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PORT WATCH
WEEKLY



Week 17

Puerto Acajutla El Salvador



Port operational status



Congestion:
Severe.



Waiting time:
8-10+ days
(Pier B & C)



Berths:
Limited availability.



Constraint:
Swell conditions
affecting operations.

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- Weather impacting berthing
- Berthing is based on priority list
- 1-2 gangs assigned per vessel (workforce shortage)
- Container vessels may be prioritized over vessels already at anchorage.
- Limited mooring lines available (max 4). Vessels advised to bring additional lines

Required actions before berthing

- Terminal & stevedoring payment
- Customs clearance in progress
- Cargo details & insurance submitted
- Special equipment pre-coordinated

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Vessels may be shifted to anchorage during discharge delays, increasing waiting time with each new berthing window.



Alert 2

Delays during discharge may cause vessels to shift to anchorage, increasing waiting time with each new berthing window.

All other berths remain operational; however, operations are being adjusted based on available berthing positions.

Technical limits & restrictions | Key dimensional and operational limits for berthing

Dimensional Limits

Maximum Draft: Draft varies by berth
(up to 14m at Pier C).

Operational Restrictions

- Pier C prioritized for container vessels.
- Breakbulk vessels assigned to Pier B & C.
- Daylight / tide restrictions for docking.
- Vessels above 11.2m draft can only berth at Pier C (container priority).

Berthing priority order

Vessel types are berthed according to the following order



Port equipment availability

Shore crane:

Yes No Conditional

Warehousing:

Covered Open yard None

Forklifts:

Yes No Conditional

Special equipment:

Conditional Not available

Local news - projects

Terminal operations:

Terminal Unión Portuaria del Pacífico (YILPORT + CEPA) operates both Acajutla and La Unión ports. Open sea conditions (swell) affecting berthing operations

RoRo operations relocation:

As of March 10, RoRo vessels are being handled at La Unión to reduce congestion at Acajutla.

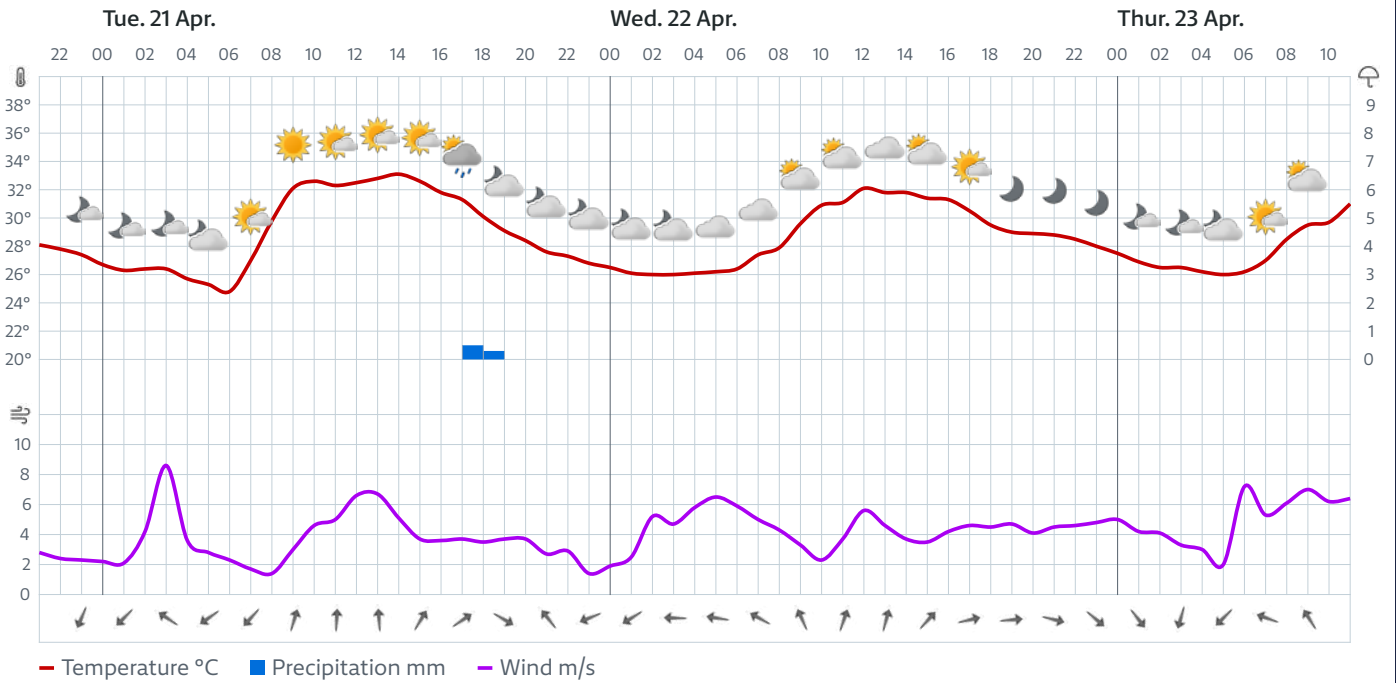
Infrastructure changes:

Vehicle yards in Acajutla are being repurposed for container storage, reducing space for vehicle cargo.



