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CARIBBEAN HUB

PORT WATCH
WEEKLY



Week 18

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:

Waiting times have decreased in recent weeks due to lower steel imports and temporary slowdown in sugar exports; however, sugar operations are resuming.

RoRo operations relocation:

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

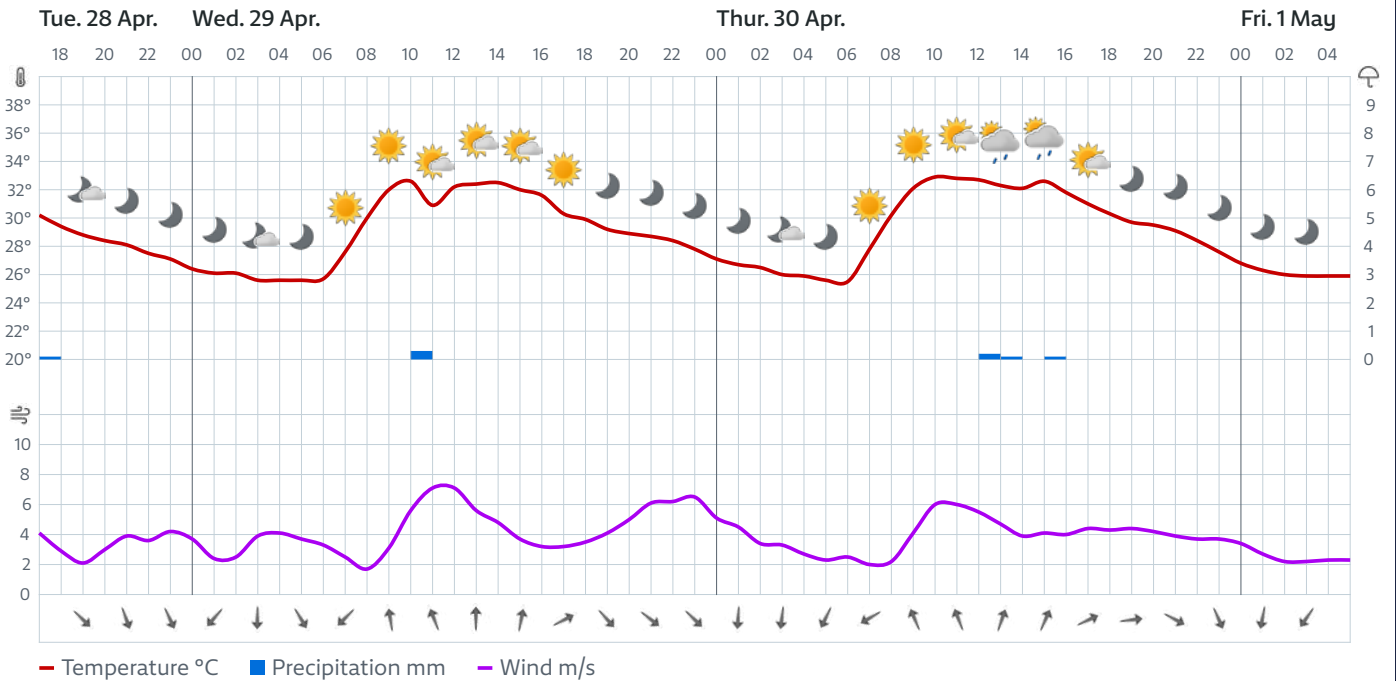
Infrastructure changes:

Pier A under direct reservation for container vessels only.



Weather forecast for Puerto Acajutla

Meteogram 28 Apr. at 17:00 - 1 May at 05:00



Long range forecast 28 Apr. - 5 May

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
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Mon. 4 May	☀️	☀️	34° / 26°	5.1	4 / 1
Tue. 5 May	☁️	☁️	33° / 25°	38	3 / 0

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.

