

Record-breaking number of container ships reported clogging up California coast

Container ships continue to clog up California's coast despite the Biden administration's efforts to alleviate the supply chain crisis.

With supply chain issues growing and the holiday season approaching, California ports have become even more clogged with vessels. Several vessels have been forced to sit outside the port, waiting for their chance to unload.

Maritime nonprofit organization Marine Exchange reported on Tuesday that a record 111 container ships were floating outside Los Angeles and Long Beach ports, waiting to unload their supplies. The previous record had been 108 container ships on Oct. 21.

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RPT 11/9: 168 total ships inport LA/LB including 103 at anchor or loitering & 65 at berths. Of the 168, 111 are container ships including 81 at anchor or loitering & 30 at berth. 55 vessels loitering; 49 container ships, 3 tankers, 2 bulk, 1 general cargo. <http://facebook.com/mxsocal>

President Joe Biden met with several leaders involved in the supply chain process on Wednesday. In a video posted Wednesday morning, Biden claimed that things are improving and people should not be worried about the coming holidays.

Despite Biden's statements, the ports have continued to struggle. Los Angeles's and Long Beach's docking ports have been consistently packed despite a recently passed edict from the White House ordering the ports to unload container ships 24/7. The two ports account for an estimated 40% of all shipping containers entering the United States.

Local terminal operators report that the edict will do little to help ease the issues at hand.

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Truckers report that the crane operators handling the offloading of containers are worsening conditions by wasting time and taking long breaks, which often delays the unloading process by a significant margin.

This has been exacerbated by a lack of workers and truck drivers to take the products to their intended locations, combined with a growing demand for products from consumers.

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