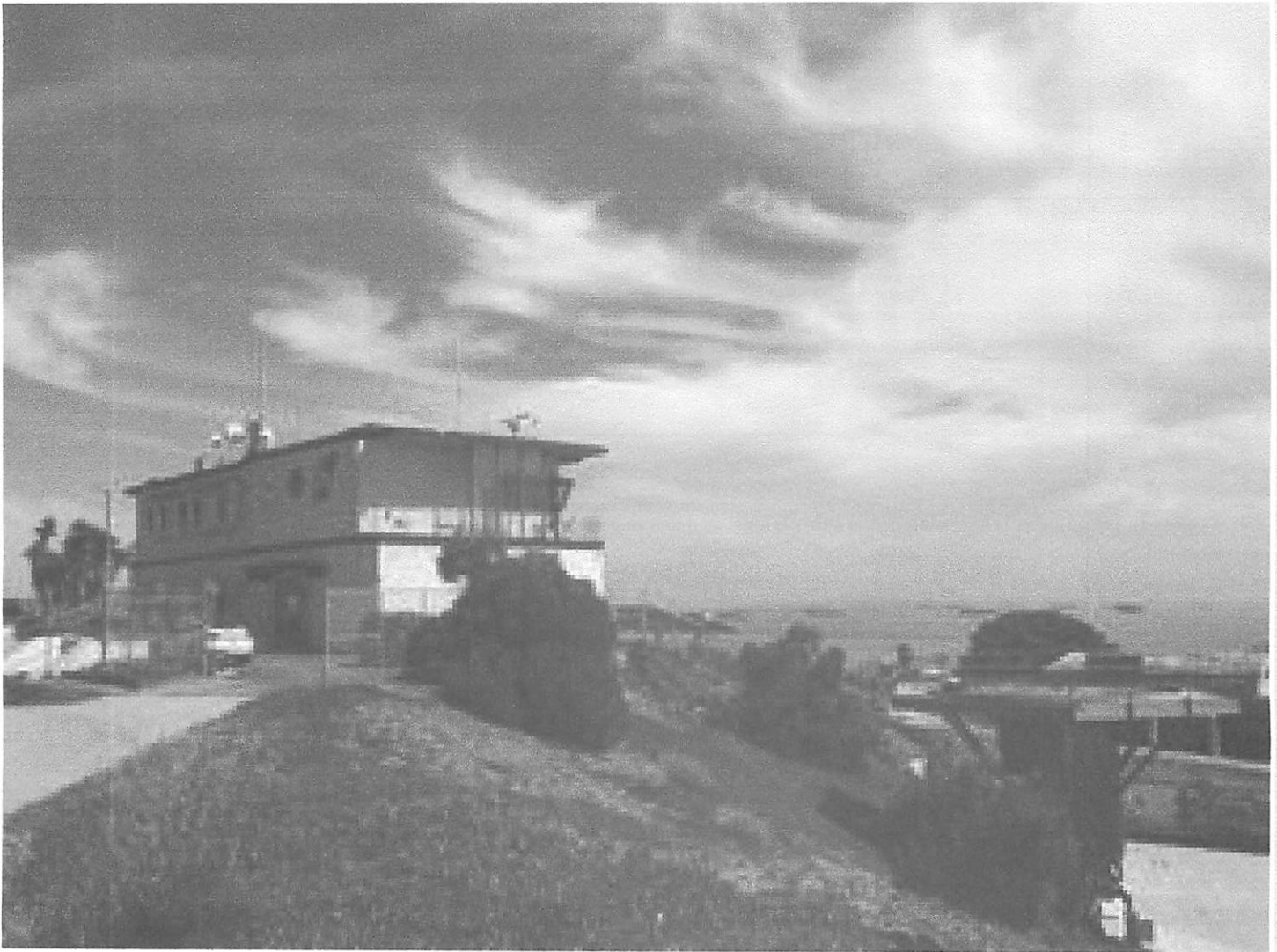


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12. Coordinating Vessels in the Ports of San Pedro Bay: The Marine Exchange of Southern California

April 30, 2021

Just as an airport needs air traffic controllers to weave arrivals and departures, so does a major seaport. For our twin Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, they are managed by the Marine Exchange of Southern California. Little known outside the ports, [read this Ship's Log article](#) to learn about why it is such a critical seaport function.



