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Port and MARAD Launch \$74.5 Million Crane Modernization Project



The Port Authority of Guam and the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) officially launched the next phase of the Port’s federally funded gantry crane modernization project during a virtual kickoff meeting held on May 13, 2026

The meeting marked the formal beginning of coordination between MARAD and the Port following the recent award of approximately \$59.6 million under the Fiscal Year 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for the procurement and installation of up to three new ship-to-shore gantry cranes at the Port of Guam. The project, titled Strengthening Supply Chain with New Port Cranes, represents a total investment of approximately \$74.5 million, including \$59.6 million in

federal funding. The Port Authority of Guam will fund its required local match of approximately \$14.9 million through its existing reserves.

The virtual kickoff meeting included Bryan Herdliska, Grants Manager with MARAD’s Office of Port Infrastructure Development, Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio, and members of the Port Authority of Guam Planning Division.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said the kickoff meeting represented another major milestone in the Port’s long-term modernization efforts.

“This meeting officially moves us into the implementation phase of one of the most important infrastructure

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investments in the history of the Port of Guam,” said Respicio. “These new cranes are critical not only to Guam’s commercial supply chain, but also to the strategic readiness and economic resilience of our island and region. We appreciate MARAD’s continued partnership and support as we move this project forward.”

According to MARAD, the federal award supports “the acquisition and installation of three state-of-the-art Ship-to-Shore (STS) gantry cranes,” including procurement, fabrication, shipment, installation and commissioning, operator training, and warranty support.

During the kickoff meeting, Herdliska outlined the grant agreement process and discussed coordination and matters related to the project.

Port officials also discussed the project’s NEPA review process, grant agreement coordination, procurement preparation, and other project-related requirements necessary to

advance the federally funded crane modernization project.

Respicio said the kickoff meeting established a strong foundation for the work ahead.

“This project is a major operational and strategic priority for the Port and for Guam,” he said. “The kickoff meeting allowed both teams to align expectations early and begin moving through the federal requirements necessary to execute the grant agreement and advance procurement activities.”

The Port’s current ship-to-shore gantry cranes are more than 40 years old and remain critical to cargo operations supporting Guam’s civilian, commercial, military, and regional supply chain needs.

The Port intends to formally issue the procurement for the new ship-to-shore gantry cranes no more than two weeks following receipt of a signed executed agreement from MARAD.

Frank P. Arriola Confirmed to Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors

The Port Authority of Guam welcomes the confirmation of Frank P. Arriola to serve on its Board of Directors following action by the Guam Legislature on May 20, 2026.

Arriola joins the Board as the Port continues advancing major modernization, infrastructure, resiliency, and operational sustainability initiatives, including federally supported efforts to replace its aging gantry crane fleet and strengthen cargo operations.

“We welcome Mr. Arriola to the Board of Directors and appreciate his willingness to serve the people of Guam,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “His experience in business, tourism, workforce development, and industry engagement will provide valuable perspective as the Port continues advancing projects that support Guam’s economy and regional role in the Indo-Pacific.”

Arriola currently serves as Deputy General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau and brings extensive experience in business operations, tourism, insurance, workforce development, and economic development. He previously served on the Guam Community College Board of Trustees, where he supported workforce development initiatives and strengthened partnerships between education and industry.



Port Board Chair Dorothy “Dot” Harris said Arriola’s experience comes at an important time as the Port moves forward with major capital improvement and modernization projects.

The Port Authority of Guam looks forward to working with Arriola and the Board of Directors as the agency continues its focus on modernization, operational excellence, resiliency, and supporting Guam’s economy and supply chain.

Port Board Approves Lease Resolutions for Strategic Property Use Agreements



The Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors unanimously approved multiple lease-related resolutions during its regular board meeting held May 28, 2026, advancing proposed long-term property use arrangements tied to commercial and recreational development opportunities at Port properties.

Among the actions approved by the Board were resolutions authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute proposed lease agreements with 3J Perez, LLC dba Splash Village Ocean Park and Emerald Bay Guam Ventures, LLC, consistent with the Port's existing policy framework governing property use arrangements.

Port officials stated the approvals reflect the Port's continued efforts to responsibly manage and activate non-operational Port properties in ways that support economic activity, enhance public access opportunities, and align with long-term land use planning goals.

"These actions represent another step in maximizing the value and potential of Port properties while ensuring consistency with the policies and standards previously adopted by the Board," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The Port continues to evaluate opportunities that support responsible development, economic activity, and long-term benefits to the island community."

Respicio noted that the Board's actions allow the Port to continue moving forward on discussions and negotiations related to future development concepts while maintaining oversight through established Board-approved policy frameworks.

In separate action, the Board also unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing appellate review before the Supreme Court of Guam in an ongoing personnel-related legal matter involving the Port Authority of Guam and the Civil Service Commission.

The meeting also included the General Manager's Report, public comments, and approval of prior board meeting minutes.



