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## US Ports to Host Largest Container Ship Yet

The Franklin's sister ship Vasco de Gama (file photo)  
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The newbuild CMA CGM container ship *Benjamin Franklin*, delivered on December 4 by China State Shipbuilding Corporation, will be calling at the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Oakland in late December. At 18,000 TEU and 1,300 feet in length, the vessel will be the largest containership ever to visit the United States.

She departed Ningbo, China on Sunday, and as of December 14 her AIS signal showed her at dock near Busan, South Korea.

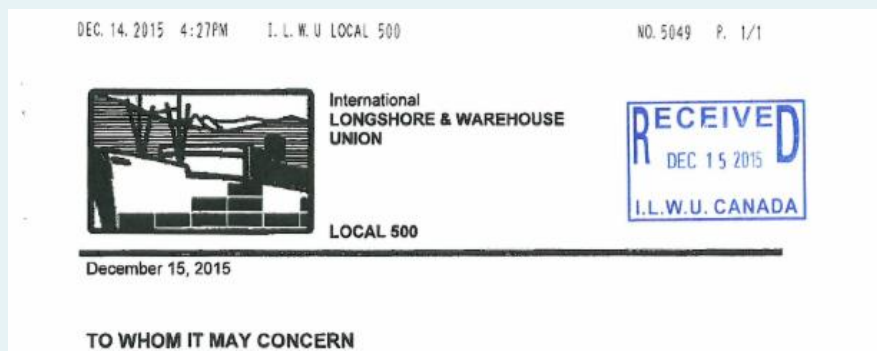
The port calls will be a trial run, as officials seek to ensure that berthing and cargo operations proceed smoothly with the U.K.-flagged *Franklin*.

"Nothing this big has ever been seen in our country," said Port of Oakland Executive Director Chris Lytle. "There's no doubt others will follow suit and we're gratified that Oakland is one of the only ports in the U.S. ready to receive them."

In addition to being the largest of her class ever to call at an American port, the ultra large container vessel (ULCV) *Franklin* is the tenth largest in the world. Her planned regular run will take her from China to California and South Korea.

There are few ports in the U.S. capable of handling such large container ships - the majority lack either water depth for berthing or air draft for arrival and departure. The Port of Oakland has invested millions in dredging, raising cranes and upgrading terminals to handle ULCV port calls. And port officials note that even though the Panama Canal is expanding, with new locks scheduled to open this coming year, it will still not be large enough to accommodate ULCVs. This means that the largest, most cost-effective container ships need West Coast ports for routes from Asia to America (barring the construction of the proposed Nicaragua Canal or the opening of a Northwest Passage above Canada).

## Local 500 Election Results



Please be advised that the following is the:

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## Local 508 Election Results

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In Solidarity,



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## FIGHT FOR \$15 Minimum Wage

Join the Grinch and a rogue band of elves this Saturday, December 19th at the Vancouver Art Gallery where we will be handing out "lumps of coal" and raising awareness about the need for a \$15 per hour minimum wage in BC. All elves welcome.



If you can't join us, spread the word on facebook, instagram and twitter by sharing the meme below. #fightfor15bc #scrooged

When: Saturday, December 19th at 1pm  
Where: Vancouver Art Gallery on Robson Street at Howe  
What: Bring your elf shoes and a warm pair of gloves  
Why: Because low-wage workers deserve a raise!  
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This holiday, Christy Clark and her friends have **scrooged** low-wage workers.

Tell Clark it's time to lose the **Grinch** act and raise BC's minimum wage to \$15/hr.

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LAST  
WEEK  
THIS MORNING  
WITH JOHN HORGAN



The holiday season is here, and with it the end of 2015. It's a time to look back on the year that was, and that's what I have been doing this week in interviews with media across the province. (You can read a few of these interviews [here](#) and [here](#).)

It's great to look back on our successes, as there was a lot to be proud of this year. But as one of the reporters pointed out, my vision is clearer this year after having some enterprises taken care of, and I am clearly seeing that a lot of what this government is doing is just wrong.

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I spoke a lot with reporters about kids in government care in this province, and about the message we've sent to the Premier: the safety net that should be catching these kids is broken and it needs to be fixed immediately.

Yesterday, media reported on a leaked copy of a major government report into this issue. Just like dozens of reports before it, it recommended more resources to fix the ministry responsible for youth in care, echoing calls which I and others have been making for years. Unfortunately, the report also suggested that asking questions of the government on these issues was causing more problems. I disagree. With alarmingly large numbers of young people dying in government care, we need *more* scrutiny of this broken ministry, not less.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

## Western Transportation Advisory Council



**WESTAC** is a non-profit society of major transportation organizations in Western Canada represented by business, labour, and government decision-makers. The ILWU is a founding member and holds two positions on the Executive Board, one is ILWU Canada President Mark Gordienko and the other through the ILWU Affiliate in Saskatchewan the Grain Services Union General Secretary Hugh Wagner.

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### News in Review

- 60-year-old problems now plague Rio Tinto; Court decisions could impact Sask.'s uranium mine expansions
- Report finds comparable safety records for railways and pipelines moving crude oil
- Canada's oilpatch adjusts to 'new normal' after a year of pain
- Maritime Sector Split on Paris Climate Deal
- Low-carbon Canada: What your life might look like in an eco-friendly environment
- The Fourth Industrial Revolution: what it means and how to respond
- Rotterdam's Entrepreneurial Port Plan
- GCT Deltaport Big Ship Ready with ZPMC Megamax Cranes
- How to rethink pricing at container terminals
- Think Outside Your Boxes: Solving the Global Container-Repositioning Puzzle
- Infrastructure minister says new rules, standards will speed up funding flows
- The real enemy to progress on climate change is public indifference

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## BC Federation of Retired Union Members



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## Waterfront News

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[Copies of past editions of the Waterfront News are available here:](#)

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