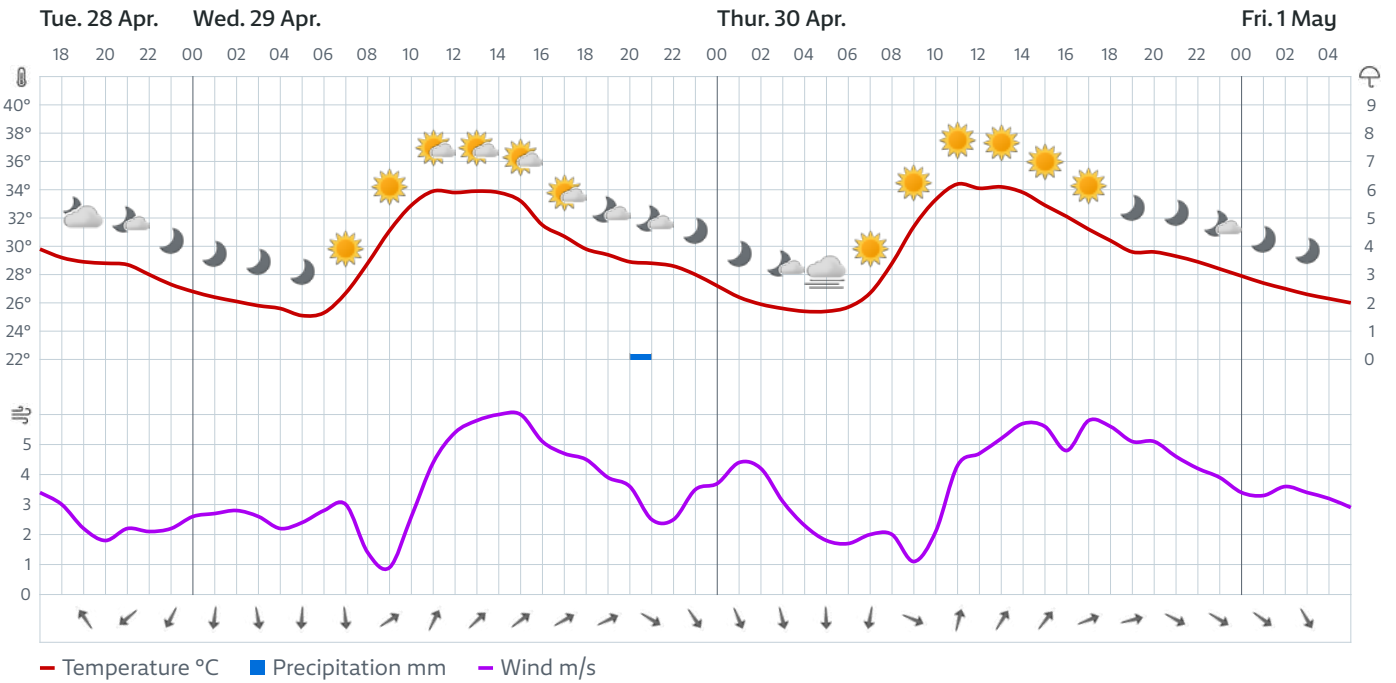
Operational policy:

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 28 Apr. at 17:00 - 1 May at 05:00



Long range forecast 28 Apr. - 5 May

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Sat. 2 May			34° / 26°	0.3	6 / 2
Sun. 3 May			33° / 26°	1.9	5 / 1
Mon. 4 May			33° / 26°	10	4 / 2
Tue. 5 May			33° / 26°	15	4 / 1

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:

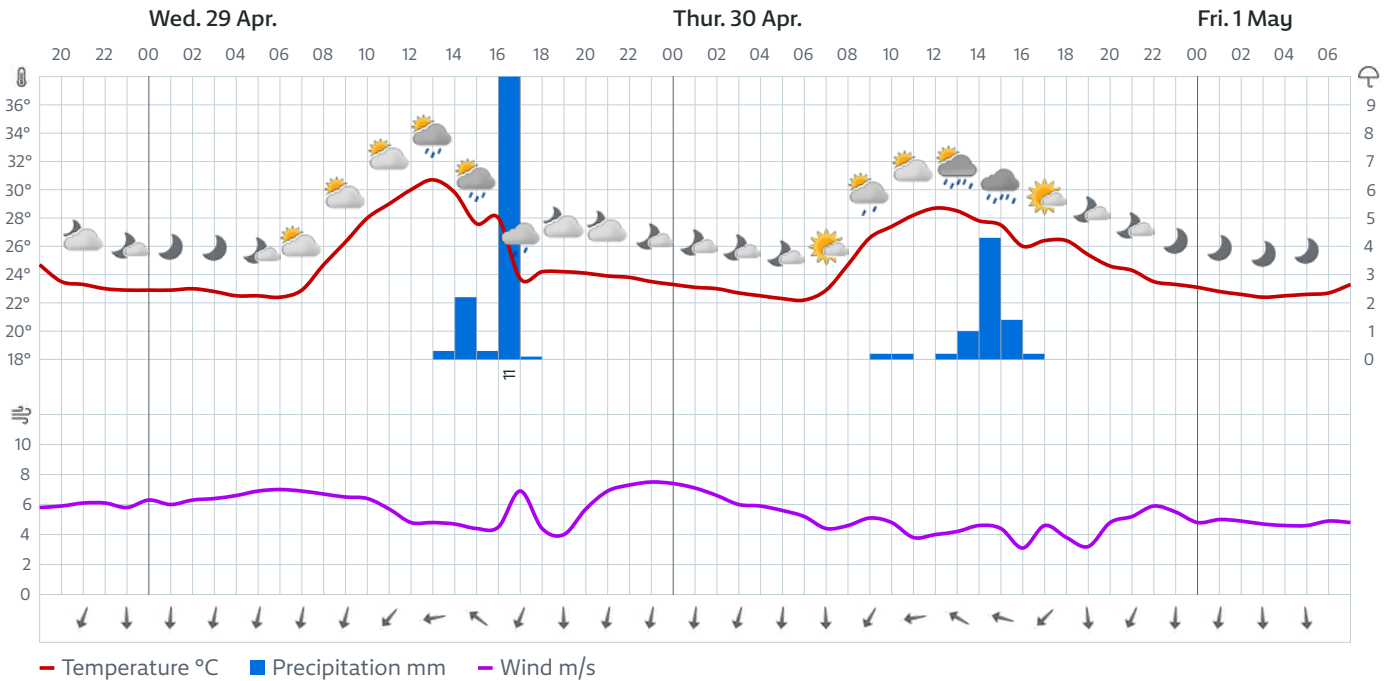
Both Rio Haina and Puerto Plata operations remain subject to marine conditions and pilot availability.

