

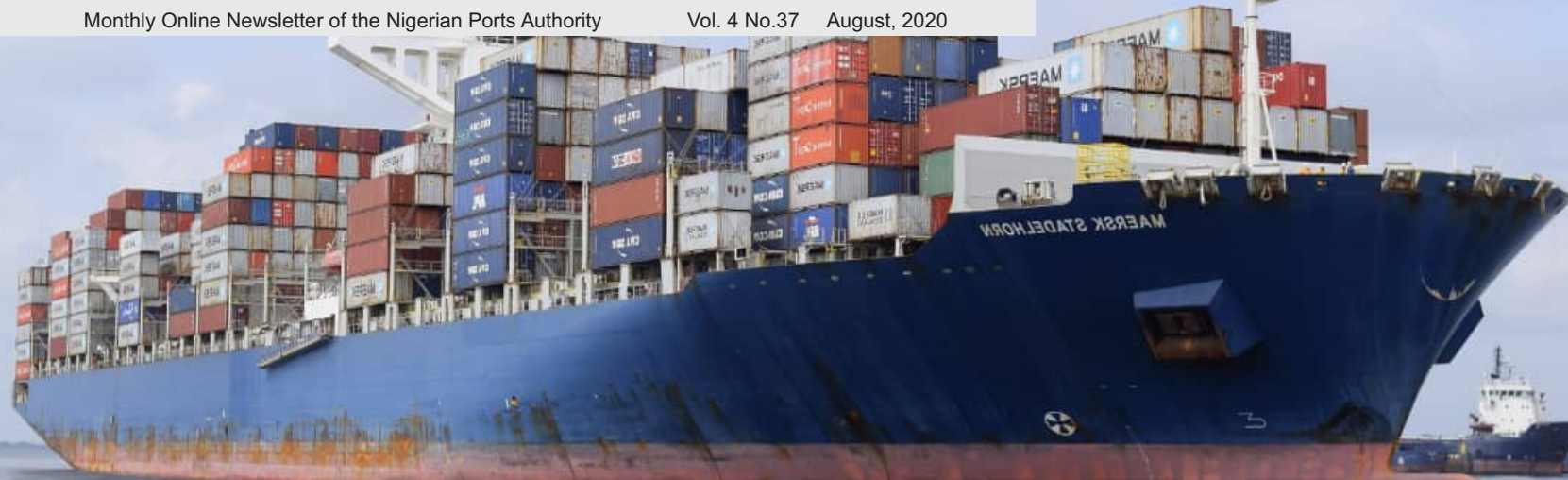


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NPA RECORDS ANOTHER FEAT...

BERTHS LARGEST CONTAINER VESSEL EVER AT ONNE PORT

The Hadiza Bala Usman led Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), recently recorded another feat with the successful berthing of the largest Container Vessel ever, to call at any Nigerian port, Maersk Stadelhorn, at the Federal Ocean Terminal (FOT), Onne Ports Complex in the Eastern Ports axis.

The Managing Director, represented by the Assistant General Manager Harbours, Captain Uduiguomen Eboreime, while receiving the vessel, in company of the Port Manager, Onne Ports Complex, Alhassan Abubakar, expressed delight with the arrival of this largest vessel said, it is as a result of the Management's consistent determination to improve patronage of the Eastern Ports and all port locations. The Authority she said, "assures of its commitment to ensuring that all ports locations in Nigeria work at their optimal capacity and the repositioning of Nigerian ports as the hub in the sub-region."

While appreciating the stakeholders for their cooperation towards seeing

that the vessel berthed safely without any challenge, she emphasised that, "it is an indication of Management's determination at operational efficiency, commitment, professionalism and above all improved quality service to its clients."

The Port Manager Onne, in whose domain the vessel successfully berthed informed stakeholders and port users at the short but colourful event, that the berthing of the vessel was a milestone in the history of the Port and the NPA at large. The vessel he said, was brought in from Fairway Bouy Bonny, with the aid of three tugboats operated by three of the Authority's Pilots as she made her way from Cotonou, Republic of Benin with a Singaporean flag.

Alhassan, particularly applauded the NPA Management team for introducing robust infrastructural and operational reforms and policies, as well as, providing logistic support and expertise for this feat.

He further stated that, "with this development Port users, particularly, importers within the Eastern and Northern axis now have a platform to choose from in moving their goods."

The Country Manager of AP Moller Terminals Nigeria, Klaus Laursen stated that the vessel with a length of 300 metres, width of 48 metres and draught of 11.2 metres has a capacity of 9,971 (TEUs) and is the biggest Container Vessel to call at any Nigerian port.

