



First Tropical Shipping Sailing through Port of Halifax January 9, 2017

January 5, 2017, Halifax, Nova Scotia – Tropical Shipping is set to begin its service from the Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia. On January 9, 2017, the *Vega Omega* voyage 0011 will depart Halterm International Container Terminal bringing improved import and export connectivity to customers in Florida, The Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

At 148 metres length, the *Vega Omega*, a 1,118 TEU capacity geared-vessel, will handle more than 550 containers through Halifax in peak-season, including more than 200 refrigerated containers for export.

Tropical Shipping's VP Commercial & Trades, Tim Martin said the company is pleased to offer an enhanced Canadian service from Halifax. "We are committed to our Maritime customers and to fully maximizing our extensive Caribbean network. With our new vessels due to start service in June 2018, Tropical Shipping is working closely with Halterm, CN and the Port of Halifax to build on our specialized reefer trade, all the while enhancing our reputation for loyal customer service."

Halterm maintains a basic workforce of more than 100 longshoremen. According to Kim Holtermann, Halterm's Chief Operating Officer, this ensures, "the terminal can meet both Tropical Shipping's performance needs in 2017 and plan for extended operations in 2018 through 2019 when Tropical will take delivery of larger capacity vessels." The carrier further stands to gain by improved inland connectivity as a result of Halterm's on-dock CN rail operation direct to Montreal and Toronto, and the terminal's extensive short-sea shipping links.

Tropical Shipping Canada cargo cut off times:

Halifax – all cargo Friday 4:30 p.m. (AST)

Toronto – Dry cargo Thursday 8:00 p.m. (EST) / Refrigerated cargo Thursday 2:00 p.m. (EST)

Montreal – Dry cargo Thursday 9:00 p.m. (EST) / Refrigeration cargo Thursday 3:00 p.m. (EST)

Documentation cut off is Thursday noon

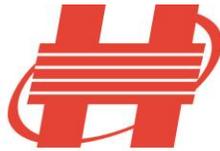
Tropical Shipping's new Less Than Container Load (LCL) receiving warehouse location:

Midland Terminal
31 Simmonds Dr.
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1R4

LCL Receiving hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cargo and Documentation cut off is Wednesday noon.

For additional information on FCL and LCL locations and drop off times, please visit www.tropical.com or call 1-866-767-6576.



Halterm Container Terminal Limited



About Tropical Shipping:

Tropical Shipping Canada has provided service to the Canadian market for over 35 years. Focusing on exceptional customer service has been a standard for Tropical, and the move to Halifax will only enhance this service for cargo owners across the Maritimes and Canada.

Tropical Shipping has grown over the past five decades to become the largest containerized cargo carrier in the Caribbean region. With 15 vessels, Tropical Shipping provides direct service to Florida, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean. Serving thousands of customers throughout this region, Tropical Shipping has a broad range of worldwide clients, whose diverse shipping needs include moving millions of tonnes of cargo throughout the global marketplace, making Tropical Shipping the carrier of choice for the Caribbean.

About Halterm International Container Terminal:

Halterm Container Terminal Ltd is a container terminal owned and operated by Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets, a part of the Macquarie Group of Companies. With natural deepwater, capability to handle any sized vessel, year round ice free access and a management team with diverse international experience, Halterm is the container terminal of choice on Canada's East Coast. Equipped with four super post-Panamax cranes, the terminal has no navigational or nautical restrictions. Halterm is an ISO 14001 certified company.

About the Port of Halifax:

The Port of Halifax is Canada's Ultra Atlantic Gateway, connecting to more than 150 countries and generating over \$1.6 billion in annual economic benefit from a diverse cargo and cruise business. Offering a natural, deep harbour and world-class infrastructure, Halifax can accommodate large volumes of containerized cargo, bulk cargo and project cargo of any size. Collaborating and working with strong partners and stakeholders, the Port community in Halifax continues to deliver excellence.

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