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INTER-ISLAND SEABRIDGE OPERATIONS

Port of Spain / Scarborough-February 20, 2026

The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago is providing the following update on the status of the Sea Bridge.

Current Availability and Capacity

The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, wishes to advise that the inter-island sea bridge continues to be supported by one (1) heavy/ containerized cargo vessel and three (3) active passenger vessels contributing to overall transport capacity:

- *Blue Wave* – 1925 metres of cargo lane
- *Buccoo Reef* – approximately 950 passengers and over 160 vehicles
- *APT James* – approximately 900 passengers and up to 250 vehicles
- *Galleons Passage* – approximately 400 passengers and around 60 vehicles

Since the departure of the *MV Cabo Star* from service on 12 January 2026, a series of structured operational measures have been implemented, to sustain cargo movement between Port of Spain and Tobago. From that time, contingency cargo operations were introduced, including the introduction of a barge, and the sailing schedule for these operations was publicly published and updated to support freight planning, industry coordination and transparent access to cargo space. The Port Authority continues to publish sailing schedules as part of its standard operational practice to ensure that stakeholders are informed of vessel movements in advance.

Cargo Capacity, Certification and Operational Integration

Following recertification on February 9th, the *Blue Wave Harmony* has been reintroduced into service under a structured sea trial basis, designed to ensure a coordinated incorporation into the Sea Bridge network. The vessel continues to carry live cargo while technical and operational teams monitor performance under real operating conditions, allowing for ongoing validation of vessel systems, loading procedures and port coordination before any expansion of its operational profile.

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This phased approach reflects standard maritime practice following significant works and certification and supports a controlled transition into full operational service.

Operating primarily in a cargo-forward configuration, *Blue Wave Harmony* provides approximately 1925 metres of cargo lane length across its main and upper decks, accommodating an estimated 125 freight units of 15-metre trailers. The vessel is equipped with 31 reefer sockets across all decks to support temperature-sensitive cargo, contributing structured cargo capacity to maintain continuity of commercial transport between Trinidad and Tobago.

Over the Carnival period from February 11th – February 18th, there were 43 completed sailings on the Sea Bridge offering 34,000 passenger seats and over 6,000 vehicle spaces.

Published Sailing Schedule and Terminal Yard Coordination

Cargo sailings operate on a structured night-departure cycle supported by publicly issued sailing schedules outlining loading windows, departure times and operational coordination at the Ferry Terminal, Port of Spain. Cargo loading operations are facilitated between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on designated cargo days, allowing for the orderly staging, parking and securing of flatbeds and containerized units ahead of departure. Refrigerated units are additionally facilitated through an extended access window between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., enabling temperature-sensitive cargo to enter closer to sailing.

Operational scheduling allows truckers to plan their movements around established loading windows. Once trucks are staged and secured within the terminal yard during designated loading periods, drivers are not required to remain on site until sailing. This arrangement enables drivers to utilize rest periods away from the port and return later to continue commercial activity upon vessel arrival. Refrigerated trucks may utilize available plug-in points once they have boarded the vessel.

Booking Information and Process

Cargo bookings remain structured and transparent, supported by publicly issued sailing schedules and defined booking procedures accessible to all freight operators. Cargo allocation continues to be managed through established channels, with no preferential arrangements applied. Operational teams maintain flexibility to facilitate late arrivals where practicable while preserving the integrity of scheduled sailings.

Operational Continuity

Vessel movements continue to be conducted under controlled maritime scheduling aligned with established navigation and safety protocols as the phased operational rollout progresses. The Port Authority remains focused on maintaining a coordinated, transparent and reliable Sea Bridge framework grounded in publicly issued schedules, structured logistics and measurable operational outcomes.



The Authority will continue to provide factual updates as operational planning progresses, ensuring that stakeholders and the public are informed by clear and verified operational information.

The Port Authority would like to emphasize that since the *Blue Wave Harmony* resumed sailings on February 10th, each scheduled cargo sailing has accommodated the trucks presented for shipment, and to date no cargo has remained in the Ferry Terminal yard following any scheduled sailing. The yard has been fully cleared with each sailing with operations teams making concessions for late arrivals and permitting them to load after the cutoff time.

Blue Wave Harmony – Cargo Sailing Schedule

Day / Date	Port of Spain	Scarborough (Tobago)
Fri 20 Feb	Cargo Loading: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Depart 9:30 p.m.	—
Sat 21 Feb	Arrive POS 8:00 p.m.	Arrive 6:30 a.m. • Depart 2:00 p.m.
Sun 22 Feb	—	No Sailing
Mon 23 Feb	Cargo Loading: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Depart 9:30 p.m.	—
Tue 24 Feb	Arrive POS 8:00 p.m.	Arrive 6:30 a.m. • Depart 2:00 p.m.
Wed 25 Feb	Cargo Loading: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Depart 9:30 p.m.	—
Thu 26 Feb	Arrive POS 8:00 p.m.	Arrive 6:30 a.m. • Depart 2:00 p.m.
Fri 27 Feb	Cargo Loading: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Depart 9:30 p.m.	—



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UPDATE ON SEA TRIAL SAILINGS OF BLUE WAVE HARMONY



Port of Spain / Scarborough-February 21st, 2026

In order to safely incorporate the *Blue Wave Harmony* into Sea Bridge operations, the vessel continues to operate under a structured sea trial programme led by Maritime Pilots. These sea trials form part of a controlled operational rollout aligned with internationally recognised maritime safety standards that govern vessel certification, pilotage and operational readiness across the global shipping industry.

At this stage, the vessel continues to conduct cargo movements while each voyage is closely monitored and evaluated to assess performance, navigational handling and port coordination. Additional safety measures, including pilot-led navigation, tug assistance and enhanced fendering arrangements, have been implemented as part of the overall safety framework guiding the vessel's transition into full commercial service.

The Master Pilot has advised that night trials are scheduled to commence from 25 February, with formal performance evaluations taking place after each operation. Based on the current programme, sign-off for full commercial passenger operations is anticipated by 1 March, subject to the successful completion of all required assessments.

Maritime operations are governed by strict international safety protocols, and decisions relating to vessel readiness remain under the authority of the Maritime Pilot and the established regulatory framework. The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago continues to support this process but cannot override determinations made under the sea trial programme. The organisation remains committed to a safe, structured and compliant integration of the *Blue Wave Harmony* into the Sea Bridge, and further updates will be provided as operational milestones are achieved.

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RESCHEDULED SEA TRIAL SAILING OF BLUE WAVE HARMONY

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The sailing of the *Blue Wave Harmony* has been rescheduled. The vessel, which is currently operating under sea trial conditions, is now expected to arrive in Tobago on the morning of Sunday 22nd, February, subject to the un-berthing of passenger ferries operating on the sea bridge at the time.

Following the change to Friday’s sailing, truckers, hauliers and businesses with cargo booked on this departure are encouraged to remain in contact with Trinidad and Tobago Inter-Island Transportation Company (TTIT) agents for further guidance. Stakeholders are also advised to stay connected to the official TTIT Ferry Service social media channels for timely updates and information.

The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and NIDCO sincerely apologise to all users of the *Blue Wave Harmony* for the inconvenience caused by the rescheduling of the vessel. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of our truckers, hauliers and valued customers as operational adjustments are made, and we remain committed to providing timely updates as operations progress.

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