Port Conducts Sinlaku Hotwash to Strengthen Future Emergency Operations



The Port Authority of Guam convened a Typhoon Sinlaku Hotwash Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, bringing together divisions to begin a structured after-action review of the Port's response and recovery operations during Typhoon Sinlaku.

The meeting followed a memorandum issued by Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio directing all divisions to participate in a comprehensive after-action review, or "hotwash," focused on documenting lessons learned, evaluating operational performance, and strengthening the Port's Typhoon Annex and emergency response procedures.

"The performance demonstrated during and after Typhoon Sinlaku shows what this organization is capable of when we operate as one Port," said Respicio. "This process ensures that our experience is captured, institutionalized, and reflected in a stronger, more effective Typhoon Annex moving forward."

During the meeting, Port officials reviewed the purpose and scope of the hotwash process, division reporting requirements, submission timelines, and key operational focus areas, including coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard, carriers, truckers, CNMI partners, and emergency agencies. Discussions also addressed operational readiness, cargo recovery operations, gate processing, staffing deployment, equipment

availability, and opportunities to strengthen interdivision coordination.

According to the memorandum, the review period covers operations from pre-COR readiness through 24 hours after the restoration to COR 4 and the resumption of cargo release operations. The review includes pre-storm preparations, COR transitions, port closure procedures, harbor reopening coordination, vessel sequencing, terminal operations, and cargo movement into Guam and the CNMI.

Respicio designated Chief Planner Joe Javellana to lead the after-action review effort in coordination with the Planning Division and CIP team. The process includes division-level reporting, consolidation of findings, and future updates to the Port's Typhoon Annex based on operational experience and identified improvements.

The Port's response to Typhoon Sinlaku included coordinated operational preparations, cargo recovery efforts, interagency collaboration, and the phased restoration of port operations supporting Guam and regional supply chain continuity.

"Our focus is continuous improvement," Respicio said. "This review is about reinforcing what worked, identifying areas where procedures can be strengthened, and ensuring the Port remains ready to respond effectively during future emergencies."

Port Expands Access with Additional Open Gate Services

The Port Authority of Guam continued expanding cargo access and operational support efforts throughout May as part of its ongoing post-Super Typhoon Sinlaku recovery operations.

To help maintain cargo movement into the community, the Port opened additional Saturday gate operations on May 2, May 9 and May 16, providing trucking companies, agents, tenants, and port users with greater flexibility to retrieve cargo and move freight more efficiently across the island. During the extended operating hours, both the Truckers Complex Gate and the Breakbulk Gate remained open without requiring a Special Service Request.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said the additional gate access reflects the Port's continued focus on keeping cargo flowing and supporting Guam's recovery and supply chain operations.

"Providing additional gate access helps create more opportunity for cargo to move out of the terminal and into the community," Respicio said. "That continued movement remains important as vessel operations and cargo discharge activities continue across the seaport."

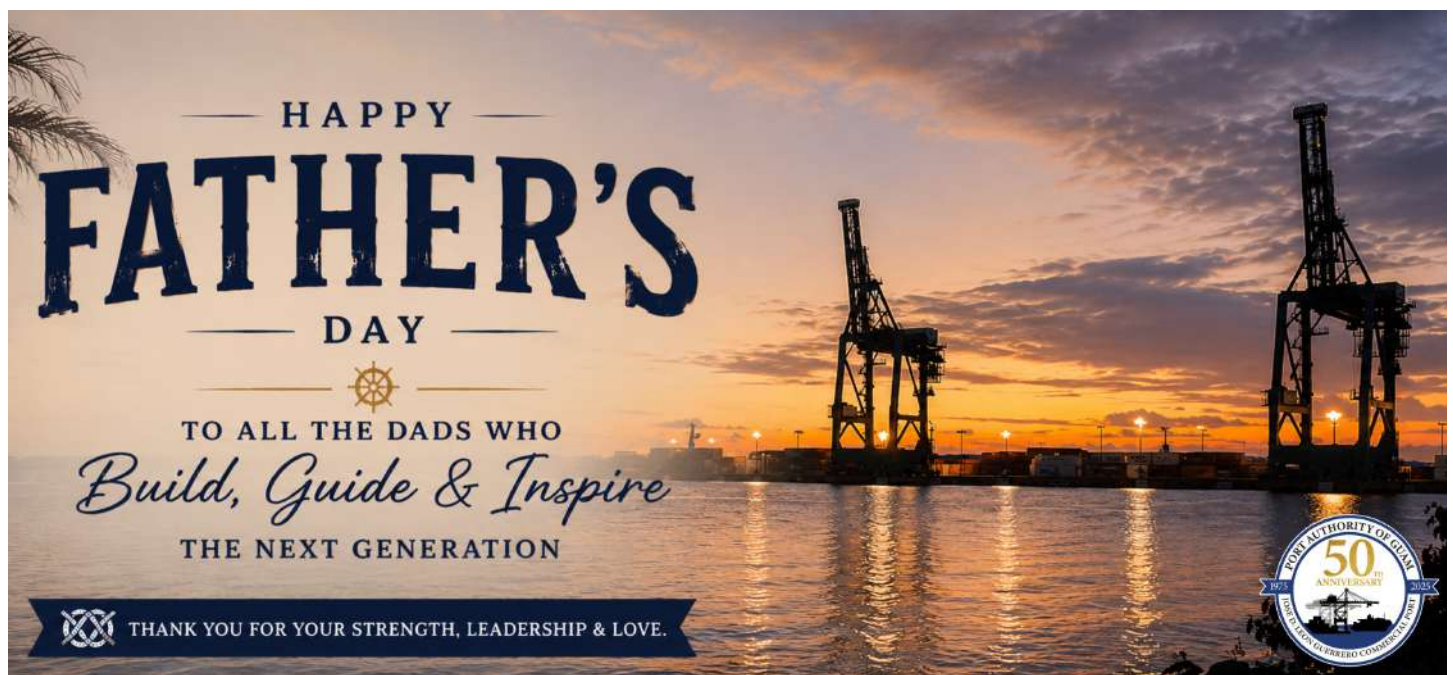
Cargo operations remained active throughout the recovery period, with vessels continuing to discharge cargo daily while Port employees and maritime partners worked to maintain operational momentum across the terminal.



