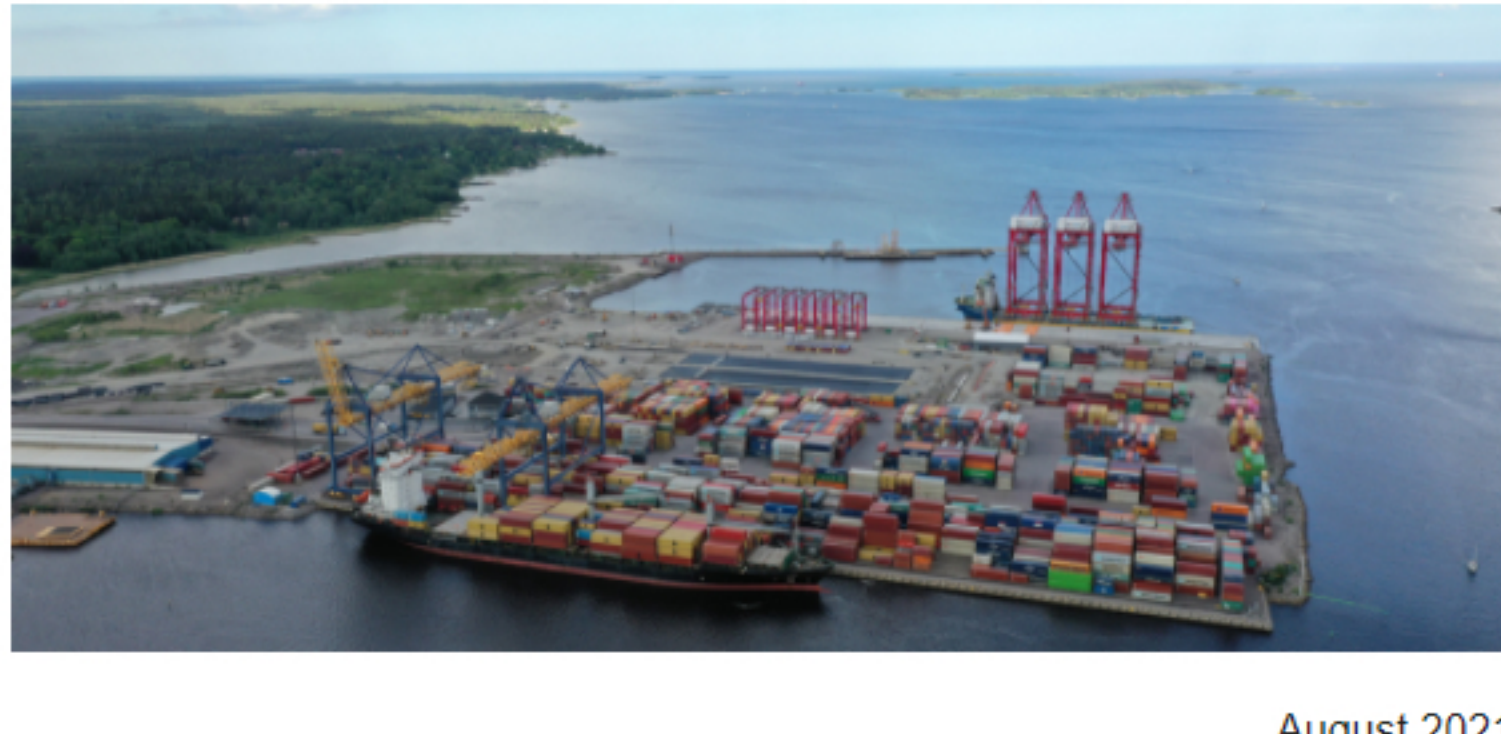




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Post "Pandemic summer"

The summer has gone by quietly and many of us are now back at work, even though that still means working from the home office/kitchen chair or such, for some of us. Gävle Hamn AB will continue to work from home as much as possible until the general recommendations change.

Previously the question has arisen whether freight flows would be affected by a delayed reaction due to COVID-19, given that large parts of Asia shut down, etc. However, the impact was less than expected.

"Certain types of goods have been affected negatively and others positively as a result of the pandemic" says Fredrik Svanbom, CEO of Gävle Hamn AB. "We are now looking forward to the coming autumn with hopes that things will go back even more to normal, as more people are getting vaccinated."

However, the inauguration of the new Container terminal had to be postponed for a few months as many international guests were invited and had difficulty attending on a specific date due to restrictions. But the one who is waiting for something good...

Post "161 mm of rain in one day"

Last week, large parts of Gävleborg was flooded as a result of the enormous rain masses that fell over the course of one day. The port of Gävle was also affected when, among other things, parts of the Energy Port were temporarily flooded. With good cooperation within the port, the problems were efficiently solved and the work returned to normal. We thank everyone involved.



New website

Gävle Hamn AB has launched its new website, updated according to the EU Accessibility Directive. But what does that mean?

In the directive, accessibility means: that websites, mobile applications and their content are such that everyone can use them and understand their messages. Accessible services use techniques and methods that make them available through different types of data equipment and assistive technologies. Accessibility can be described as easy accessible digital services that are available also for persons with disabilities.

Accessibility is an essential part of the "design for all" principle. According to this principle all types of users and their needs are taken into account already when planning the service. The goal is to guarantee equal possibilities for all users to make the most of digital services, despite sight and hearing capacity, disruption of motor functions or other functional limitations.

Does it sound complicated? You will (hopefully) not find such complicated sentences on our website.



On going in the port

A lot of projects are underway in the port of Gävle right now. You could read about some of them in the previous newsletter, such as Just-In-Time and the Port Activity App™. The port is being expanded, digitalized and automated at the Container Terminal. In addition, quays and other infrastructure are continuously maintained.

Quay 10

Quay 10 is being renovated and strengthened in accordance with regular maintenance.

The first 14 m of new quay has been cast and preparatory work is being carried out to begin the next stage, which is stage two of three.

A total of 50m of quay will be renovated, in order to be able to handle the large demand for wind power parts that Port of Gävle receives annually.

The wind turbines are getting bigger and bigger with taller towers and longer wings. This requires larger mobile port cranes as well as very large storage areas. This leads to higher demands on our existing quays.

The work takes place simultaneously and in direct connection with the daily unloading of wind power parts and is expected to be completely ready for handover to terminal operator Yilport at the end of September 2021.



Quay 1

Quay 1 is located in the southwestern part of the port area and receives smaller ships with floating bulk. Vessels with a draft of a maximum 8.8 meters and a length of 185 meters are handled there. Quay 1 was built in the 1930s and has since undergone a number of renovations and standard improvements. A decision has now been taken to build a new quay for floating bulk, just south of the existing quay location.

The quay will be upgraded with fire protection and the handling will be safer when the quay also is equipped with loading arms. Bigger size ships will be able to dock since the quay will be dimensioned for vessels with a deadweight (DWT) of 35,000. The project also includes preparations to enable land-electricity for the vessels.

The quay is expected to be completed in April 2023.

Two new weighbridges for vehicles

Two new weighbridges for vehicles will be built (input and output scales including a new weighing system) at the main gate of the port. According to the time plan, the construction and installation of the new weighing equipment will take place in the autumn of 2021. The aim is to be able to guarantee an efficient, qualitative and reliable future weighing service in the port.

We wish you a pleasant autumn

Fredrik Svanbom and crew