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Overview of MARAD's Data Program



U.S. Flag Fleet Data

- Monthly Update of the U.S.-Flag, Privately-Owned, Cargo-Carrying Fleet over 1,000 GT
- Historical Merchant Marine Data from Vessel Inventory Reports

Trade Data

- Container Trade Data for U.S. Ports
- Container Trade Data Foreign Trading Partners
- USA Trade Online is available for public use

Vessel Movements Data

- AIS Movement data to gauge vessel activity in the U.S.
- 2013 2015 data is now online
- Contribute to Departmental efforts/Multnational Exchanges
 - Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)
 - North American Transportation Statistics Interchange

Open Data Efforts/Resources



MARAD Open Data Portal

- http://www.marad.dot.gov/resources/data-statistics/
- Open Data
 - Vessel Inventory Reports
 - Containerized Trade Reports

Upcoming Open Data Products

- Vessel Customs Entrance and Clearance
- Suggestions? <u>DATA.MARAD@DOT.GOV</u>
- Sources: PIERS, IHS Maritime, Clarksons
- North American Transportation Statistics Interchange
 - http://nats.sct.gob.mx/language/en/
 - North American Transportation Statistics across modes in English, Spanish and French

North American Containership Trends Introducing Data to the Noise

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Evidence Based Decision Making?





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• World Fleet Sizes

- Order Books/Shipbuilder Data
- Maximum Size container ship deployed on a route
- Vessel Calls
- Media Reports



- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Entrance/Clearance Data
 - CBP Form 1300
 - Data publically available online at CBP or USACE
 - http://www.navigationdatacenter.us/data/dataclen.htm
 - Tied with other data sources
 - Manual entry from a form

Vessel Calls

- Proprietary from IHS Maritime
- AIS Data within a polygon
- Gauge types of activity/estimate of activity in a port
- Tied with other data sources



- Pre-March 2016 Microsoft Access & Excel
- Post-March 2016 Microsoft SQL Server
- Data Analytics Course with General Assembly
- Open Source SQL Server and Open Data to Compute
 - -PostgreSQL (PgAdmin III)
 - -Amazon Web Services







Average Container Ship Capacity by Coast (2010 – 2015)





Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Vessel Clearance Data & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2010 & 2015 Port of Long Beach Container Ship Entrances Distribution Comparison





What we would like to achieve with this data?



- Data provides us a reliable, historical baseline to base analysis and research
- Comparison of Pre and Post-Panama Canal Expansion trends
- Measure Effects of a channel deepening project, drop in fuel prices, change in alliance or port infrastructure project
- Consistent across ports, can be applied around the world