



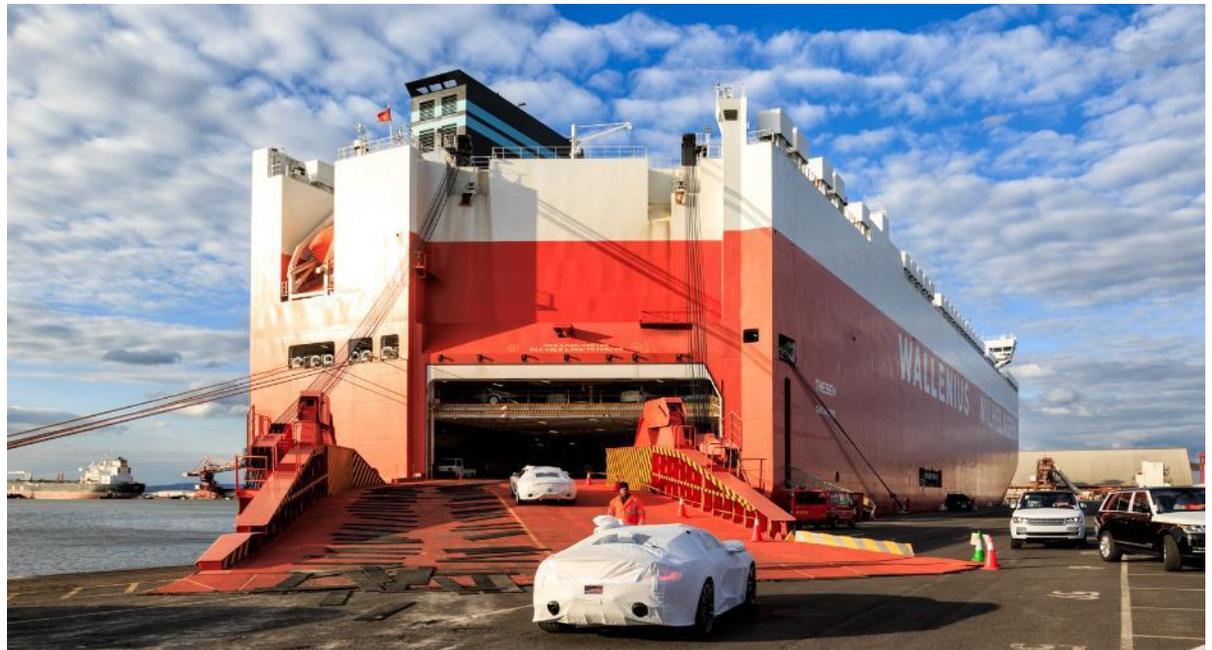
New gateway opens to America

The first weekly Transatlantic shipping service has begun at Royal Portbury Dock.

Capable of carrying more than 7,000 vehicles, *MV Theben* will take British-built Jaguars, Land Rovers, Minis and heavy construction plant to the East and West coasts of the USA.

David Brown, CEO, said: "We are the nearest UK Port to the USA and this is the first ship of a weekly service that reflects the booming car export business at Bristol Port. Last year the Port handled nearly 200,000 vehicles for export and a 20% increase is predicted this year."

MV Theben will discharge first in Baltimore and then travel through the Panama Canal to Los Angeles and Tacoma on the West Coast. It is owned by the Scandinavian shipping company Wallenius Wilhelmsen and is one of a new generation of ships to take advantage of the widened Panama Canal.



Transatlantic trade boost: *MV Theben* is loaded with its first shipment from Bristol Port for export to the USA.



Showcasing Bristol Port in UK and Europe



Bristol Port's expertise and capabilities across a variety of trades were showcased at two major exhibitions in Britain and Europe last month.

The Commercial Department exhibited for the first time at Breakbulk, held at the Antwerp Expo in Belgium, which is billed as the world's largest

exhibition for the project cargo and breakbulk industry. There was significant interest generated with visitors to the stand, especially regarding the local Hinkley Point C Project. Miles Adams, Commercial Manager, said "The number of contacts we made is very promising for the future of project cargo at Bristol Port."

