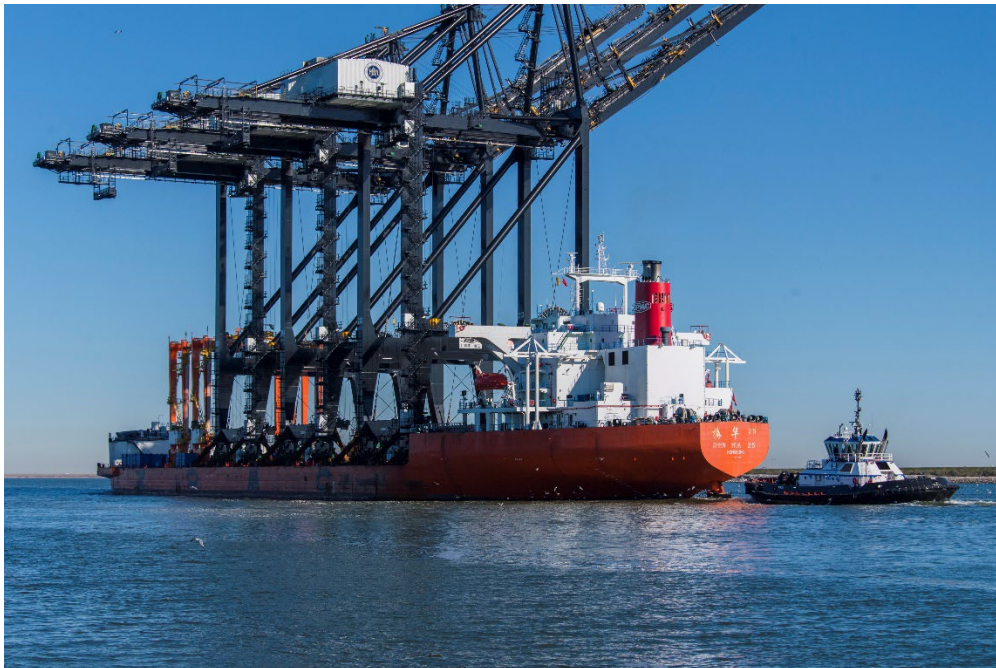




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Three new cranes arrive at Port Houston Newest cranes are the largest in Port Houston history



HOUSTON - Three new neo-Panamax STS cranes arrived at Port Houston's Bayport Container Terminal just before 11 a.m. Tuesday. The ZPMC cranes were manufactured in Shanghai before traveling 15,904 nautical miles onboard the Zhen Hua 25, a large specialized heavy load carrier vessel, during a 60-day journey to Houston.

"The purchase and installation of these cranes represents a significant infrastructure investment for Port Houston, which will benefit our customers and partners, as well as the Texas economy," Port Houston Executive Director Roger Guenther said.

With the arrival of the new cranes, the Port Houston fleet now consists of 28 STS cranes and 110 RTGs. The new cranes are the largest to be delivered in Port Houston history. They stand 158 feet under the spreader bar with an outreach of 22 containers wide.

These cranes will help sustain continued business growth following a record year of performance at Port Houston in 2021.

“Port Houston is an operating port. The new STS cranes show Port Houston’s continued commitment to stay ahead of growth in our region,” Guenther said. “These cranes are our biggest yet and will facilitate working 15,000 TEU sized vessels anticipated to call our terminals upon completion of the Houston Ship Channel Expansion - Project 11.”

The new STS cranes are expected to be commissioned within two to three months and be fully operational before this summer, well in front of when new carrier services and vessel upgrades come on line.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area’s largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 public and private terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation’s largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.35 million jobs in Texas and 3.2 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$339 billion in Texas – 20.6 percent of Texas’ total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$801.9 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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