Weather forecast for Puerto Acajutla

Meteogram 20 Apr. at 21:00 – 23 Apr. at 11:00



Long range forecast 20 Apr. – 27 Apr.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Mon. 20 Apr.			28° / 27°		3 / 2
Tue. 21 Apr.			33° / 25°	0.9	7 / 2
Wed. 22 Apr.			32° / 26°		6 / 2
Thur. 23 Apr.			31° / 26°	0.6	7 / 3
Fri. 24 Apr.			32° / 24°	5.4	4 / 1
Sat. 25 Apr.			31° / 25°	3.6	4 / 1
Sun. 26 Apr.			32° / 25°	0.5	4 / 1
Mon. 27 Apr.			32° / 26°	1.1	4 / 1

Puerto Quetzal Guatemala



Port operational status



Congestion:
Severe.



Waiting time:
95 days for
breakbulk vessels



Berths:
4 berths available.



Constraint:
Container liner traffic
with priority berthing.

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- Weather impacting berthing
- Priority cargo in operation (sugar)
- Limited gangs assigned
- Short berthing windows available

Required actions before berthing

- Weather impacting berthing
- Draft restrictions
- Cargo details & insurance submitted
- Special equipment pre-coordinated

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Severe congestion affecting breakbulk vessels, with waiting times **up to 95 days**.



Alert 2

Sugar loading vessels receive berthing priority, with operations lasting **up to 14-15 days** at berth, reducing berth availability.

Technical limits & restrictions | Key dimensional and operational limits for berthing

Dimensional Limits

Maximum LOA: 200 m (berths 1-4).

Operational Restrictions

- Two berths dedicated to container/liner vessels.
- Remaining berths used for general cargo.
- Short berthing windows available.
- Container vessels arriving daily with priority.

Berthing priority order

Vessel types are berthed according to the following order

1. Container / Liner vessels 
2. Sugar loading vessels 
3. Passenger vessels 
4. Military vessels 
5. Breakbulk / General cargo 

Port equipment availability

Shore crane:

Yes No Conditional

Warehousing:

Covered Open yard None

Forklifts:

Yes No Conditional

Special equipment:

Conditional Not available

Local news - projects

Terminal operations:

Puerto Quetzal handles regular liner traffic with priority assigned to container vessels. Current dry season conditions (Jan–Apr) are supporting stable port operations before the rainy season begins in April. Daily container arrivals continue to receive berthing priority.

Export activity:

Sugar remains Guatemala's primary export commodity and vessels loading sugar receive berthing priority. Loading operations may take up to 14–15 days at berth, reducing berth availability for other vessels.

Operational policy:

Terminal requires a productivity rate of 90 MT per hour per gang. Vessels not meeting this rate may be required to vacate berth.