Respicio emphasized that the continued movement of cargo has depended heavily on coordination throughout the maritime and trucking community.

"Our employees and maritime partners continue working every day to maintain operational momentum and keep cargo moving efficiently," Respicio said. "We appreciate the continued coordination from the trucking community, agents, tenants, and all port users."

The additional gate access initiatives were part of the Port's broader efforts to support cargo distribution, supply chain stability, and recovery operations following Super Typhoon Sinlaku.



Port Launches Emissions Inventory Initiative Under EPA Clean Ports Program



The Port Authority of Guam this month launched a collaborative port-wide emissions inventory effort as part of its federally funded Clean Ports Program, bringing together Port personnel, consultants, and members of the Port Users Group to support the development of Guam's long-term Zero-Emission and Zero-Waste strategy.

The emissions inventory initiative is being conducted with support from Jacobs, the Port's consultant team, and includes coordination meetings and data-gathering sessions with Port users throughout the week. The effort focuses on compiling greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate air pollutant (CAP) data associated with Port-owned assets and operational activities across the harbor community.

The inventory process includes the collection and analysis of operational information related to vessels, cargo handling equipment, fleet vehicles, harbor craft, drayage trucks, and other fuel-powered equipment operating within the Port environment. The effort is intended to establish a comprehensive baseline of emissions activity across the Port and support future sustainability, resiliency, and modernization planning initiatives.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said the initiative represents another important step forward in strengthening the Port's environmental stewardship efforts while ensuring Guam's

main commercial gateway remains prepared for the future. Respicio credited Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, First Gentleman Jeff Cook, and the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors for their continued leadership and support of sustainability initiatives and long-term environmental planning efforts at the Port. He noted that the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration and the Board have consistently emphasized the importance of resiliency, sustainability, and responsible infrastructure planning as part of Guam's broader economic and environmental future.

"The Port of Guam plays a critical role in our island's economy, supply chain, and national security operations, and this effort helps ensure we continue moving forward responsibly and strategically," Respicio said. "This emissions inventory is about understanding where we are today so we can make informed decisions that strengthen resiliency, improve operational sustainability, and support the long-term future of the Port and the broader community."

Respicio also emphasized the importance of collaboration with the Port Users Group and industry stakeholders participating in the data collection effort.

"This process would not be possible without the partnership and participation of our Port users,"

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Respicio said. “Their operational knowledge and cooperation are essential to building a complete picture of activity across the harbor and helping guide future planning efforts under the Clean Ports Program.”

Respicio noted that the work underway this week is part of a larger federally funded initiative supported through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Ports Program.

In January 2025, the Port Authority of Guam officially launched implementation efforts associated with its \$2.4 million Clean Ports Program award provided through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate and Air Quality

Planning Competition. The federal award supports several major planning initiatives, including a mobile emissions inventory, updates to the Port’s Net Zero Emissions Strategy, development of a workforce development plan, climate resiliency planning, and implementation strategies focused on decarbonization and electrification of Port operations.

Respicio added that the emissions inventory effort currently underway will help support future planning, grant development, infrastructure modernization efforts, and sustainability initiatives aimed at improving long-term operational resilience across Guam’s only commercial seaport.

GM Highlights Modernization, Resilience, and Sinlaku Response at SAME Guam Meeting



Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio served as the featured speaker during the May monthly membership meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Guam Post, where he delivered a presentation focused on the Port’s modernization efforts, infrastructure priorities, operational resilience initiatives, and the Port’s response and recovery operations during Typhoon Sinlaku.

Held on May 28, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Guam, the presentation, titled “2026 Look Ahead: Modernization, Resilience, & Typhoon Sinlaku Response,” provided military, engineering, infrastructure, and industry stakeholders with

an overview of the Port’s strategic direction as Guam’s only commercial seaport and a critical component of regional logistics and national security readiness.