Elsewhere, this marked the 10th year the Port has exhibited at Multimodal, a highly influential networking event with 10,000 attendees, held at the NEC Birmingham. Port representatives met with the leading shippers, importers, exporters and logistics personnel from the UK.



New line expands car business



The booming car business at Bristol Port received a further boost last month through the opening of a new line with a leading operator in the Mediterranean and Black Sea region.

Neptune Lines specialises in the transport of finished vehicles and the ship MV Neptune Avra will bring in Renault vehicles to be distributed around the UK to dealerships. To mark the new relationship, Steve Baker, Car Manager, boarded the vessel and exchanged flags with the captain and crew.

Tony Dent, Director of Automotive Trade, said: "We are pleased to welcome this new shipping line. It shows that Bristol really is a key location for the distribution of vehicles around the country thanks to our location, motorway and rail links."

Picture left: Captain, crew and agent with Car Manager Steve Baker. Pictured above: MV Neptune Avra



Leading sustainability

Bristol Port took centre stage at the annual conference for promoting the 'Sustainable Severn'.

Jerry Stanford, Haven Master (*pictured above*) spoke about the role the Port plays in managing the waters and ever changing landscape of the Severn Estuary. His talk informed delegates about the corrosive nature of the mud and how sediment can build up to high volumes, and how the Port prides itself in managing this effectively.



A charity rugby match to honour a Port employee raised £2,040 for Parkinson's UK – and saw victory for the Port Dockers team. Wayne Harvey, Maintenance Technician and Nick Venn, Training Manager, organised the game and online auction in honour of Barry Riggs, who took retirement at Christmas after being diagnosed with Parkinson's. Wayne said: "We never had time to have a beer or three with him, so the idea was that

this would give us the opportunity to spend the whole day with Barry and his family."

Superb weather drew in the crowds, including many retired Port employees, who enjoyed a hard fought match between the Dockers and Southmead RFC. A try from new apprentice Mitchell Rice secured a 32–24 victory, but the Port players were also quick to praise their hosts, with the committee and the bar staff working hard to make the day a success.

Soapbox volunteers

Portishead will host its first 'Soapbox' race in July in aid of St Peter's Hospice. As popularised by the drinks company Red Bull, Soapbox racing is a sport where teams design and build hand-made vehicles to compete against the clock in a downhill race over a number of obstacles.

The Port is a sponsor for the event, to be held on July 16th and will enter the race! The building of the Port's soapbox racer will primarily be a project for the apprentices. Please contact Jon Genge on extension 2035 if you would like to help.





A new summer fitness craze?



Held every Tuesday at 6pm at the PBA Sport and Social Club on Nibley Road, Shirehampton, there are experienced bowlers on hand to offer help and advice. The club will also be running an open day on Saturday 3rd June at 2.30pm.

For further information please contact Club President David Hinksman on 0117 9082713 or www.cityandportbristolbowls.org

Meanwhile to discover more about the health benefits of bowling and other low impact exercises – including weight loss, toning and strengthening muscles, reducing risk of disease and even improving social and psychological health, read more from the NHS here:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/fitness/Pages/Lowimpact.aspx>.

A healthy workforce is a happy workforce!



Onboard MS Marco Polo

Port apprentices were treated to a tour of the Cruise & Maritime Voyages cruise liner MS Marco Polo, and lunch with the captain and crew last week.

Instructor Phil Salmon, who will be celebrating 39 years at the Port this month, led seven apprentices on board. There was no such thing as a free lunch however: they had to earn it by completing the loading of supplies and baggage for all 800 passengers. Bristol Port offers a range of pathways for apprentices, get in touch with personnel@bristolport.co.uk to find out more.

Bowling may not be the most obvious form of 'get fit' exercise. But according to a new NHS study it offers a surprising variety of health benefits.

To encourage more employees of the Port to find a love for the game, the City & Port of Bristol Bowling Club are offering free bowling sessions for beginners and anyone who is looking to try something new.