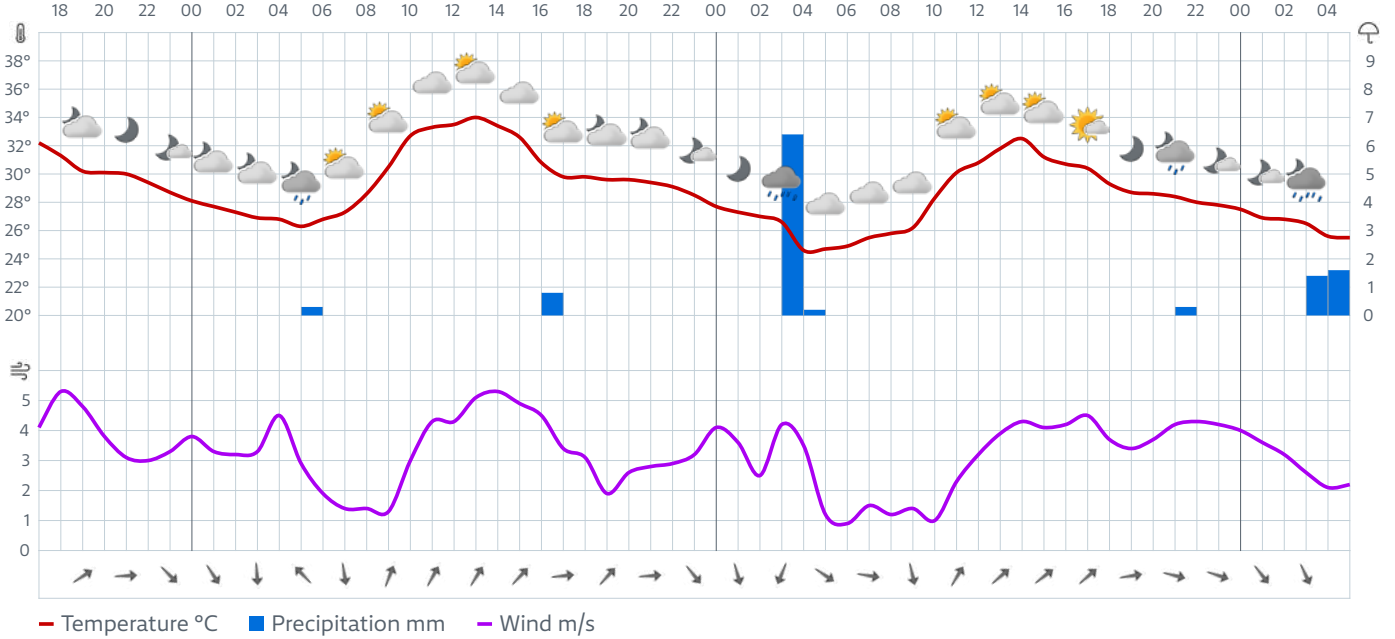


Weather forecast for Puerto Quetzal

Meteogram 20 Apr. at 17:00 – 23 Apr. at 05:00

Mon. 20 Apr. Tue. 21 Apr.

Wed. 22 Apr.



Long range forecast 20 Apr. – 27 Apr.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Mon. 20 Apr.			33° / 29°		5 / 3
Tue. 21 Apr.			34° / 26°	1.3	4 / 2
Wed. 22 Apr.			33° / 25°	7	4 / 1
Thur. 23 Apr.			31° / 26°	4.7	4 / 1
Fri. 24 Apr.			32° / 25°	1.7	4 / 2
Sat. 25 Apr.			31° / 25°	1.8	5 / 1
Sun. 26 Apr.			32° / 25°	4.4	6 / 2
Mon. 27 Apr.			33° / 25°	1.8	5 / 0

Rio Haina & Puerto Plata Dominican Republic



Port operational status



Congestion:
Normal /
No congestion.



Waiting time:
No significant
delays reported.



Berths:
Availability subject
to berth draft.



Constraint:
Draft restrictions
depending on pier.

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- Weather impacting berthing
- Priority cargo in operation
- Draft restrictions at berth
- Limited gangs assigned

Required actions before berthing

- Terminal & stevedoring payment
- Customs clearance in progress
- Cargo details & insurance submitted
- Special equipment pre-coordinated

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Draft limitations apply depending on pier assignment.



Alert 2

Berthing operations subject to weather and pilot conditions.

Technical limits & restrictions | Key dimensional and operational limits for berthing

Dimensional Limits- Rio Haina

Maximum LOA: 760 ft.
Maximum Beam: 105 ft.

Draft restrictions - Rio Haina

- Pier 3 East: 9.8 m.
- Pier 4-5 West: 10.1 - 10.9m.
- Pier 4-5 East: 9.9 - 10.4m.

Dimensional Limits- Puerto Plata

Maximum LOA: 700 ft.
Maximum Beam: 100 ft.

Draft restrictions - Puerto Plata

- Pier 4 West: 10.2 m.
- Pier 5 West: 10.2 m.

Berthing priority order

First come first served basis

1. Vessels meeting berth draft 
2. Container / liner vessels 
3. Breakbulk and general cargo 

Port equipment availability

Shore crane:

Yes No Conditional

Warehousing:

Covered Open yard None

Forklifts:

Yes No Conditional

Special equipment:

Conditional Not available

Local news - operations

Terminal operations:

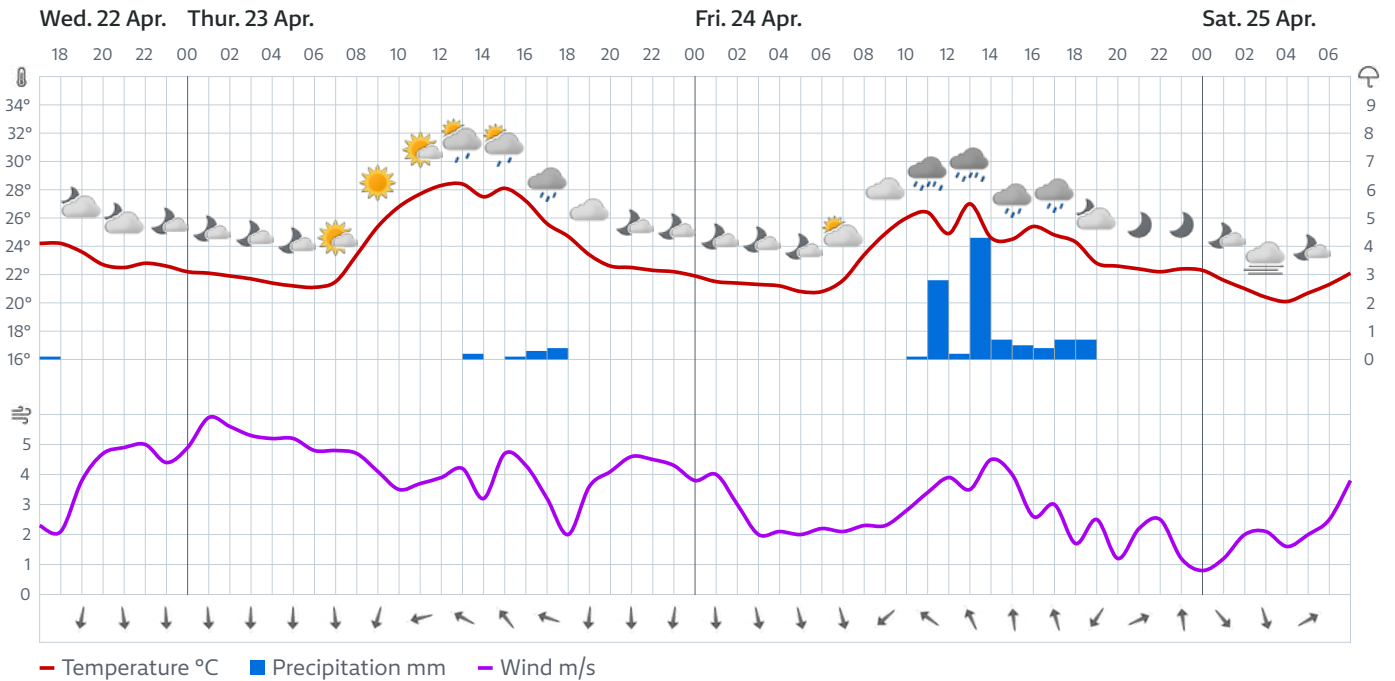
Both Rio Haina and Puerto Plata operations remain subject to marine conditions and pilot availability.

No major congestion or operational disruptions reported for the current period.



Weather forecast for Rio Haina

Meteogram 22 Apr. at 17:00 – 25 Apr. at 07:00

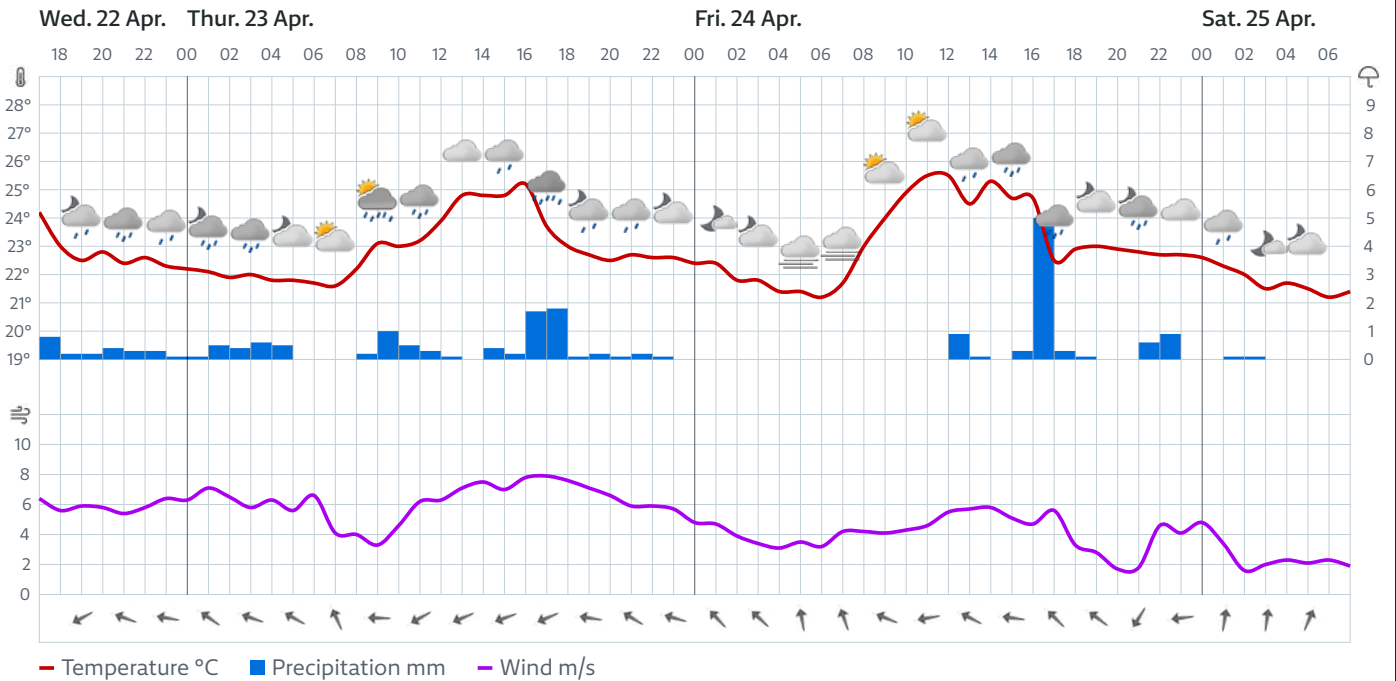


Long range forecast 22 Apr. – 29 Apr.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Wed. 22 Apr.			27° / 23°	0.2	5 / 2
Thur. 23 Apr.			28° / 21°	1.2	5 / 2
Fri. 24 Apr.			27° / 21°	11	4 / 2
Sat. 25 Apr.			29° / 20°		6 / 1
Sun. 26 Apr.			29° / 21°		5 / 1
Mon. 27 Apr.			29° / 20°	1.1	4 / 1
Tue. 28 Apr.			29° / 21°	2.2	3 / 2
Wed. 29 Apr.			30° / 22°	2.9	4 / 3