Respicio discussed the Port’s ongoing transition from recovery and reform into what he described as a period of execution and delivery, outlining major infrastructure priorities including ship-to-shore gantry crane replacement, fuel pier rehabilitation, wharf hardening projects, cybersecurity upgrades, and obsolete facility replacement efforts.

“The Port is not simply maintaining
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operations,” Respicio said. “We are modernizing in real time while continuing to move cargo, support the island economy, and strengthen Guam’s role in national defense and regional logistics. Our responsibility is to ensure long-term resilience while keeping commerce and critical supply chains moving every single day.”

The presentation also highlighted the Port’s coordination with federal and defense partners on infrastructure modernization, energy resilience, sustainability initiatives, and military-civilian operational alignment tied to Indo-Pacific strategic priorities.

A significant portion of the presentation focused on the Port’s response to Typhoon Sinlaku, including preparedness measures, command and control operations, rapid restoration efforts, and coordinated reopening activities following the storm. Respicio detailed the Port’s activation of its Typhoon Annex, coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard, Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense, tenants, and other operational stakeholders before, during, and after the storm event.

Respicio also discussed post-storm recovery operations and the Port’s after-action review process aimed at strengthening future readiness and operational coordination.

“The response to Typhoon Sinlaku demonstrated the professionalism, preparation, and commitment of our Port Strong workforce,” Respicio said. “Even during one of the most significant operational challenges faced this year, our employees remained focused on protecting the Port, restoring operations, and supporting Guam’s recovery.”



The Port also used the presentation to reinforce its broader “One Guam” strategic framework, emphasizing the importance of supply chain reliability, infrastructure investment, transportation resilience, healthcare support, and national security readiness.

Respicio thanked Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors, federal agency partners, military stakeholders, and Port employees for their continued support of the Port’s modernization and resilience initiatives.

The Society of American Military Engineers is a professional organization that brings together public and private sector professionals in engineering, architecture, construction, facilities management, and related disciplines to support national security infrastructure and community resilience efforts.

Port Welcomes AAPA CEO Sang Yi, Highlights Federal Partnership and Collaboration

The Port Authority of Guam has welcomed the appointment of Sang H. Yi as President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Association of Port Authorities, while also highlighting continued collaboration between the Port, federal maritime leadership, and national port stakeholders on strategic infrastructure and supply chain priorities in the Indo-Pacific.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio recently extended his congratulations to Yi following his appointment by the AAPA Board of Directors on May 4, 2026.

“Congratulations on your appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Association of Port Authorities,” said Respicio. “Your understanding of the role ports play in supply chain continuity, national security, and regional stability comes at a moment when our industry is being asked to do more with greater urgency and accountability.”

Yi most recently served as Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration, where he oversaw key programs supporting the nation’s commercial and strategic maritime infrastructure. His background across the Executive and Legislative Branches, combined with his experience in maritime policy and national security, brings a strong and relevant perspective to the role.

Earlier this year, Respicio met with Yi at MARAD headquarters in Washington, D.C., together with Port Board Vice Chair Conchita S.N. Taitano and Chief Planner Joe Javellana, to discuss the Port of Guam’s infrastructure priorities and its role in supporting regional commerce, national security, and energy logistics in the Indo-Pacific.

That engagement took place as the Port advanced its application under the Port Infrastructure Development Program, which was subsequently approved, resulting in a federal award of nearly \$60 million to support the acquisition of new ship-to-shore gantry cranes. The project represents a major modernization effort and the first time in the Port’s history that it will procure new cranes, replacing equipment that is more than 40 years old and nearing the end of their service life.



Respicio also emphasized the importance of continued alignment between national port policy and regional operational needs.

“For strategic ports like Guam, your leadership carries real significance,” Respicio wrote in his congratulatory message to Yi. “The Port Authority of Guam serves as a critical link in the Indo-Pacific, supporting the vast majority of the island’s imports while also playing a direct role in military readiness and regional logistics. For us, port readiness is national security readiness. The challenges we face are immediate and tied to infrastructure resilience, redundancy, and our ability to operate as a reliable node in both civilian and defense supply chains.”

The Port also acknowledged the importance of AAPA’s advocacy on federal policy issues, including Buy America waiver considerations for specialized port equipment, which has been a key factor in enabling remote and strategic ports to move forward with critical infrastructure investments.

In his response to Respicio, Yi acknowledged the Port’s recent federal infrastructure success and expressed appreciation for the continued

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partnership.

“Thank you for the well wishes. It was a pleasure meeting with you as well, and I’m so very thrilled that the Port of Guam was able to receive your PIDP request for FY25,” Yi wrote. “Very much looking forward to our continued work together.”

Vice Chair Conchita S.N. Taitano previously extended an invitation to Yi to participate in the 112th Annual Conference of the Association of Pacific Ports, which Guam will host from August 3 to 6, 2026. The conference will bring together

port leaders from across the Pacific to focus on infrastructure, resilience, and sustainability, and to strengthen alignment between national port policy and regional operational priorities.

