

6th Annual ‘Western Hemisphere Ports Day’ Slated for April 5

2021 event celebrates the workforce of Western Hemisphere seaports



Riviera Beach, FL– April 5, 2021 – The Port of Palm Beach in partnership with the [American Association of Port Authorities \(AAPA\)](#) – the unified and recognized voice of seaports in the Americas - and its entire hemispheric membership will commemorate Western Hemisphere Ports Day on April 5 again this year. The annual event recognizes the port industry’s role in efficient goods movement, job creation and propelling the economy in nations they serve across the Americas.

This year’s Ports Day theme, *Celebrating Our Workforce*, honors the skill, professionalism, and commitment of the port industry workforce – thousands of people who ensure that cargo and passengers move efficiently through our ports every day.

During these uncertain times, the maritime industry and its workforce has sustained the movement of food, medical supplies, and other essential goods to our communities.

“The Port of Palm Beach and its tenants, who together employ more than 2,800 workers, have continued operating throughout the pandemic to ensure consumers receive the goods they need,” said Executive Director Manuel Almira.

Throughout the global pandemic Ports all over the Western Hemisphere, never stopped operating. “Port workers are essential workers, and throughout the pandemic they have shown dedication to, ensuring the delivery of vital goods to grocery stores, businesses, and medical care facilities at major personal risk.”

Port Workers are:

- Front Line Heroes
- Developing Future Leaders
- Powering Our Recovery
- Committed to Infrastructure Modernization

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For more information about Western Hemisphere Ports Day, [click here](#).

About Port of Palm Beach

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$7 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. For more information, visit www.portofpalmbeach.com.

About AAPA

Founded in 1912 and recognized as the unified voice of seaports in the Americas, AAPA today represents 130 of the leading seaport authorities in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean and more than 200 sustaining and associate members, firms and individuals with an interest in seaports.

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To meet the growing demand for trade, the AAPA and its members are committed to keeping seaports navigable, secure and sustainable. For more information, visit www.aapa-ports.org. On

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