11. Port Congestion and the Supply Chain: When Did All Those Ships Arrive?

March 31, 2021

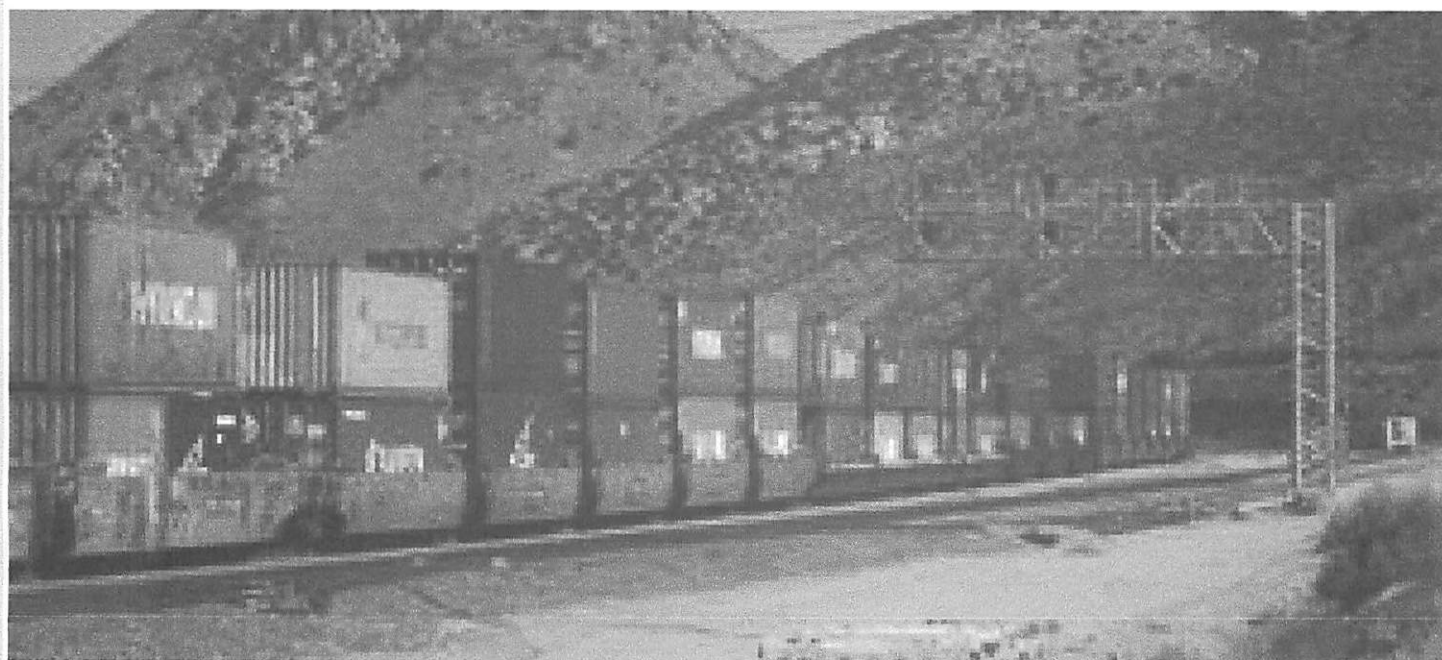
Over the past three months, our twin seaports at Long Beach & Los Angeles have hosted more vessels than normal, and there is a major increase in ships at anchor waiting for space at our docks. In this [Ship's Log article](#), learn about why that is, to what extent COVID is a cause, and what we can expect in the near future.



10. Does an Empty Have Value? The Demand for Containers in the Supply Chain

February 26, 2021

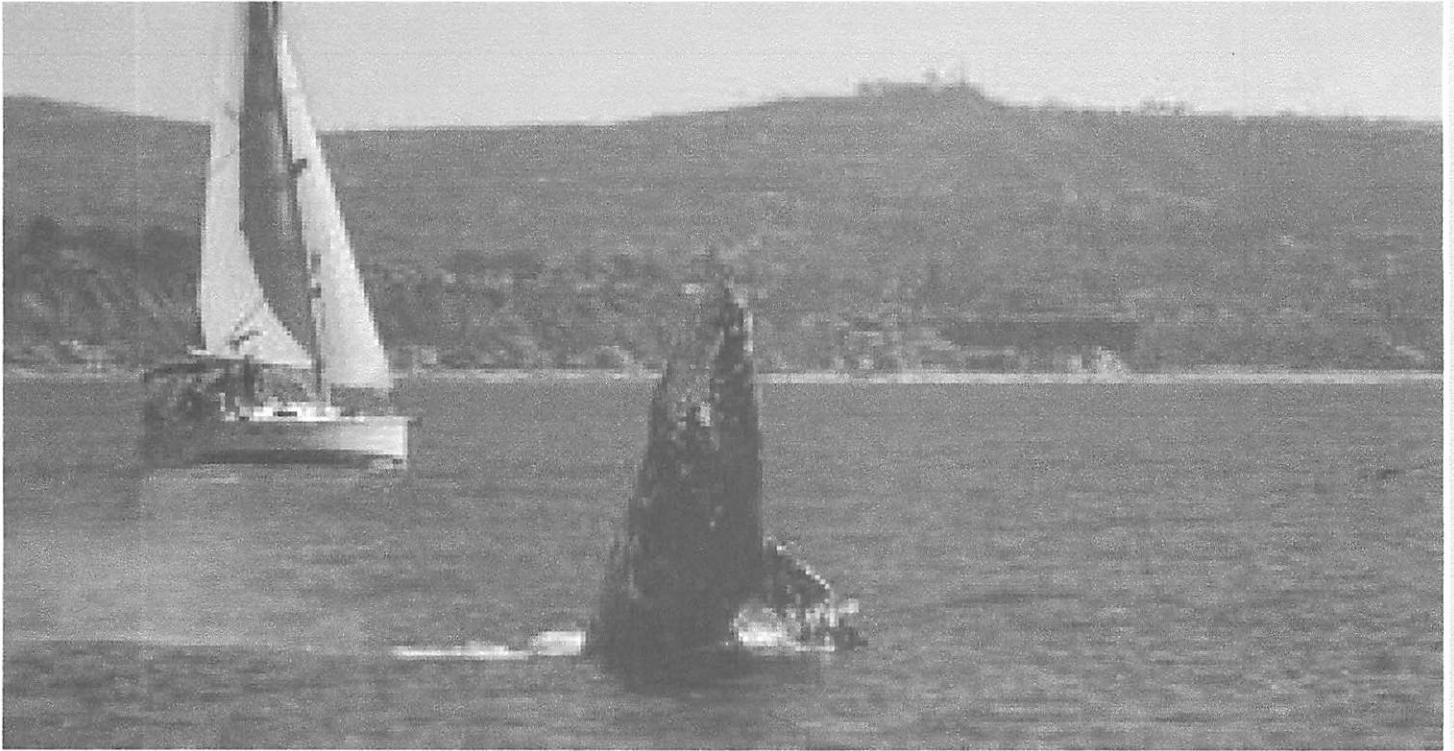
In article #9, we followed the journey a mythical copier makes from China to Chicago. [In this article](#), learn what happens after the cargo is dropped off, how a container makes its way back to China, and the congestion & disruptions that can occur in the supply chain due to COVID.