In his correspondence, Yi stated that while his August schedule remains uncertain, he would give the invitation “fullest consideration” if possible.

The Port Authority of Guam said it looks forward to continued collaboration with Yi and AAPA leadership in advancing a strong, resilient, and future-ready port system.

Cruise Vessel Asuka III Arrives at the Port of Guam

The Port Authority of Guam welcomed the Japan-flagged cruise vessel Asuka III on May 6, 2026 as part of the vessel’s regional voyage through the Pacific.

The Asuka III arrived at the Port at 9:00 a.m. carrying 311 passengers and 429 crew members and visited Guam for a two-day period. The vessel previously made its maiden call to Guam in December 2025. During their time on island, passengers are expected to visit local attractions, restaurants, retail establishments, and tourism destinations throughout Guam, with some passengers scheduled to participate in organized local tours across the island, contributing to Guam’s visitor economy.

To mark the vessel’s arrival, the Guam Visitors Bureau coordinated a cultural welcome featuring traditional CHamoru cultural performances and hospitality.

“We are pleased to once again welcome the passengers and crew of Asuka III to Guam,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “Cruise vessel visits continue to highlight Guam as a premier destination in the Pacific while providing meaningful economic activity for our island’s tourism and business community. I also want to recognize and thank our Port employees for their continued professionalism and excellence



in safely converting our terminal operations to accommodate cruise vessel arrivals and passenger processing operations.”

Port employees coordinated terminal safety, security, and passenger movement operations to support the vessel call while maintaining ongoing commercial cargo activities at the island’s only commercial seaport.

Cruise vessel visits such as this continue to highlight Guam’s role as a strategic and welcoming destination in the region while providing visitors the opportunity to experience the island’s culture, history, and hospitality.

Port Welcomes 2026 Water Transportation Training Program Trainees

The Port Authority of Guam successfully concluded the 2026 Water Transportation Training Program (WTTP), hosting trainees from across Micronesia for an intensive 28-day training focused on maritime operations, safety, and security.

The trainees arrived on Guam on May 1, 2026 and began the program the following week with Maritime Security (MARSEC) training conducted by Port Police to strengthen readiness and reinforce security protocols ahead of passenger vessel operations. Participants were issued temporary Port identification badges and engaged in a series of meet-and-greet sessions with key divisions, including Port Police, Harbor Master, and the General Manager's Office, providing an overview of how the Port secures and protects its facilities.

Throughout the program, trainees rotated through multiple divisions, gaining hands-on experience in Terminal Operations, Transportation, Equipment Maintenance Repair (EQMR), Stevedoring, and administrative functions. They also trained alongside industry partners, including Matson Navigation Company and Marianas Steamship Agency, further expanding their exposure to real-world port operations and best practices. The structured training schedule provided a comprehensive look at the Port's operations and emphasized safety, efficiency, and professionalism.

Participants were outfitted with personal protective equipment and conducted full tours of Port facilities, allowing them to observe operations firsthand and understand the critical role the Port plays in sustaining Guam's economy and supporting regional logistics.



"This program reflects the Port Authority of Guam's commitment to building capacity across the region and sharing the standards that define our operations," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "We are proud to support the next generation of maritime professionals from our neighboring island communities and to continue strengthening partnerships throughout Micronesia."

The program concluded with an exit briefing with Port leadership, followed by a farewell luncheon recognizing the trainees' completion of the program.

The WTTP is a collaborative effort between the Port Authority of Guam, Matson Navigation Company, Marianas Steamship Agency, and ATOSSCOM, and continues to serve as a key platform for workforce development and regional cooperation.

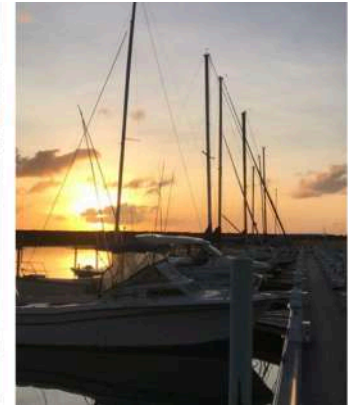
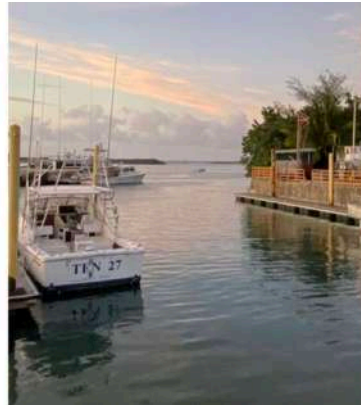


COAST GUARD INSPECTION

June 2, 2026

Contact the Safety Division
for more information

Port Unveils Marinas and Harbor of Refuge Information Webpage



The Port Authority of Guam has added a new “Marinas and Harbor of Refuge Information” page to its website, providing the public with centralized access to marina services, permit information, facility guides, availability updates, and marina regulations.

The new webpage, located under the Community section of the Port’s website, was developed to improve public access to important information related to the Agat Marina, Agana Marina, and Harbor of Refuge facilities.

