



Port of Gävle



Newsletter from Port of Gävle March 2024

A lot of things has happened during the autumn at Port of Gävle.

In this newsletter you'll find some of the biggest events worth mentioning. Want to know more? Click on the **"Read more"**-buttons for full article.



A word from our CEO

Even though it's been a challenging year, considering the situation regarding the world economy with increasing interest and rising inflation, Port of Gävle has taken several steps forward and completed several important projects.

We are also happy to report that the volumes in handled goods have increased during 2023 compared to 2022. Especially in the container terminal where the volumes are up more than 15 percent. One of the reasons for the increasing volumes is the investment in two more railway tracks, making it possible to handle twice as much goods at the same time.

We've also completed the reconstruction of the quay in the Chemical Terminal (quay 1), the oldest quay in Port of Gävle. The soon to be 100-year-old quay is now well up to modern standards, meeting even higher safety measures.

One of our biggest goals for 2023 was to keep improving our sustainability performance. We've been working hard to reduce the carbon footprint from the port area and terminals as well as from the whole logistics systems we are part of.

Port of Gävle can now supply vessels calling the Energy Pier (quay 27) with shore power – an important milestone for sustainable port operations. We've also implemented the queue system Time Slot Gävle for all vessels calling the Energy port, thus enabling great savings of carbon dioxide emissions as the vessels can choose to go eco-driving while sailing to Gävle from the continent.

And together with Gävle Energi we have installed six charging stations for heavy vehicles, in direct access to the port area.

One of the highlights during 2023 was when we opened the port area to the public on "Port Day". Almost 4 000 people came to visit us during a sunny day in May.

During the year we've also opened a brand-new terminal for cement, which has been established and put into operation during the winter.

From all of us at Port of Gävle, we would like to say Thank you to all our customers and partners for putting their trust in us – even through difficult times – and for the great year we've had together.



The coldest winter in many years

This winter has been one of the harshest in many years. This has led to the ice surrounding Port of Gävle being a constant battle for our ice breakers, working day and night to keep the ice at bay.

At one point The Swedish Maritime Administration sent an extra ice breaker, Brage Viking (see right picture above), to help out keeping the fairway open for calling vessels. Luckily, spring is upon us and with that also open water!

Time Slot Gävle

The "Time Slot Gävle" project was launched in February 2023 for ships calling quay 27, also known as the energy pier. In February 2024 the queuing system also implemented for the chemical pier, known as quay 1.

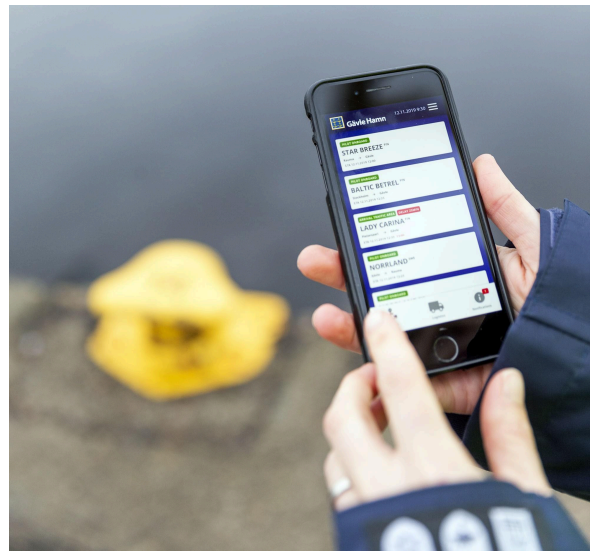
Traditionally ports all over the world uses "First come, first serve" for calling vessels. Time Slot Gävle gives ships the opportunity to plan their route better and hopefully help them reduce their speed which also means less emissions of CO2.

The project has the potential to be a game-changer in maritime transport and an important step toward a sustainable maritime transport system.

It sounds easy, but this is both unique and revolutionary in a traditional business where many big actors must cooperate in complex transport systems. In Port of Gävle eight terminals are sharing the energy pier and five are sharing the chemical pier and thus many different shipping companies and vessels are calling the piers.

– It's been important to develop a robust queuing system that works for all parties and gives the best prerequisites for both efficient logistics and carbon dioxide savings, says Linda Astner, Head of sustainability in Port of Gävle and adds:
– We hope that other ports in the world can use it as a model for similar systems.

Time Slot Gävle has been implemented in close collaboration with the different terminals operating in the port and the calling shipping companies. Considering the large amount of goods transported by sea, the system is an important contribution to reaching climate goals.



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Reinforcement of quay 17 and 19

Quays 17 and 19 are the older quays of the container terminal and has been in operation since 2005. A recent inspection of the quays showed a need for a reinforcement works.

The project will include a reinforcement of the erosion protection as well as the piling. Much of the work will therefore take place below sea level.

The project is set to start in April and is expected to be completed in November 2024.

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Thank you!

The daylight is slowly coming back to the northern parts of Sweden and we can almost feel the spring in the air. So from all of us at Port of Gävle, we hope you'll enjoy the best part of the year which we have in front of us!

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