Shipping highlights for the month



- At least 36 car carriers into RPD including Elektra, Tirranna and Grande Europa
- Discharging and loading containers into RPD and Avonmouth including MSC Maria Laura and Vega Phillip
- Hardanger discharging Forest Products
- Amazon Falcon discharging aviation fuel in RPD from Kuwait
- Ciudad De Cadiz Loading Project Cargo for St. Nazaire, France

Exhibition tickets on offer



As corporate members of Bristol Museum, the Port has exclusive access to private viewings of the latest exhibitions. This month on offer to staff and readers are six 'plus one' invitations to see 'Pliosaurus!' on 15th June from 6pm – 8pm. The exhibition transports visitors back 150 million years, when Bristol was a Jurassic ocean and a huge marine reptile, the Pliosaur, was the biggest and fiercest predator of all. Features include a life-size model of the creature and a unique fossil discovered in Wiltshire. Contact Katherine Lovell (ext 2026) for tickets.



A day in the life of...

Reverend Jeremy Hellier, Port Chaplain (Mission for Seafarers)

With 7,500 people onsite at the Port, our 'day in the life' series discovers more about the individuals that keep the Port running. This month, we meet **Revd Jeremy Hellier**.

Describe your role?

Mission to Seafarers is an Anglican organisation and its primary aim is the spiritual and pastoral care of all seafarers.

What's the first thing you do every day?

Look at the AIS live ships map, tune the radio to channel 14 and then plan my programme of ship visiting for the day.

What is a standard day like?

Part of the joy of the role is that there's no such thing as a standard day, there is endless variety. I'm an honorary chaplain and this is a voluntary role, I'm in Sunday and Monday and try to visit all the ships in dock and provide a short service in the centre. My fellow chaplains cover the other days and we work as a team.



What is the best thing about your job?

Solving a problem for someone and improving their quality of life. It can be as simple as supplying and loading a phone card so they can contact home, or something more complex connected with work or personal life. My work

gives me a much wider perspective on the world and it's great to get involved with a variety of people and cultures. It's a real pleasure to be of service to the Port community in any way that's helpful.

What did you want to do when you were a child?

I'd wanted to be a priest from about the age of 16, inspired by the example of the priest in our parish church. I don't come from a churchgoing family and when I told my mum what I wanted to do the silence was astounding!

Describe the most random day you have had?

I have a Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate and thousands of miles as a yacht skipper under my belt. Andy Ricks, Master of the Thorngarth tug said to me "Why don't you come and do a proper job vicar?" So courtesy of Svitzer I went to sea with him and his crew and had a really interesting day. I've always admired the skill of tug crews and it was a real honour to watch experienced seamen at work.



Picture of the month

MS Arklow Brook docking into Avonmouth on a Sunday evening, featuring the South Pier Lighthouse. Sent in by Dave Herbert, Duty Assistant Haven Master.

If you have any images, stories or news you would like included, or if you would like to feature or nominate someone for next month's 'Day in the Life' series telling our everyday stories, please contact

katherine.lovell@bristolport.co.uk
or call 0117 982 0000



Blackpeak Challenge II

Quality and Projects Manager Phil Radford has gathered the masses yet again and organised another hike up the famous Black mountains of Wales. This time the aim is to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee and their East Africa appeal.

The hike will take place on 10th June 2017, beginning at 0830 and will take around eight hours to complete depending on routes chosen and individual fitness. For the superfit there will be an optional extra leg reaching the most isolated and highest point in the Black Mountains - the 811 metre Wan Fach.

Anyone is welcome to join. Contact Philip.Radford@bristolport.co.uk to express your interest.

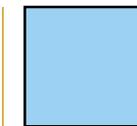
Pictured right: the map of the hike up the Black Mountains.



A sharp eye for hazards

Bristol Port strives on creating a safe environment for everyone that works or visits the Port, which is why it encourages and rewards anyone who points out a potential safety hazard.

The Port wishes to thank those who gave their hazard observations in the last few months. Winners receiving prizes include: Paul Walliman, Alan Lacey, Igor Vdovec, Tomasz Wasiewski, Pete Stokes, Connor Collins and Chris Beard (pictured left receiving his prize).



Loose lifting equipment

Please note that the inspection colour is BLUE. All equipment that has this colour is safe to use and has been inspected by competent persons. Any equipment which is not the correct colour must be withdrawn from use immediately and returned to the gear store.