The page includes downloadable applications, marina rules and regulations, facility guides, and updated marina and harbor availability information intended to assist recreational, commercial, and transient vessel operators.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said the initiative reflects the Port’s ongoing efforts to improve customer service and make important public information easier to access online.

“Our marinas and Harbor of Refuge are important community and maritime assets serving recreational boaters, commercial operators, and vessels seeking safe harbor,” said Respicio. “This new webpage improves accessibility to information, streamlines the permit process, and helps ensure marina users have the resources they need in one centralized location.”

The new page includes information regarding:

- Marina use permits and requirements
- Slip and mooring availability
- Marina rules and regulations
- Emergency and severe weather guidance
- Recreational and commercial marina services
- Contact information for Commercial Division

The webpage also provides downloadable guides and permit applications for:

- Agat Marina
- Agana Marina
- Harbor of Refuge
- Slip and Mooring Use Permits

The Port also acknowledged the Commercial Division for its work compiling the content featured on the new webpage.



Important Links

[Slip Mooring Permit Application](#)

[Marina Rules and Regulations](#)

[Agana Marina Guide](#)

[Agat Marina Guide](#)

[Harbor of Refuge Guide](#)

[Marina and Harbor of Refuge Availability](#)



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Port Launches New QR Code Restroom Reporting System

The Port Authority of Guam has officially launched a new restroom reporting system designed to improve responsiveness to maintenance and cleanliness concerns at public restroom facilities located on Port properties.

The initiative was developed following an idea introduced by General Manager Rory J. Respicio as part of ongoing efforts to improve the public experience at Port facilities and strengthen communication between the community and Port personnel responsible for maintenance and operations.

Under the new system, members of the public may scan a QR code posted inside participating restrooms, which directs users to an online reporting form.

The form allows users to report issues including restroom cleanliness, maintenance concerns, supply shortages, or other restroom-related problems. Once submitted, reports are automatically forwarded to designated Facilities

Maintenance Division and Commercial Division personnel for review and response.

“Providing clean, functional, and accessible public facilities is important to the overall experience of those who visit and utilize Port properties,” said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “This new system gives the public a direct and convenient way to help us identify issues quickly so they can be addressed more efficiently.”

A total of 16 restroom signs containing QR codes have been produced and have been installed throughout the Port’s Main Administration Building restrooms, Agana Marina, Agat Marina, and Port Beach.

When a report is submitted via the QR code, the Port’s Facility Maintenance Division will respond.

The new reporting system is part of the Port’s continued efforts to improve public services, facility conditions, and operational responsiveness across Port-managed properties.

HELP US KEEP OUR RESTROOMS CLEAN

We’re launching a new initiative to keep our public restrooms clean, safe, and comfortable for everyone.



Scan the QR code to report any issues or need for cleaning.



SEE AN ISSUE?

Scan the QR code in any Port restroom to let us know.



WE’LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

Our team will review your report and take action.



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP IT CLEAN!

Your feedback helps us maintain restrooms we can all be proud of.

Håfa Adai!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Port Joins Guam Delegation at Regional Energy and Transport Ministers Meeting

The Port Authority of Guam participated as part of the Guam delegation at the Sixth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting (PRETMM6), held May 4 through 8, 2026 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, joining regional leaders, ministers, and senior officials in advancing critical discussions on maritime transport, energy resilience, and regional connectivity.

Representing the Port Authority of Guam at the meeting were General Manager Rory J. Respicio and Board Vice Chairperson Conchita S.N. Taitano, who joined Guam's delegation in engaging with regional and international partners on key issues impacting the future of maritime transport in the Pacific.

Hosted by the Government of Papua New Guinea in collaboration with the Pacific Community, the high-level forum brought together Pacific Island countries and territories to coordinate strategies addressing shared challenges, including climate change, infrastructure resilience, and sustainable maritime transport systems.

The Guam delegation participated in a full week of meetings, technical sessions, and ministerial dialogues focused on strengthening connectivity across the Blue Pacific under the theme "Scaling Connectivity for a Prosperous Blue Pacific."

Throughout the meeting, discussions emphasized the critical role of maritime transport in supporting economic growth, trade, and access to essential goods across island communities, while also addressing vulnerabilities tied to aging infrastructure, rising operational costs, and climate impacts.

As part of the Heads of Maritime sessions and broader ministerial program, regional stakeholders reviewed progress on key initiatives and explored coordinated approaches to workforce development, maritime governance,



digital transformation, and sustainable financing for port and shipping infrastructure.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said participation in the meeting reinforces the Port's role as a strategic partner in regional and international maritime efforts.

"The Port Authority of Guam was proud to stand alongside the Guam delegation and our Pacific partners at this important regional forum," said Respicio. "As the only commercial seaport serving our island and a key hub in the Indo-Pacific, Guam plays a vital role in strengthening regional connectivity, supply chain resilience, and national security. Engagement at this level ensures that Guam's priorities are part of the broader conversation shaping the future of maritime transport in the Pacific."