Weather forecast for Puerto Plata

Meteogram 22 Apr. at 17:00 – 25 Apr. at 07:00



Long range forecast 22 Apr. – 29 Apr.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Wed. 22 Apr.			25° / 22°	2.2	6 / 5
Thur. 23 Apr.			25° / 22°	9.4	8 / 6
Fri. 24 Apr.			26° / 21°	8.5	6 / 3
Sat. 25 Apr.			27° / 21°	9.9	5 / 1
Sun. 26 Apr.			27° / 21°	2.8	2 / 1
Mon. 27 Apr.			27° / 21°	1.1	2 / 0
Tue. 28 Apr.			27° / 22°	1.4	3 / 2
Wed. 29 Apr.			26° / 22°	1.3	3 / 1

Puerto Caldera Costa Rica



Port operational status



Congestion:
High.



Waiting time:
P1: Short (1-2 days window)
P2-3: No current schedule
P4: Moderate (3-5 days)



Berths:
Availability varies
by pier (Pier 2 & 3: no
current schedule for
general cargo)



Constraint:
Weather conditions and
berth draft restrictions.

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- Weather impacting berthing
- Berth availability varies by pier
- Waiting times depend on weather
- Rain affecting vessel turnaround times
- Pier 2 & 3: No current schedule for general cargo

Required actions before berthing

- Terminal & stevedoring payment
- Receiver's completion of customs formalities
- Cargo properly manifested in custom system
- Special equipment pre-coordinated

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Current rain is impacting vessel turnaround times at berth, causing delays.



Alert 2

Berth availability and waiting times vary significantly by berth and weather conditions.

Technical limits & restrictions | Key dimensional and operational limits for berthing

Draft limits by berth

Berth 1: Up to 10.7m.
Berth 2: Up to 9.7m.
Berth 3: Up to 7.0m.
Berth 4: Up to 12.5m.

Operational Notes

- MPP & dry bulk → priority in Berth 4.
- Maximum permissible draft draft at berth 4: 12.3m.
- Berth assignment subject to vessel type and operational priority.

Berthing priority order

Vessel types are berthed according to the following order



Port equipment availability

Shore crane:

Yes No Conditional

Warehousing:

Covered Open yard None

Forklifts:

Yes No Conditional

Special equipment:

Conditional Not available

Local news - projects

Operational delays:

Main delay reason: current rain affecting vessel turnaround. Berth allocation: depends on vessel type and draft. Operational variability: waiting times depend on berth + weather

Terminal operations:

Use of shore cranes remains subject to terminal authority approval and may be assigned during cargo operations at the vessel's expense.

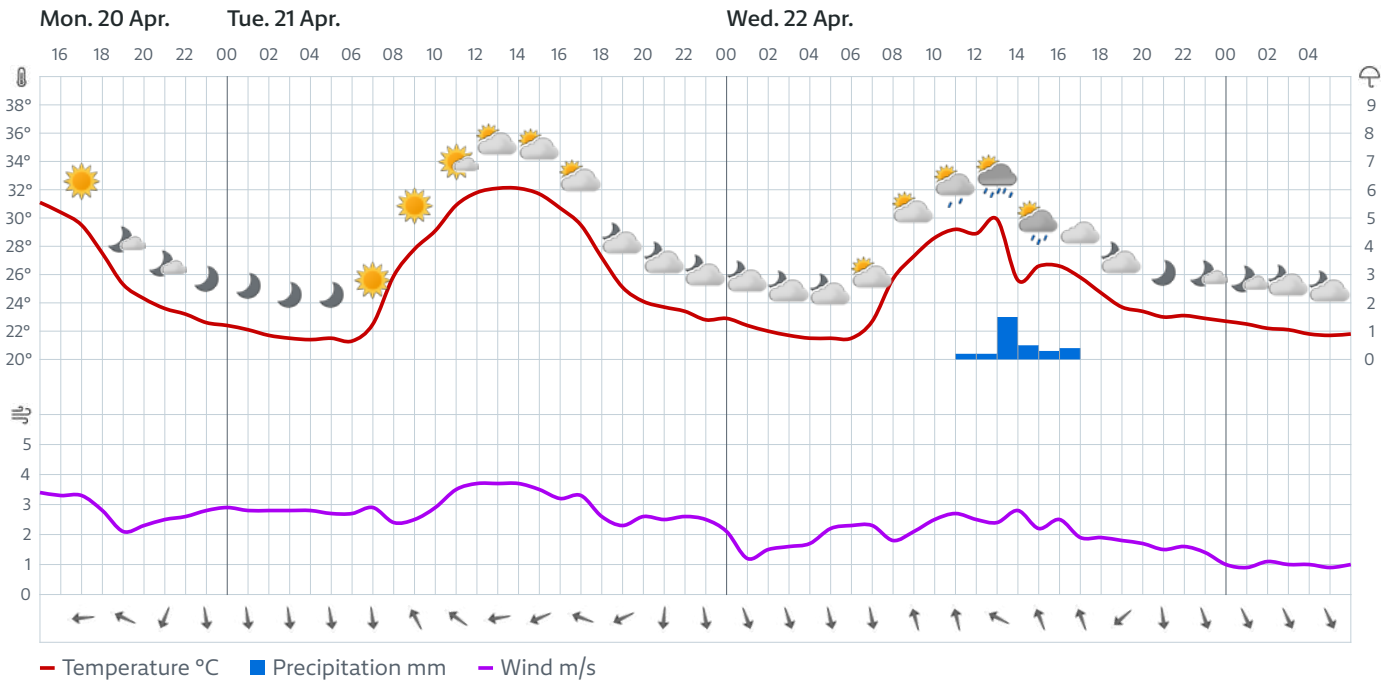
Operational requirements:

Authorities (Terminal, Harbour Master and Port Security) mandated the closure for safety reasons.



Weather forecast for Puerto Caldera

Meteogram 20 Apr. at 15:00 – 23 Apr. at 06:00



Long range forecast 20 Apr. – 27 Apr.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Mon. 20 Apr.			32° / 23°		4 / 2
Tue. 21 Apr.			32° / 21°		4 / 3
Wed. 22 Apr.			30° / 22°	3.2	3 / 2
Thur. 23 Apr.			28° / 21°	6.6	1 / 0
Fri. 24 Apr.			28° / 20°	10	2 / 1
Sat. 25 Apr.			28° / 20°	17	1 / 0
Sun. 26 Apr.			29° / 20°	16	2 / 0
Mon. 27 Apr.			29° / 20°	3.3	3 / 1

Puerto Cortés

Honduras



Port operational status



Congestion:
Moderate.



Waiting time:
Depends on berth availability.



Berths:
Multiple available.



Constraint:
Berth availability due to container vessel priority.

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- Weather affecting operations
- Priority cargo in operation
- Container vessels have berthing priority.
- Draft restriction at berth

Required actions before berthing

- Terminal & stevedoring payment
- Receiver's completion of customs formalities
- BL freight amount is mandatory in customs
- Special equipment pre-coordinated

Note: Berth #4 available for general cargo (direct discharge only), subject to terminal approval

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Container vessels currently receive berthing priority which may affect breakbulk vessel waiting times.



Alert 2

Weather conditions may impact operations across all piers.

Technical limits & restrictions | Key dimensional and operational limits for berthing

Dimensional Limits

No LOA, beam, or air draft restrictions.
Only limitation is draft at berth.
Pier 5: 478.5m length | Max draft 11m.
Pier 6: 350m length | Max draft 14m.

Operational Restrictions

- Port operates 24/7 year-round without interruptions.
- Pier allocation subject to berth availability and container vessel priority.
- Weather may impact operations across all piers.

Berthing priority order

Vessel types are berthed according to the following order

1. Container vessels



2. Breakbulk / General cargo



Port equipment availability

Shore crane:

Yes No Conditional

Warehousing:

Covered Open yard None

Forklifts:

Yes No Conditional

Special equipment:

Conditional Not available

Local news - projects

Terminal operations:

Puerto Cortés operates 24/7 year-round including weekends and holidays, with continuous operations and no interruptions during mealtimes.

Berth allocation:

Container vessels currently receive berthing priority which may affect berth availability for breakbulk vessels.

