put together bulletin, send chaplains to investigate ships
    - Alternatives to in-person visits
  - **Roy Nash** – Any advice for upcoming hurricane season during COVID-19 pandemic?
    - Just starting to sit down to discuss it
    - **Kathryn Clay** – ILTA can look to bring some of its members in to help discuss solutions
  - Concentrated Inspection Campaigns
    - Allows inspectors to focus on certain areas
    - Developing integrated response plans, which are massive
      - Looking to refine them
  - Air monitoring
    - Working with Harris county/state offices to further bolster area contingency plans
  - Environmental Protection
Developing plans to further protect vulnerable areas, such as the deployment of boons in the case of a chemical spill event

- **Seafarer Access**
  - One of the biggest challenges faced is that there is not enough detail in the regulations
    - For example, no indication on how to provide access, just have to allow it
  - Placing seafarer responsibilities on PICs
  - Issue of who is paying for seafarer access
    - Foreign operators frustrated by standardized approach

- **JPayne** – Company had an audit on May 21 and was able to move annual audit to online format with emailing all necessary documents

- **Peter Lidiak** – What should someone do if they need a variance for annual inspections?
  - **Capt. Oditt** - You can request a variance and Coast Guard will review it.
    - Terminals can turn to third-party inspectors
    - If a third party cannot review it, Coast Guard will verify and if true, will work with the terminal

- **Vincent DiCosimo** – Regarding floods that are happening now and the dams that are breaking, how do/will they affect your area of control? Expectation that worse storms are still coming?
  - **Capt. Oditt** – Coast Guard has reevaluated emergency response, allowing for greater capability to respond
    - Coast Guard has ability to surge forces/resources as storms happen to better deal with storms as they happen
    - Greater standardization allows for easy movement/implementation of moved resources

- **Regulatory Affairs** – Peter Lidiak and Jay Cruz
  - **Face Mask Policy Survey Responses**
    - Traci Johnson, IMTT, asked for survey of ILTA membership on face mask policies
    - Received around twenty responses, ranging from masked required at all times, only in close proximity, at terminals, voluntary, and no policy to date
    - Answers included putting up partitions between work spaces, requiring masks when outside of offices
    - Traci Johnson – Allowed people to work from home and providing masks
      - Was concerned about potential resurgence amongst staff as states lift stay-at-home orders
    - **Vincent DiCosimo** – Has a task force analyzing when/how to come back in, looking at investment needed to bolster air cleaners
      - Shares concerns with Traci on second surge of cases
**BAKEROL** - Using MERV 13 high efficiency air filters will be used to improve efficiency vs. standard poly-cotton pleated filters or fiberglass filters.

- **OSHA Inspections**
  - OSHA returning to more in-person inspections
  - Continue to acknowledge that it will be difficult to characterize whether an infection is work-related in revised enforcement policy

- **Tank Inspections**
  - Fuel demand far below five-year average at this time, making it difficult to have proper (out-of-service) tank inspections
  - Do not want to take tanks out of service to conduct inspections while supply remains incredibly high

**Legislative Affairs – Peter Lidiak**

- **Congressional Action on COVID-19 Relief**
  - Senate back on limited schedule and House back for one-day vote on May 15
  - Still not sure when a return to full schedule will occur
  - House passed $3 trillion Phase V COVID response plan, that includes the HEROES Act on May 15. The bill focuses on assistance to state/local governments, hazard for essential workers, student loan forgiveness
  - Would not expand pay-check program anymore but would allow small businesses to take out loans if they continue to hold employees during pandemic
  - Remains highly partisan
    - Only 14 Democrats against and one Republican for in the House
  - Senate not likely to take on bill as written, President claimed it would be dead-on-arrival as is
    - Senate not likely to take it up until after Memorial Day but will have to negotiate with House on what final bill will look like

- **Administrator Wheeler, EPA, testified before Congress on WOTUS bill**
  - Democratic Senators focused on EPA’s enforcement policy during COVID-19, administration gave too much leeway during pandemic

**ILTA Masks - Kathryn Clay**

- ILTA still has masks it can distribute; fewer than 500
- Will look to have masks on-hand at conference and trade show this November
Participant Questions and Discussion

• Edwin Marcial - Has any facility currently conducting temperature screening at a high level (over 100 people) daily even considered talking about for how long will you continue?
  o Have been doing over 100 a day, but there is a significant cost associated with doing these activities
  o JPayne - we have been doing over 100 people daily for temp screenings.
  o Mike Depuis – Motiva has a large population but can control access
    ▪ Doing temperature screenings and symptoms questionnaire, as needed. Will continue to follow CDC guidelines as they remain in place
  o Phillip Trew – 100% screening on anyone who enters terminal, 24/7
    ▪ Trying to follow CDC guidelines, as well as looking at how to wind-down such procedures

• Vincent DiCosimo – How long before someone can return after having a fever?
  o Edwin Marcial/Mike Depuis – 14 days
  o Traci Johnson – Have not discussed when we will end screening practices, but local agencies suggest to continue it.

• Kathryn Clay – ILTA working to put together a survey for members on COVID-19 policies and how they are evolving. Will send to Vincent and Traci after finalizing draft.

• Peter Lidiak – Has anyone had to turn anyone away?
  o Traci Johnson – Threshold is 99.5 degrees F, Had to turn away a few contractors. Some overheating caused by environmental factors
  o Phillip Trew – Threshold of 100.4, not had to turn anyone away
  o Edwin Marcial – Looking at policies on discovery of false-positive results. Taking two-out-of-three approach to testing
  o Justin – Using in-ear thermometer for taking temperature

Upcoming Action Items:

• Kathryn Clay
  o Will reach out (or have Ray Nash reach out) to the Coast Guard on how ILTA can be more helpful to mariners, as well as bringing social distancing to integrated command
  o Will look for ILTA members to contribute to hurricane season planning with Coast Guard

• Peter Lidiak
  o Add new return-to-work policy to Ideascale after redactions