Maritime experts and stakeholders have applauded this greatest feat since the inception of the Port. They affirmed that the berthing of the vessel has further revealed the professionalism of NPA pilots, the increase in the dredging of the channels to receive bigger vessels, the issue of insecurity that has been addressed and the readiness to compete favourably within the sub-region.

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In this edition we report the landmark successful berthing of the largest Container Vessel to ever call on any Nigerian port, Maersk Stadelhorn, at Onne Ports Complex recently.

Also highlighted is NPA's renewed commitment and synergy with other Government Agencies and in particular, the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) on the enforcement of Container latching.

Presented also, is the call by the Honourable Minister of State for Transportation, Senator Gbemisola Saraki, for all Agencies and stakeholders in the Maritime Industry to collaborate with the Ministry to report and address all forms of sexual molestation and harassment as acts which erode human dignity and inhibit mostly the womenfolk.

Our Health and Safety Corner presents some tips for your guide on Nigerian road trip.

These and other juicy stories are packaged for your reading pleasure.

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If the highest aim of a captain
were to preserve his ship, he
would keep it in port forever.

Thomas Aquinas

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PROTECTION OF LIVES AND PROPERTY...

NPA PARTNERS FRSC ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF CONTAINER LATCHING



The Managing Director, of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, has informed Maritime Stakeholders and the general public of the Management's readiness and commitment at ensuring the enforcement of Safety Standards and protection of lives and property within and outside the Port environment through a renewed and improved synergy and cooperation with other Government Agencies particularly the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC). The Management she said, is of the view that the partnership with the FRSC would ensure professionalism in the area of

monitoring and enforcement of Safety Standards, which ensure through punitive regulations, that truck drivers carrying containers without latching them to their trucks, are not allowed to ply the Nigerian roads.

The NPA Chief Executive, made this remark recently, at a meeting with Heads of Maritime Agencies which held in Lagos.

Hadiza was of the view that with the recent disturbing incidents and stories making the rounds, the new policy when in place would effectively eradicate the carnage on our highways caused by the falling off of Containers from flat bed trucks carrying them, resulting in the loss of lives and permanent disability of port users and the general public.

She frowned at the attitude of truck drivers who deliberately unlatch containers when they leave the Port premises, in a bid to save their vehicles in case of accidents.

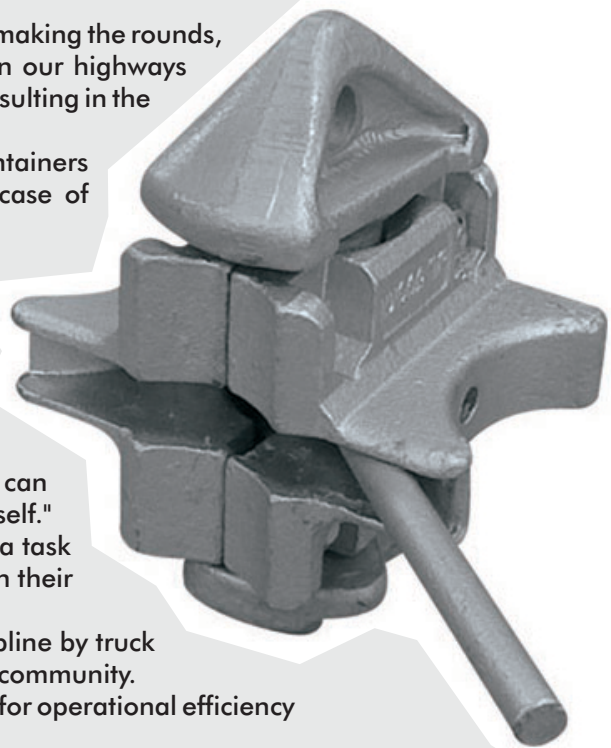
She said, "this is something we have observed and we feel it is a critical thing that needs to be addressed. The latching of the Containers is usually done in the Port locations with the Terminal Operators and supervision by the NPA.

However, some truck drivers upon leaving the port locations, now unlatch their Containers because they are concerned with their trucks, so they literally feel that if there is an issue or they get into a pothole or trying to traverse a corner and the container is latched onto the truck, it can overturn with their trucks, so they will rather allow the Container overturn itself."

"This is something that we are working now with the FRSC on developing a task force that would supervise and inspect the truck drivers that tend to loosen their latches when they leave the Port environment."

This recent decision by NPA Management at addressing the act of indiscipline by truck drivers, through partnership with FRSC is being applauded by the Maritime community.

They see the initiative as a right move towards positioning the port Industry for operational efficiency and in line with International best practices across board.