9. The Basics of Maritime Logistics

January 28, 2021

We've all seen the phrase, "Sorry, your item is on backorder." Maybe you ordered an office copier and the manufacture keeps pushing the delivery date back. [Check out the latest article of our Ship's Log Blog Series](#) to take a deeper look at the logistics chain of this copier to see what happened, its path to your office, and where it fits into the larger picture of distributing goods.



8. Behemoths of the Sea: Whales and Ships

November 30, 2020

Twin behemoths ply the seas near us. Both are huge, with one residing under the sea and the other bringing cargo to our shores. [Click here](#) to learn about the interaction these two have in a shared ocean space, the problem of ship strikes, and the efforts being done to protect whale populations.

Photo: [Captain Dave's Dolphin Watching Safari](#)



7. A Quiet Revolution in Seaport Air Quality Management

October 30, 2020

Are clean air and transportation mutually exclusive? If we want clean air in Los Angeles, will it inevitably come at the cost of losing the goods movement business in our twin seaports? The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have an answer to these questions: no. [Read this Ship's Log article](#) to learn about the measures put in place to maintain clean air while supporting our operating ports.



6. Long Ships, Tall Ships, Big Ships, Small Ships: The Many Ships of San Pedro Bay's Seaports

September 28, 2020

Whether you spot a ship in the ocean from afar or you take a visit to one of LA County's two ports, you'll notice there are a lot of shapes and sizes of ships passing through our waters. Learn about the many ships of San Pedro Bay's seaports [in our recent piece](#).



5. Why We Have Two Major Seaports in San Pedro Bay

August 31, 2020

The two cheek-by-jowl mega ports in San Pedro Bay are the busiest container ports not only in the U.S. but also in North America. Handling almost 17 million twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers each year, they dwarf the volume of most other container ports on either coast. How did this happen historically? What is it about these ports that continue their success? The answers lie in geography, railroads, civic pride, economics, and climate.



4. How Ship Traffic in Our Ports is Affected by COVID-19

July 31, 2020

Did you know that the two ports of Los Angeles County experience 40% of all import cargo to the United States? Due to this, they are often a reliable indicator of economic activity in the country. One question being asked these days is whether COVID-19 has affected ship traffic. [Read here](#) to learn how it is being impacted during the pandemic.



3. The Ports of Los Angeles County in San Pedro Bay

June 30, 2020

The twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are ranked as the top two busiest seaports in the U.S., handling more than 40% of all containerized cargo imported to the nation. [Read here](#) to learn about how these ports have evolved as critical resources and remain competitors amid being linked side-by-side.



2. The Box: An Inside Look at the Shipping Container

May 29, 2020

Shipping containers, cans, boxes. We've all seen them on the road and most of us vaguely understand what they are and what they do. [Read this ports piece](#) to learn more about these ubiquitous and vital elements of the world's goods movement system.

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1. What's Happening in Our Ports at San Pedro and Long Beach?

April 27, 2020

COVID-19 is affecting our seaports with reduced deliveries and the strange sight of anchored tankships in San Pedro and Long Beach. What's happening you ask? [Read here to learn more](#)

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