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News from Port of Gävle

A new year

We are not only in the beginning of a new year, but also a new decade. The decade has begun with a very good first month. The past decade has shown an upging trend in goods volumes in Port of Gävle specifically and in the swedish shipping industry in general.

We do not know what the coming decade will bring, however there are signs of a slower increase in the economic upswing and reduced amount of import goods and export goods. A slowdown does not have to mean a downturn though, and if you look at long-term forecasts, the trends continue to show positive growth. Also last year's result points in this direction:

Total goods turnover

The total goods turnover in 2019 was 5.6 million tonnes and has thus increased by about 3.5% (190.000 tonnes) compared to 2018.

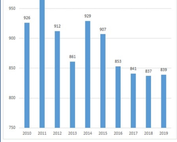
The total goods turnover had a marginal decrease by about 1.3% (74.000 tonnes) in 2019 compared with 2017.

Compared to 2016, goods turnover in 2019 increased by just over 15% (768.000 tonnes).

Overall, goods turnover have remained stable over the past three years, with an average of about 5.5 million tonnes / year.

Number of port calls

The number of port calls is at a steady level seen from 2016 to 2019, with an average of 842 calls / year. In 2019 there were 855 entered the port of Gävle, compared with 837 vessels in 2018, ie. a minimal change (about 0.2% increase).



The number of environmental discounts has also increased in 2019

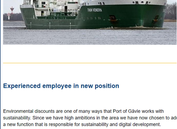
But what does an environmental discount mean?

Port of Gävle rewards vessels with high environmental performance. The premium is based on two different environmental indices, the Environmental Ship Index (ESI) and the Clean Shipping Index (CSI). The scoring of the vessels is based on, among other things, fuel, particle pollutiation, nitric oxide, sulfur oxide, carbon dioxide, chemicals as well as water and waste. Vessels that have a minimum of 30 points according to ESI, or have at least 4 stars according to CSI, receive a 10% discount on the port fee, based on their GT. (GT stands for Gross Tonnage and is based on the ship's total enclosed volume)

	Antal anlöp med ESI rabatt per år
2017	55
2018	104
2019	113

Environmental discounts are obtained on condition that registration has been made in accordance with the regulations for ESI or CSI.
The Ukrainian shipping company stood out last year, with a discount of as much as 34% of its port calls

Vessels that use LNG for fuel during the port call receive an extra 20% discount on the port fee, based on their GT. Only one vessel received a 30% discount in 2019 in Port of Gävle – the Swedish flagged Thun Venten.



Experienced employee in new position

Environmental discounts are one of many ways that Port of Gävle works with sustainability. Since we have high ambitions in the area we have now chosen to add a new function that is responsible for sustainability and digital development.

"Port of Gävle wants to be a positive force in the transition of society to increased sustainability. We also believe it is important to stay at the forefront among ports, when it comes to digitalization. The purpose of the new function is for Port of Gävle to focus and develop in these areas, "says Fredrik Svanström, CEO.

The position is new but is filled with an experienced employee that has worked at the port for many years - Linda Ashner. Linda has worked with sustainability in various ways throughout her professional career. Before coming to port of Gävle, she worked as an environmental consultant and as an engineer in the chemical industry. She started working at Port of Gävle already in the fall of 2007, when she was hired to, among other things, develop the permit process for upgrades of the fairway and the major port extension 2009-2014. Linda took up the role of Head of Safety and Environment in 2011 and since 2016 she has also been in charge of traffic control and tugboats, as Head of Port Authority.

"The last three years have been very exciting! We have built up the Port Authority and at the same time been involved in nationally recognized projects in the digital area," says Linda.

The largest of these projects is the so-called Port Activity App, as we mentioned in earlier newsletters, a mobile application which may soon be in your smartphone, that Port of Gävle created together with the Swedish Maritime Administration and others. "Reasonable information sharing about a vessel call between different port operators. The purpose is to increase the efficiency of calls and to obtain environmental benefits. More information about it coming in the spring!

While Linda assumes the role of Sustainability Manager, the Port's logistics developer, Niklas Hermansson, takes up the role of Head of the Traffic and Security Department (a new version of Linda's former role as head of Port Authority). This role suits him very well as he has many years' experience as a ship agent and also worked with traffic and shipping issues both in a regional and national perspective within the Swedish Transport Administration. We will get to know Niklas more closely this coming spring in upcoming news letters.

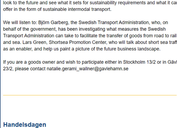
"I've had the privilege of working with incredibly competent colleagues," says Linda. "And the best part is that I will continue to work with the same wonderful colleagues but with full focus on the issues I am a little extra passionate about - sustainability and digital development.

Port of Gävle reaches out to a larger network and closer cooperations

Port of Gävle together with Terminal operator Ytterport, is expanding the container terminal as well as building an automated CFS, ie a paper storage magazine and a food control station. Summed up this is an investment of almost one billion to meet the future demands for sustainable logistics solutions with a greater transition from road to rail and sea in accordance with the national goods strategy.

We already have the east coast's largest container terminal and now it is being expanded to a capacity of 600,000 TEU (1 TEU corresponds to a 20-foot container).

In order to utilize the logistics solutions that are available to reach the sustainable development goals, we must act both nationally and internationally, and we must do it together.
Port of Gävle will therefore embark on a road trip during 2020, both to showcase what the port has to offer, but also to meet local companies and jointly discuss effective opportunities for goods flow.
The first visit went to the municipality of Bollnäs where an entrepreneurial cafe was organized together with the municipality of Ovanåker. Interesting conversations, expanded network and new business opportunities were some of the results of the evening.



Short-sea traffic

The next decade will place great demands on well-functioning transport systems that enable the transfer from road to short sea and rail. With this theme, Port of Gävle invites you to a dialogue full of relevant information that aims to provide better knowledge about the possibilities of short sea transport in the Baltic Sea area. We look to the future and see what it aims for sustainability requirements and what it can offer in the form of sustainable intermodal transport.

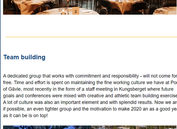
We will listen to Björn Garberg, the Swedish Transport Administration, who, on behalf of the government, has been investigating what measures the Swedish Transport Administration can take to facilitate the transfer of goods from road to rail and sea. Lars Grönn, Shortsea Promotion Center, who will talk about short sea traffic as an enabler, and help us paint a picture of the future business landscape.

If you are a goods owner and wish to participate either in Stockholm 13/2 or in Gävle 20/2, please contact natalie.gerami_wallner@gavlehamn.se

Handelsdagen

28th of april a half-day seminar will take place in gaskolonkma, Gävle which Port of gävle arranges together with chamber of commerce. If you would like to know more please contact our marketing and communication manager Natalie Gerami Wallner on: +46 790 729 092

For more information in Swedish please click here



Team building

A dedicated group that works with commitment and responsibility - will not come for free. Time and effort is spent on maintaining the fine working culture we have at Port of Gävle, most recently in the form of a staff meeting in Kungsträdgård where future goals and conferences were mixed with creative and athletic team building exercises. A lot of culture was also an important element and with splendid results. Now we are, if possible, an even tighter group and the motivation to make 2020 as a good year as it can be is on top!

We wish you a joyful spring!

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