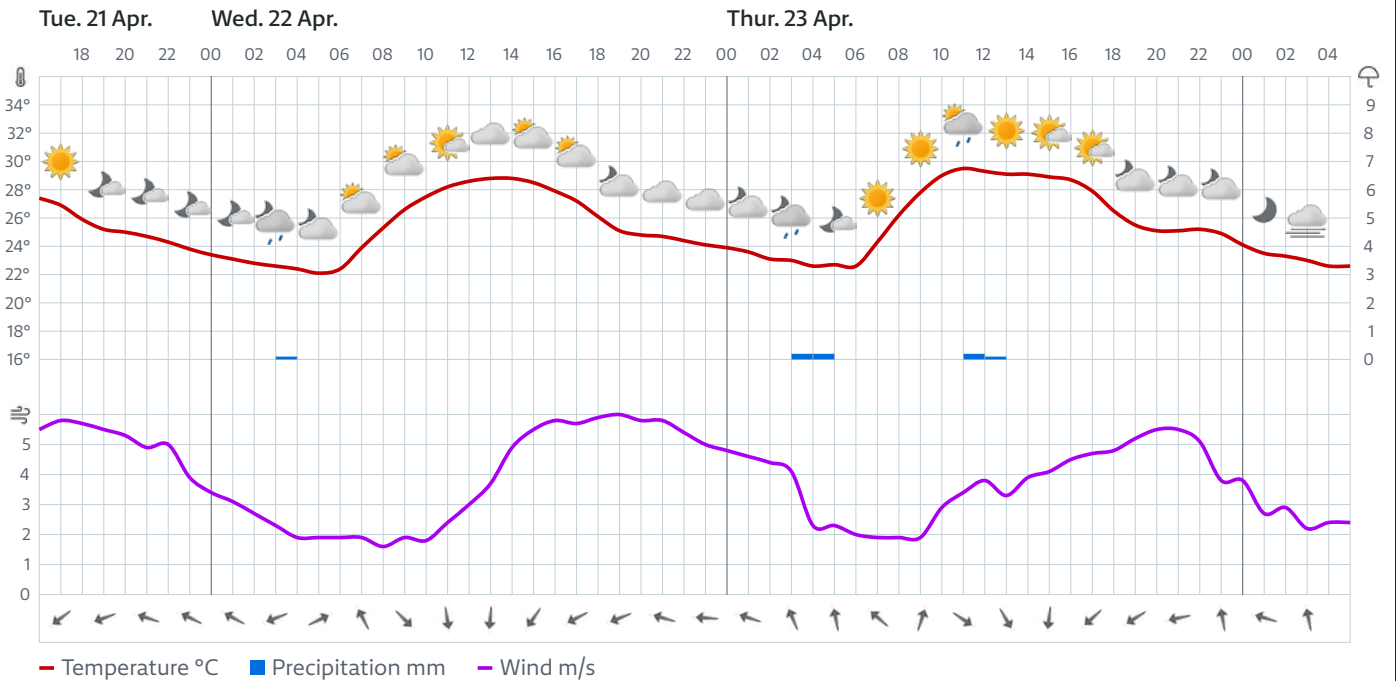
General cargo berth:

Berth #4 is available for general cargo vessels (direct discharge only), subject to terminal approval.



Weather forecast for Puerto Cortés

Meteogram 21 Apr. at 16:00 – 24 Apr. at 05:00



Long range forecast 21 Apr. – 28 Apr.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Tue. 21 Apr.			28° / 24°	0.1	6 / 4
Wed. 22 Apr.			29° / 22°	0.5	6 / 2
Thur. 23 Apr.			30° / 23°	0.9	5 / 2
Fri. 24 Apr.			31° / 23°		4 / 2
Sat. 25 Apr.			31° / 24°		3 / 1
Sun. 26 Apr.			31° / 24°	0.1	3 / 1
Mon. 27 Apr.			32° / 24°		3 / 1
Tue. 28 Apr.			32° / 25°	0.2	3 / 0

Puerto Sandino Nicaragua

Port operational status



Congestion:
Moderate.



Waiting time:
15–20 days.



Berths:
Offshore operation.
(Floating buoys
& barges)



Constraint:
Draft limitation (max 10.5m)
Double handling (barge)
Tidal operations (not 24h)

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- Double-handling port (barge operations)
- No shore cranes available (vessel cranes required)
- Barge operations limited to ~12 hours/day
- Vessels above 10.5m draft discharge at anchorage

Required actions before berthing

- Cargo details and stowage plan submitted
- Special equipment pre-coordinated (if required)
- Tug coordination required for barge operations
- Vessel cranes must be operational and ready

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Vessels exceeding 10.5m draft must discharge at anchorage before shifting to floating buoys, increasing total operation time.



Alert 2

Barge operations are tidal and limited to ~12 hours/day, which may extend discharge time and waiting periods.

Technical limits & restrictions | Key dimensional and operational limits for berthing

Dimensional Limits

Maximum draft: 10.5 m
Maximum LOA: 200 m
Tidal range: ~3 m

Operational Restrictions

- Barge handling required for cargo discharge.
- Offshore operation (floating buoys + barges).
- Operations dependent on tidal conditions.

Berthing priority order

Vessel types are berthed according to the following order

1. Perishable cargo 
2. Vessels with operational readiness 
3. Bulk carriers (steel / general) 
4. Other vessels 

Port equipment availability

Shore crane:

Yes No Conditional

Warehousing:

Covered Open yard None

Forklifts:

Yes No Conditional

Special equipment:

Conditional Not available

Local news - projects

Terminal operations:

Port operates as an offshore facility using floating buoys and barge logistics. Discharge operations rely on vessel cranes, with no shore crane availability.

Berth allocation:

Berthing is conducted via floating buoys, with vessels above 10.5m draft required to discharge at anchorage before shifting for final operations.

