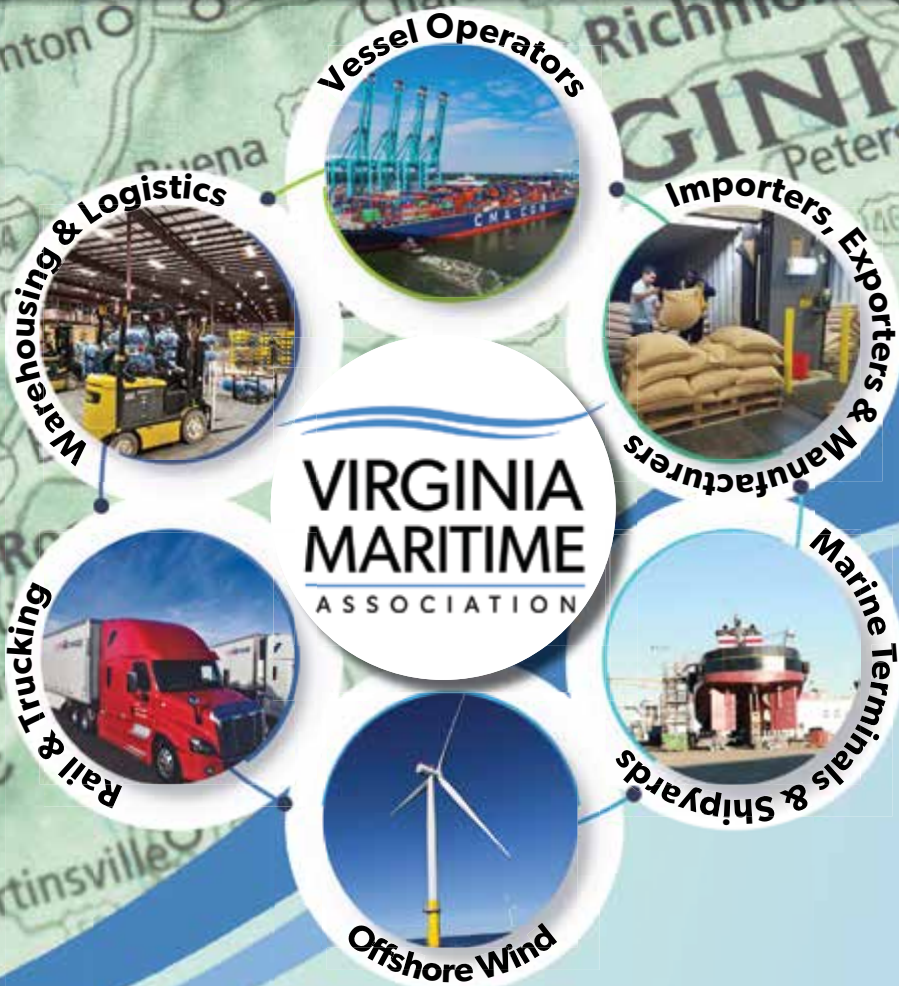


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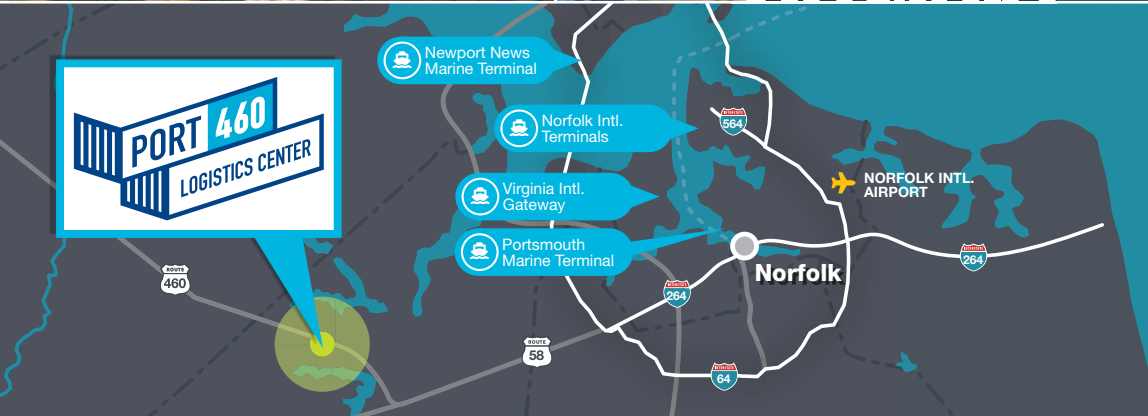
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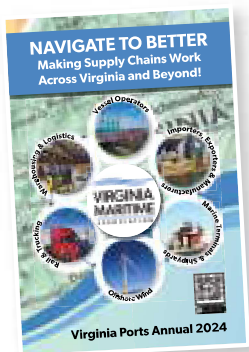


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# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT THE VIRGINIA PORTS ANNUAL

The Virginia Ports Annual 2024, published by the Virginia Maritime Association since 1925, delivers facts, services, and opportunities to be of the most general interest to shippers and stakeholders of the port. The Annual continues to serve as a reference and promotional tool, highlighting the numerous services and facilities available in Virginia's commercial ports.