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



Weather forecast for Rio Haina

Meteogram 28 Apr. at 19:00 – 1 May at 07:00

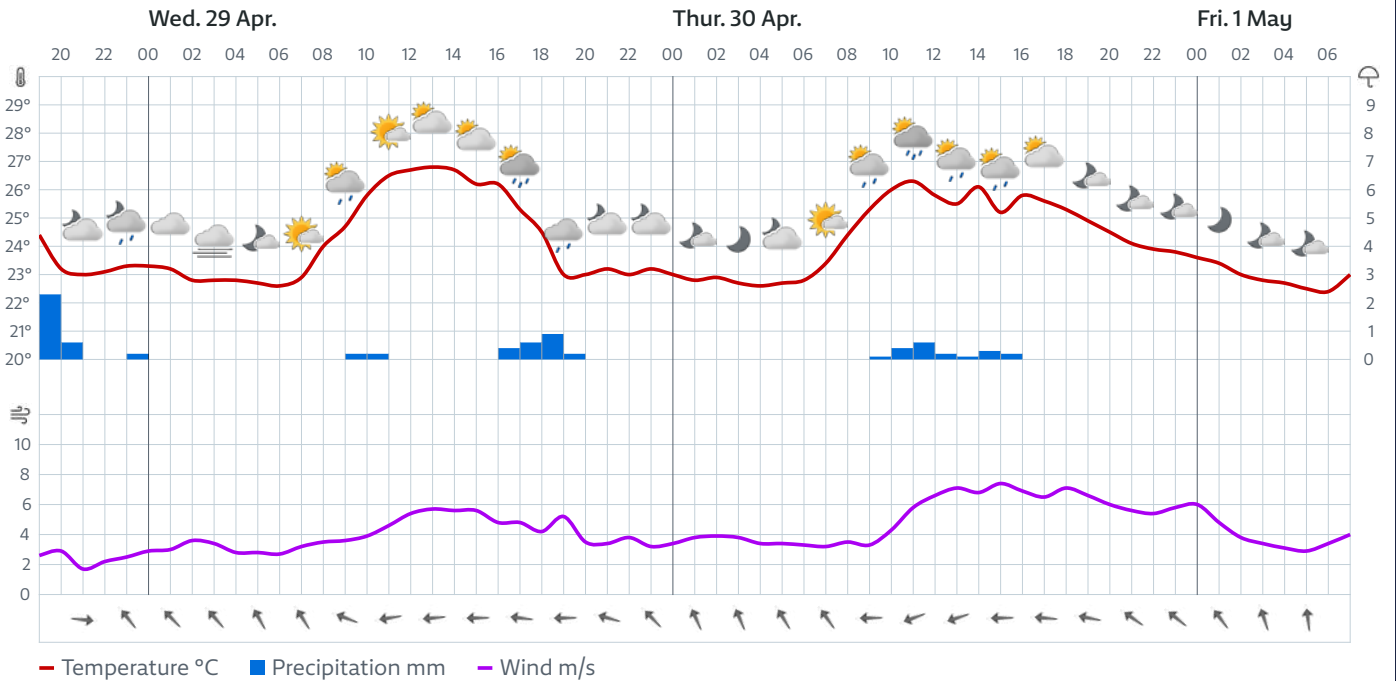


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Thur. 30 Apr.			29° / 22°	7.5	7 / 4
Fri. 1 May			29° / 22°	3	5 / 1
Sat. 2 May			29° / 23°	2.5	4 / 2
Sun. 3 May			29° / 22°	0.9	4 / 1
Mon. 4 May			29° / 22°	1.7	4 / 1
Tue. 5 May			30° / 22°	0.6	4 / 1

Weather forecast for Puerto Plata

Meteogram 28 Apr. at 19:00 – 1 May at 07:00



Long range forecast 28 Apr. – 5 May

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Tue. 28 Apr.			25° / 23°	3.5	3 / 2
Wed. 29 Apr.			27° / 23°	3.1	5 / 3
Thur. 30 Apr.			26° / 23°	2.1	7 / 3
Fri. 1 May			28° / 22°	1.1	6 / 4
Sat. 2 May			29° / 24°	0.3	6 / 3
Sun. 3 May			30° / 24°	0.2	6 / 2
Mon. 4 May			32° / 23°	0.9	4 / 2
Tue. 5 May			29° / 23°		4 / 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.