Key outcomes of the meeting included advancing regional commitments to energy security and maritime transport, strengthening partnerships, and progressing the Pacific One-Maritime Framework, a unified approach to coordinated maritime development across the region.

The Port's participation underscores its continued commitment to collaboration, innovation, and long-term planning to support Guam's economic stability and its role within the broader Pacific region.

Port to Support Liberation Day Celebration with Marina Parade Viewing Spaces

Article submitted by the Commercial Division

As Guam prepares to commemorate the 82nd Liberation Day under this year's theme, "Para I Onra, Para I Gloria" (For Our Honor. For Our Glory), the Port Authority of Guam (PAG) is proud to participate in the island-wide celebration while continuing a longstanding tradition of supporting employees and their families during one of Guam's most cherished events.

The Port will once again make designated viewing and camping spaces available at the Agana Marina along the Liberation Day Parade route, providing Port employees an opportunity to celebrate the occasion with family and friends while enjoying front-row access to the festivities.

In keeping with the spirit of fairness and accessibility, the Port will allocate the limited spaces through a random lottery process. A total of 11 designated slots adjacent to the marina have been identified for employee use during the Liberation Day celebration.

"Liberation Day is a meaningful time for our island and our Port family," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio in a memorandum to employees. "The Port is honored to join the celebration and proudly showcase its float in recognition of the resilience, unity, and spirit of the Port Strong Family."

Employees interested in securing a space are invited to submit a Gregorio D. Perez Marina Space Use Application through the Commercial Division by July 9, 2026, with the lottery drawing

scheduled for July 10, 2026, in the Port Board Conference Room.

Selected employees will receive reserved spots for use beginning 6:00 p.m. on July 20, 2026, through 6:00 p.m. on July 21, 2026, allowing families to safely prepare and participate in parade day activities.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants, permit holders will be required to observe marina guidelines, including restrictions on open fires on the ground, maintaining access for emergency vehicles, proper disposal of trash, and respecting nearby Port facilities.

The Port Authority's participation aligns with the broader island observance of Liberation Day, which this year reflects on Guam's enduring strength and shared responsibility to honor those who endured occupation and contributed to rebuilding the island following liberation. The 2026 theme, announced by the Office of the Governor, emphasizes remembrance, resilience, and the responsibility of future generations to uphold the legacy of Guam's liberation.

As part of the celebration, the Port Authority of Guam will also proudly feature its float in the annual Liberation Day Parade, joining government agencies, private organizations, and community groups in honoring Guam's history, culture, and enduring spirit.

For additional information regarding marina permits, employees may contact the Commercial Division at (671) 477-5931, extensions 264–270.

Port Spots for Liberation Day Parade



Employee Quarterly Awards - FY2026 2nd Quarter

Employee of the Quarter

Category 1:



Kirida Charfauros, Buyer I

Category 2:



Jerome Guerrero, Crane Mechanic II



Joshlynn Santos, Cargo Checker

Supervisor of the Quarter

Category 1:



Mark Cabrera, Buyer Supervisor

Category 2:



Curtis Etleman, Prev. Maint. Mechanic Leader

Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter

Category 1:



Procurement and Supply

Category 2:



Corrosion Control

Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Quarter

Category 1:



Marketing & Communications Division

Category 2:



Stevedoring Division

Photo Highlights



WTPP trainees participate in Maritime Security (MARSEC) training at the Port Authority of Guam as part of the 2026 Water Transportation Training Program. The 28-day program provided participants from across Micronesia with hands-on instruction in port operations, safety, and security, helping strengthen regional maritime workforce development and cooperation.

Gantry 6 Repairs

Port personnel continue critical repairs and modernization efforts on one of the Port's gantry cranes. The project is part of the Port's ongoing commitment to maintaining reliable cargo operations and supporting Guam's supply chain. Look for the full story in next month's newsletter.