SEXUAL MOLESTATION IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

...SARAKI KICKS, ENCOURAGES VICTIMS TO SPEAK OUT

The Federal Ministry of Transportation has expressed its willingness and determination to address any form of Molestation and Sexual Harassment, through a platform in line with the existing laws, whereby, aggrieved women would be able to report all forms of acts which erode human dignity and inhibit, most especially, the womenfolk from pursuing their exploring their potentials to the fullest in the Maritime sub-sector.

The Honourable Minister of State for Transportation, Senator Gbemisola Saraki, made this remark recently through, the Deputy Director Marine Pollution in the Ministry, Asmau Adaji, at a Webinar on "Enforcing Policies And Legal Instruments Against Sexual Harassment And Exploitation in The Maritime Industry" organised by Women in Maritime Journalism (WIMAJ), to commemorate the 2020 Day of the Seafarers.

According to Saraki, victims of rape and molestation should courageously speak up if they want to get justice, stating that the fight against female sexual harassment requires effective collaboration from all Stakeholders in Government, Shipping Companies, the Media, and the Civil Society groups, to mention but a few.



**SEXUAL
HARASSMENT
STOPS HERE!**

The Honourable Minister of State, emphasised that, "human dignity must be respected at all times and places. There should be increased protection of Women's rights under the law. The Federal Ministry of Transportation, with the assistance of Maritime Agencies, is committed to formulating policies in line with our subsisting law to address this sad phenomenon which erodes human dignity and inhibits the womenfolk from pursuing

careers and exploring their full potentials in the Maritime sector."

Noting that such cases remain largely unreported due to fear of stigmatisation and victimisation, she therefore, charged women in the Industry to address all issues that could instill confidence in victims and deter intending offenders.

Also speaking at the event, the Chairperson Shipowners Forum, Mrs Margaret Orakwusi, informed the gathering of the need for all to appreciate the fundamental rights of women, as the culture of silence has further aggravated the various inhuman acts against them.

Participants at the event solicited for the renewal of laws to be put in place at addressing the issue. Severe punitive measures they affirmed, should be applied to bring an end to all forms of sexual molestation and harassment.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EFFECTIVE SECURITY OF THE NATION'S SEAPORT

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), has always promised its stakeholders and the general public of its continued determination at collaborating with Sister Government Agencies, especially the Security services, towards the effective protection of lives and property across the nation's seaports. The Port Manager Onne Ports Complex, Alhassan Abubakar, made this remark on behalf of the NPA Executive Management, while playing host to the newly posted Commissioner of Police, Eastern Ports Command, Tami Evelyn Peterside, in his office.

Abubakar stated that Management has over the years prioritized the security of lives and property of its esteemed stakeholders. He informed the Commissioner and her team that the Onne over the years has witnessed tremendous peace and harmony with its clients and the host communities at large.

Accordingly, he affirmed that, Management has often given

assistance to its host communities in the area of Corporate Social Responsibility which has reduced tension and anxiety in the hitherto volatile community.

The Port Manager, who was quite elated, informed the Commissioner, that the Port has of recent witnessed an increase in the number of Vessels berthing in the port which is as a result of friendly policies and incentives of the Management.

The Commissioner of Police, while responding, thanked the Port Manager for the warm reception given to her and her team, stating that she was aware of the important responsibility of protecting lives and property.

Also, while appreciating the support given to her predecessor Yunusa Ogwuche, she requested for more support, especially, in the area of logistics as she said, "we need to be prepared as Police to be combat ready by having the right equipment, including gunboat."

Health and Safety

12 SAFETY TIPS FOR NIGERIAN ROAD TRIP



When embarking on a Nigerian road trip there are certain things you need to understand and do to make your trip safer and more enjoyable.

For instance, you need to pay attention to things like time, the use of tinted glass as well as speed but that's not all. Below are 12 tips you should keep in mind for your Nigerian road trip.

1. Pay Attention to Time

Schedule your journey between 9am to 4pm. Don't leave too early and strive to avoid driving during late hours.

2. Scroll through Your Phone Contacts

Remove titles from your phone contacts. Examples of such titles include Alhaji, Chief, Inspector and military ranks in general. In a sticky situation, you don't want rogues finding out that you are a dignitary or high-ranking

member of a military parastatal. The lesser such people know about you, the better.

3. Keep an Eye on the Returning Lane

While driving, focus on the road and ensure that every 5-7 minutes, there is traffic on the returning lane. This helps you ensure that you are not driving into any kind of trouble ahead. In a situation where there is no traffic on the returning lane after 5-7 minutes, please, proceed with great caution.

4. Don't Exceed 100 Km/Hr

Try not to exceed 100 km per hour so you can make your timely judgements and driving decisions. It will also help you look out for dangerous situations and traps as well as help you appreciate the terrain.