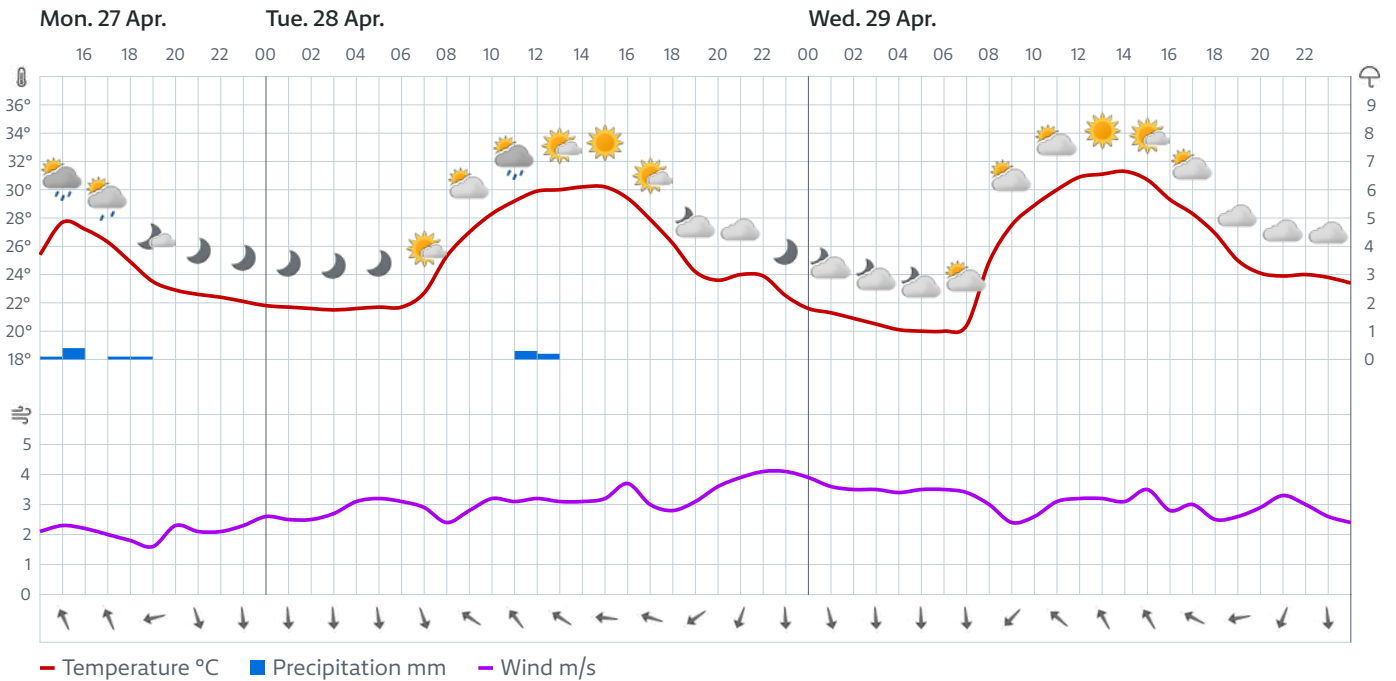
Operational requirements:

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



Weather forecast for Puerto Caldera

Meteogram 27 Apr. at 14:00 – 30 Apr. at 00:00



Long range forecast 27 Apr. - 4 May

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Mon. 27 Apr.			28° / 22°	0.7	3 / 2
Tue. 28 Apr.			30° / 22°	0.5	3 / 3
Wed. 29 Apr.			31° / 20°		4 / 3
Thur. 30 Apr.			30° / 21°	2.1	2 / 0
Fri. 1 May			28° / 22°	23	2 / 0
Sat. 2 May			28° / 22°	13	2 / 0
Sun. 3 May			28° / 22°	12	2 / 0
Mon. 4 May			29° / 22°	16	2 / 0

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 again 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

ENP terminal will charge USD 2.50 per MT.

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.

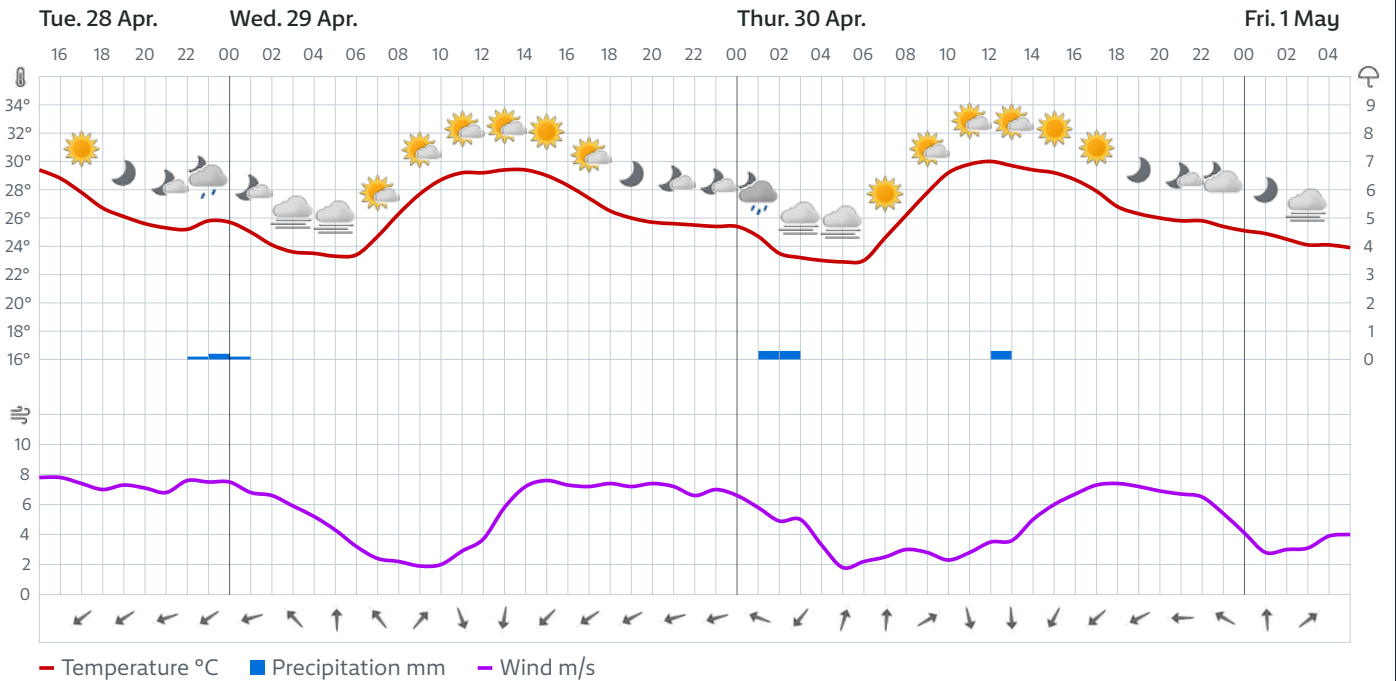
General cargo berth:

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



Weather forecast for Puerto Cortés

Meteogram 28 Apr. at 15:00 - 1 May at 05:00



Long range forecast 28 Apr. - 5 May

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Tue. 28 Apr.			30° / 25°	0.4	8 / 7
Wed. 29 Apr.			29° / 23°	0.8	8 / 3
Thur. 30 Apr.			30° / 23°	1.1	7 / 2
Fri. 1 May			32° / 24°	0.5	4 / 2
Sat. 2 May			34° / 25°		3 / 1
Sun. 3 May			32° / 25°	7.5	5 / 0
Mon. 4 May			31° / 24°	0.1	4 / 2
Tue. 5 May			30° / 25°	1.3	3 / 1

Puerto Corinto

Nicaragua



Port operational status



Congestion:
High.



Waiting time:
10–12 days.



Berths:
5 berths
available



Constraint:
Draft limitation (max 11.0m)
Berthing subject to
congestion and berth.

Operational conditions

Current operational impact

- High berth occupancy due to congestion
- Container and Ro-Ro vessels receive berth priority
- No shore cranes available at general cargo berths
- Weather and berth availability may affect scheduling

Required actions before berthing

- Cargo details and stowage plan submitted
- Terminal/stevedoring payment completed
- Customs formalities completed by receivers
- Floating crane or geared vessel arranged.

Critical Alerts



Alert 1

Vessels calling general cargo berths must be geared or arrange floating crane support in advance.



Alert 2

High congestion may increase waiting periods beyond standard scheduling windows.

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

Dimensional Limits

Maximum draft: 11.0 m
Maximum LOA: 210 m

Operational Restrictions

- Berthing subject to berth availability and congestion.
- No shore crane available at general cargo berths.
- Special equipment subject to prior coordination.

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:

Construction of grain silos is under planning to improve cargo flow and reduce congestion.

Berth allocation:

Berths 1A, 1B & Pier 2: General cargo / dry cargo / breakbulk
Piers 3 & 4: Containers and Ro-Ro cargo. Pier 5: Liquid cargo.