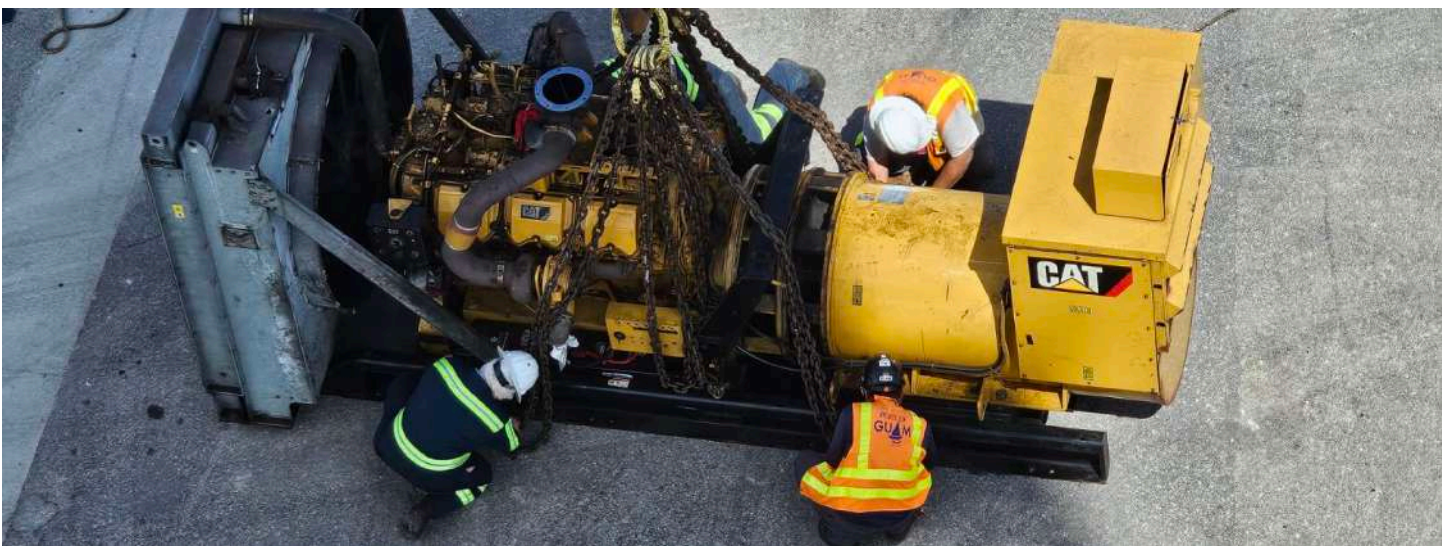
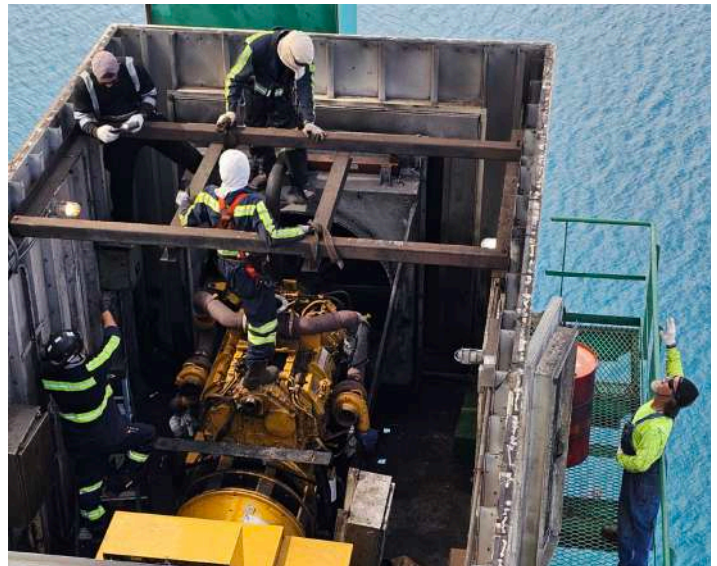
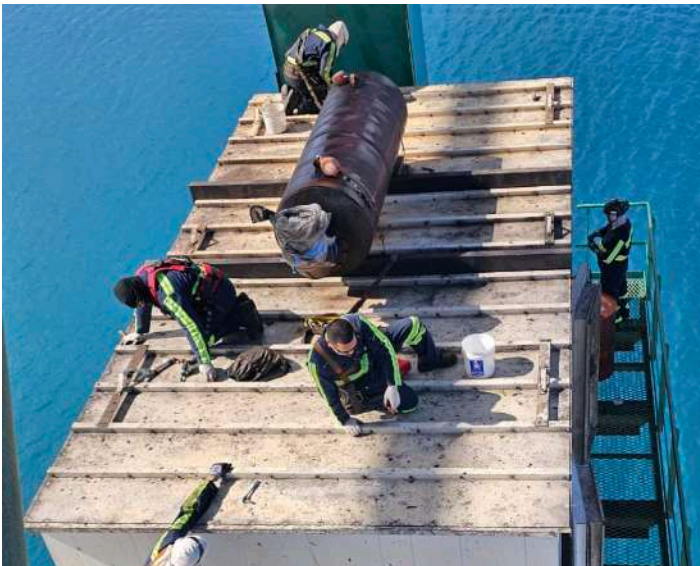


Photo Highlights Continued



Participants of DYA's Island Leadership program, Summer Truong and Delyzah Acovera, spend the day at the port where they gained firsthand experience regarding port operations, leadership coordination, and the day-to-day responsibilities involved in managing terminal activities.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Higinio Camacho, Jr.
Earl T.L. Aquai
Vincent J. Asanoma
Frank J. San Nicolas
James A. Sandlin
Joshua T. Tuituu
Corrina H.C. Quinata
Anthony B. Leon Guerrero
Betty Ann P. Wusstig-Perez
Robert D. Quinata

Devin Jess Cruz
Alisha R. Candoleta
Helen M. Matthews
Nathaniel A. Diaz
Kirida Ha'ani Charfauros
Erwin Jan H. Adonay
Jessica L. Toft
Erien Monique M. Candoleta
Pedro Charles M. Lizama
Danielle N.G. Manibusan