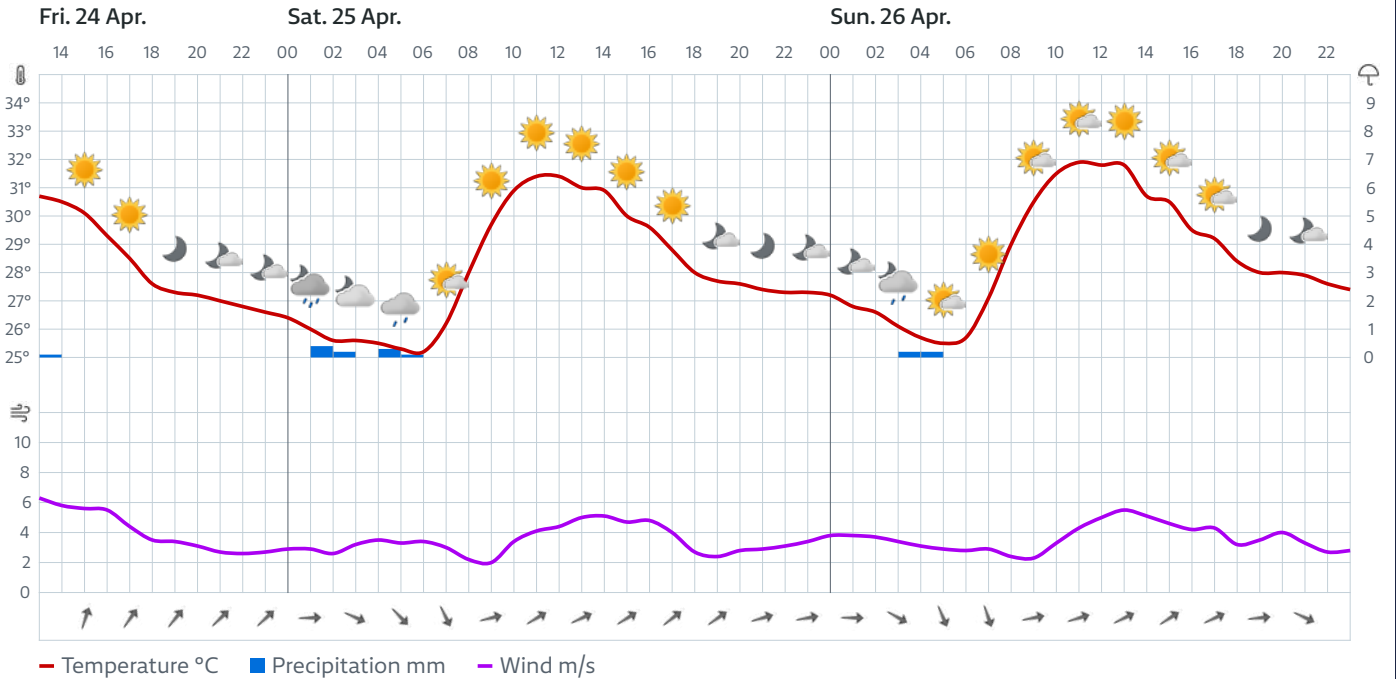
General cargo berth:

Bulk and general cargo are handled through barge operations, with discharge dependent on barge availability and tidal working windows.



Weather forecast for Puerto Sandino

Meteogram 24 Apr. at 13:00 – 26 Apr. at 23:00



Long range forecast 24 Apr. – 1 May

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 24 Apr.			31° / 27°	0.4	7 / 3
Sat. 25 Apr.			31° / 25°	1.2	4 / 3
Sun. 26 Apr.			32° / 26°	0.7	5 / 3
Mon. 27 Apr.			33° / 25°	2.2	5 / 1
Tue. 28 Apr.			35° / 26°	0.1	4 / 2
Wed. 29 Apr.			35° / 26°	0.2	5 / 1
Thur. 30 Apr.			35° / 27°	1.5	5 / 2
Fri. 1 May			34° / 26°	0.9	3 / 2



HOLIDAYS

CARIBBEAN

- April 1 | Dominican Republic & Puerto Rico | **Holy Wednesday (Observance).**
- April 2 | Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands | **Holy Thursday (Public holiday).**
- April 3 | Caribbean region (multiple countries) | **Good Friday (Public holiday).**
- April 5 | Caribbean region (select countries) | **Easter Sunday (Observance).**
- April 6 | Caribbean region (select countries) | **Easter Monday (Public holiday).**

CENTRAL AMERICA

- April 1 | Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua | **Holy Wednesday (Observance).**
- April 2 | Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama | **Holy Thursday (Public holiday).**
- April 3 | Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama | **Good Friday (Public holiday).**
- April 5 | Central America region | **Easter Sunday (Observance).**
- April 6 | Central America region (varies by country) | **Easter Monday (Public holiday / observance).**
- April 11 | Costa Rica | **Juan Santamaría Day (Public holiday).**
- April 14 | Honduras | **Americas Day / Pan-American Day (Public holiday).**



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