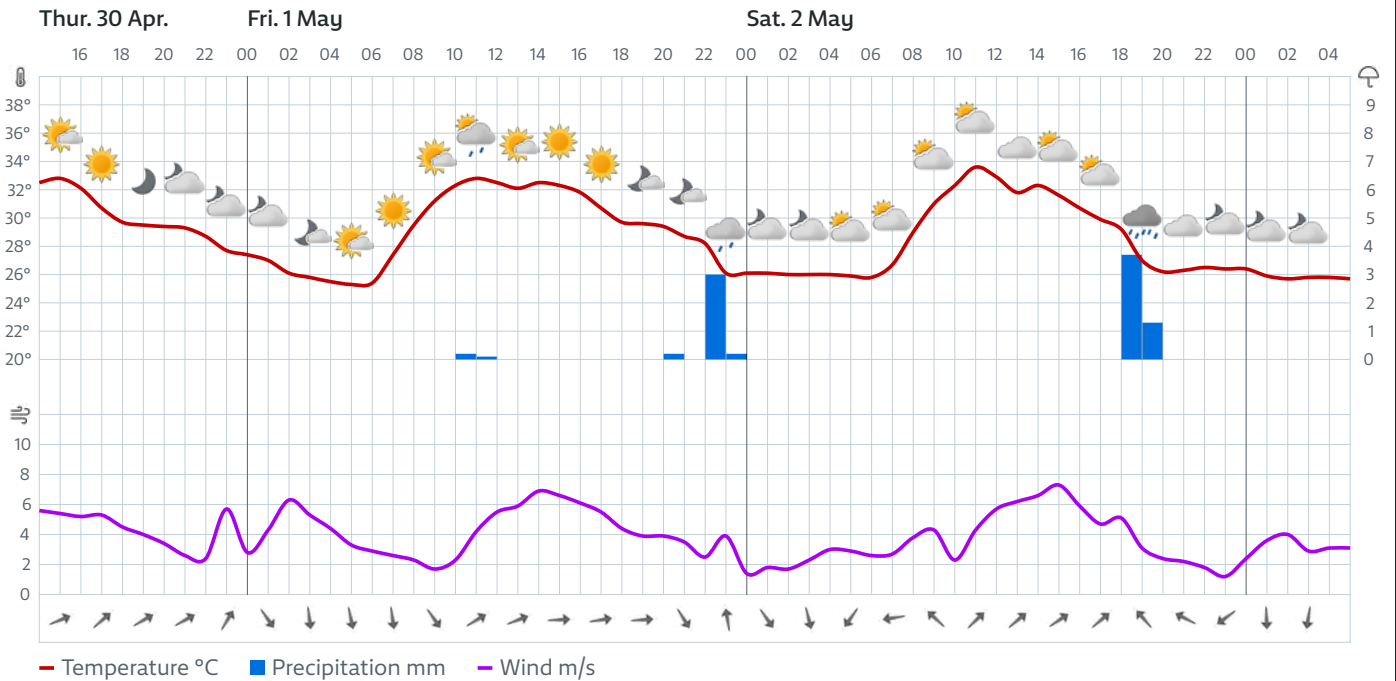
General operations:

Port remains under high operational demand with berth assignment subject to cargo type and berth occupancy.



Weather forecast for Puerto Corinto

Meteogram 30 Apr. at 14:00 – 3 May at 05:00



Long range forecast 30 Apr. – 7 May

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Thur. 30 Apr.			33° / 28°	0.1	6 / 2
Fri. 1 May			33° / 25°	3.8	6 / 3
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Wed. 6 May			32° / 26°	2.3	5 / 2
Thur. 7 May			33° / 25°	2.2	4 / 2



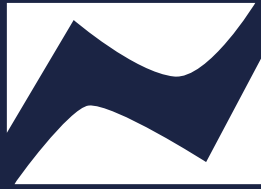
HOLIDAYS

CARIBBEAN

- May 1 | Dominican Republic, Cuba, Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica (regional observance) | **Labor Day / International Workers' Day (Public holiday).**
- May 4 | Dominica | **Labour Day (Public holiday).**
- May 10 | Puerto Rico | **Mother's Day (Observance).**
- May 22 | Puerto Rico | **Emancipation Day (Public holiday).**
- May 25 | Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands | **Memorial Day (Public holiday).**

CENTRAL AMERICA

- May 1 | Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama | **Labor Day / International Workers' Day (Public holiday).**
- May 10 | El Salvador, Guatemala | **Mother's Day (Public holiday / observance).**
- May 14 | Nicaragua | **Battle of San Jacinto (National observance).**
- May 30 | Nicaragua | **Mother's Day (National observance).**



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