## VIRGINIA'S PORT OVERVIEW

### Virginia is America's First Port

Virginia's ports have been an advantage to the Commonwealth of Virginia and globally for over four centuries. From the early founding as "America's First Port" at Jamestown in 1607 Virginia has been at the forefront of change in maritime and shipping industries.

### Modern Center of Maritime Excellence

Virginia is home to the second largest commercial port on the U.S. East Coast by tonnage, the third largest container port, the nation's largest shipbuilding and ship repair industrial base, the nation's largest offshore wind project, and a growing passenger cruise industry. These activities are supported by a multitude of marine facilities capable of handling a diverse mix of vessels and cargoes, including containers, dry and liquid bulk products, breakbulk, rolling stock, and specialized cargoes. Virginia is a maritime center of excellence on the leading edge of maritime industrial innovation and logistics solutions.



### Naturally Deep Waters... and Going Wider, Deeper, Safer®

The strategic mid-Atlantic location, deep water, streamlined transportation infrastructure, and capacity for growth offered by Virginia's ports are well-known among shippers the world over. The natural advantages of our ports have historically served as a magnet for investment, attracting new industries and commerce within the state. Today, the world's largest shipping lines link Virginia's sheltered, ice-free harbors to destinations around the globe. Hampton Roads encompasses 25 square miles of easily accessible waterways and is located just 18 miles from the open sea, offering ships carrying the heaviest cargoes the ease of steaming in and out of 50-foot- deep, obstruction-free channels, which are currently being widened and deepened to 55-feet and deeper. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2025.



## Access Two-Thirds of the U.S. Population within 24 Hours

In addition to the advantages offered by easy access to the open sea, Virginia's ports are served by one of the nation's most efficient inland transportation networks. Cargo is transported with speed and efficiency by 30 miles of on-dock rail. Numerous national and regional trucking companies and two of the nation's largest railroads, CSX and Norfolk Southern, enable service to two-thirds of the U.S. population within 24 hours.

## A Commitment to Progress

The commitment to developing state-of-the-art facilities, new cargo handling technologies, initiatives to increase sustainability and productivity, and offering a broad base of services, as well as a reputation for cooperative labor relationships, keep Virginia at the forefront of maritime and logistics industries. These competitive advantages will continue to position Virginia as a dominant player among world-class ports.



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The Virginia Maritime Association (VMA) represents a statewide collective force of over 450 member companies involved in the region's maritime supply chains, connecting businesses across the commonwealth and beyond. Since its establishment in 1920, the VMA continues to promote, protect, and facilitate commerce through Virginia's ports and the interests of associated industries and supply chains. In its 104 years, the VMA has fostered a culture of collaboration and cooperation among and between its member businesses, regulators, and lawmakers, which has become a hallmark of the progress, growth, and supportive environment for companies conducting business through Virginia's ports. The activities along our industrial waterways and throughout the supply chains connecting our ports to farmlands, distributors, manufacturers, and other businesses across the state account for 14% of Virginia's GSP and nearly 730,000 jobs – nearly 1-in-5 jobs are tied to our industry. These economic impacts demonstrate that Virginia is a Maritime economy. VMA members are Better Connected, Better Informed, and Better Represented.

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## A COMPETITIVE PORT: NOW AND TOMORROW

### Port Priority Projects and Goals

To accommodate future demands and the projected increase in international trade, the port must be poised to accommodate the largest vessels and have the infrastructure to facilitate the increased traffic. Recognizing the need to plan for future growth opportunities, the following projects have been identified as key to the successful and competitive future of Virginia's ports:



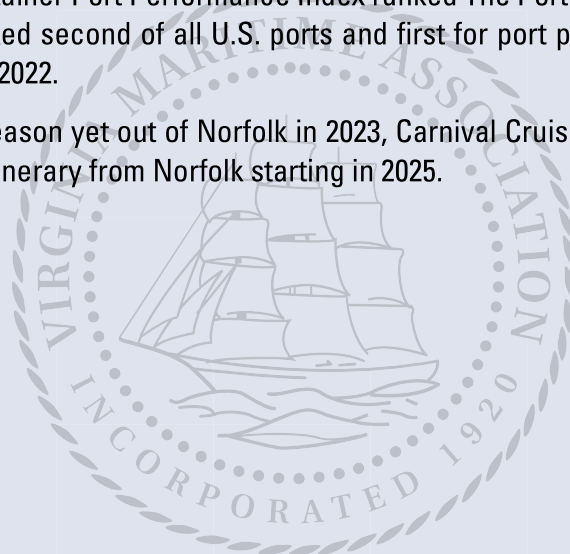
- ◆ Complete the Norfolk Harbor widening and deepening project being executed by the Virginia Port Authority and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Originally started in 2019 with state funding, the project is fully funded and expected to be completed in 2025, giving Virginia the deepest water on the East Coast.
- ◆ Completion of the Central Rail Yard expansion and modernization of the north section of Norfolk International Terminals, adding substantive new cargo handling capacity.
- ◆ Secure Virginia's position as an east coast hub for the emerging offshore wind industry.
- ◆ Dredge sections of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River to depths up to 45 ft. for better utilization of the many bulk and breakbulk facilities on that waterway.
- ◆ Develop a new marine terminal at Craney Island to maximize Virginia's cargo handling capability and provide the capacity necessary to meet future demand.
- ◆ Construction of road and rail projects to meet the industry's requirements for an efficient freight transportation system, increasing shipping capacity and economic development opportunities statewide.
- ◆ Improve industry-related educational and training opportunities so Virginia continues to offer a quality workforce to the increasing number of maritime supply chain-related businesses.
- ◆ Continue developing programs that allow for port growth in ways that are respectful to our environment and community.





## Significant Accomplishments and Improvements in 2023:

- ◆ After a successful year of advocacy, the General Assembly approved funding for the following:
  - \$150 million devoted to complete widening Interstate 64 all the way to Richmond and the I-95 corridor.
  - \$125 million devoted to the Virginia Business Ready Site Fund, plus \$75 million to empower the Commonwealth to procure and prepare sites for large industrial development projects.
  - \$10 million devoted toward developing an inland port in Southwest Virginia.
  - \$9 million annually for Virginia's Talent Accelerator Program to help large new employers meet their workforce needs.
- ◆ The Port of Virginia® became the first major U.S. East Coast port to power its entire operation using 100% clean energy. Eight years ahead of its original 2032 goal of using clean energy to power operations, this achievement is an integral milestone in reaching its net-zero by 2040 commitment.
- ◆ Dominion Energy received the last two major federal approvals needed from the Bureau of Ocean Energy management and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin construction of its 2.6-gigawatt Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project. The CVOW project will generate enough clean, renewable energy to power up to 660,000 homes once fully constructed in late 2026.
- ◆ The first Monopile Foundations for Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial Project began arriving at Portsmouth Marine Terminal marking a substantive step toward construction of the nation's largest offshore wind project.
- ◆ Zim American Integrated Shipping Services Co. LLC invested \$30 million to expand its U.S. headquarters in Virginia Beach, creating several hundred jobs over five years.
- ◆ The World Bank Container Port Performance Index ranked The Port of Virginia® as a leading U.S. gateway – ranked second of all U.S. ports and first for port performance greater than 1,000 vessel calls in 2022.
- ◆ After their busiest season yet out of Norfolk in 2023, Carnival Cruise Lines announced it will offer a year-round itinerary from Norfolk starting in 2025.



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AWARDS AND MEMORIAL	Responsible for recognizing maritime achievements and distinguished service and maintaining affiliated scholarships.
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CARGO OWNERS	Provide a forum for cargo owners to discuss issues of concern and interest related to importing and exporting their goods through Virginia's ports.
COAL	Responsible for all coal related activities and issues in Virginia's ports.
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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	Responsible for coordinating environmental compliance within Virginia's ports.
EVENTS	Responsible for planning and organizing VMA events.
FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS	Responsible for reporting the financial position of the Association to the Board of Directors.
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HARBOR-ANCHORAGE DREDGING & NAVIGATION RULES	Responsible for making recommendations to the Navigation Management Plan, promoting Virginia's dredging programs, and coordinating safety of navigation issues.
INLAND TRANSPORTATION	Responsible for monitoring trucking conditions and operations to include recommendations to improve road worthiness, maintenance of intermodal equipment and throughput and turnaround time of cargo.
INTERNATIONAL TRADE SYMPOSIUM	Plans and organizes the International Trade Symposium.

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