5. Used Tinted Glass With Caution

If you can, please don't use tinted glass on your car. It passes a message to bandits and criminal elements that you are either an influential person or military personnel.

6. Do You Have the Necessary Tools?

Make sure you always have a spare tyre, jack, plug and fuel pump in your car. Don't ignore this.

7. Keep Your Eyes on the Road

Even if you are not the one driving, put your phone away and keep your eyes on the road. Sometimes, the driver needs to be engaged to avoid drifting off, especially when tired.

8. Don't Stop at Random Points

If you must stop to buy a food article or ease yourself, it is advisable to take that break at a town, village or gas/petrol station. Avoid stopping randomly on deserted roads.

9. Don't Drive When Tired or Fatigued

Avoid driving when you are fatigued, tired or in dire need of rest or sleep. These are not ideal driving conditions as you are likely to suffer a lapse in concentration.

10. Safety Tips Are Not Surprise-Proof

Generally, safety tips are great. They will help tremendously but cannot guarantee total protection from unforeseen elements and circumstances.

11. Keep Your Phone Away

Avoid receiving calls or texting while you are behind the wheel. Ensure your eyes and concentration remain glued to the road and other road users around you.

12. You Need a Maintenance Check

Carry out a general maintenance check on your car before you put it on the road for a trip.

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WORK HOUR RELAXATION

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HOW CAN THE PROBLEM OF FLOODING CURRENTLY RAVAGING MOST COMMUNITIES BE CURBED?

Flooding can be controlled by these measures: community involvement by way of enlightenment, proper sanitation by providing drainage and refuse system in place, adequate town planning by adhering to the design of towns/cities and strict laws and rules to check sewage and refuse defaulters.

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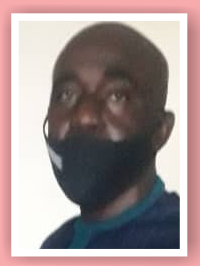
Measures include ensuring citizens are taught good sanitary habit of cleaning and clearing of debris inside the drains to avoid blocking of our drainages and government demolishing properties built along the water channels.

Anthony Omoregie
Medical Dept, Rivers Port Complex



Solutions to flooding problem consist of: Right Political will, Reforestation, Citizens awareness/enlightenment, Enforcement of environmental laws and Infrastructural development etc.

Agbebaku Godwin,
Vessel Mgt. dept. LPC.



Flooding problems can be solved by constructing drainages and people should avoid building structures on water channels causing blockages. Government should also ensure appropriate allocation of plots and the masses should be educated on the implications of blocking water passages.

Usman Haruna Bello
C & SC Dept, Tin Can Island Port



Flooding problems can be corrected by Community-based disaster management should be inaugurated because it acts faster before arrival of external help. Early warning and response systems are required from recognized agencies. Enforcement of standards and codes for flood-prone areas with policies and programs.

Adequate drainage systems will reduce peak flow within predetermined channels. Construction of structures for inter-basin transfer to absorb excess water from the cameroons.

Agbaye Chinedu
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The menace of flood can be curbed by adopting proactive measures. These include building of Dikes, Levees, Flood walls and Canals. Flood management by prohibiting certain types of buildings or activities in flood high risk zones, proper waste disposal, improved drainage, and construction of flood way to allow floods flow through the community with most minimal or no damage.

Engr (Mrs) Opata Udoka
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There should be sensitization by National Weather Service to all communities on the effect of blocking drainages with debris, staying away from flood prone areas, building barriers or embankment flood walls, control of land use around the riverine area, planting of vegetation, maintaining reservoir at high level and proper town planning.

Enyidiya Godwin-Otti
Audit Dept, Onne Port Complex



The following measures should be taken to avoid flooding: Construction of drainages, gutters and frequent cleaning/clearing of gutters and residents should stop dumping refuse into the drainages and canals to avoid blockages and allow free flow of water to the right channels.

Mispah Oba
C & SC Dept., Onne Port Complex

Flood can be curbed by excavating, constructing, renovating drainages, demolishing structures in the pathway of water flow thereby reducing/eliminating flooding entirely.

Innocent Ogbuehi
HR Dept, Onne Port Complex



Flooding menace can be curbed by Planting of trees to retain extra water; construction of floodway (man-made channel in order to divert floodwaters); terracing hillsides to slow flow downhill; climate change monitoring mechanism and most importantly regular campaigns and orientation through local means (i.e town crier, community leaders) to create awareness so that citizens do not deliberately block drainages.

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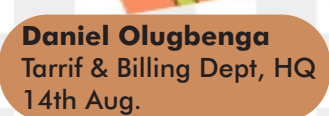
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