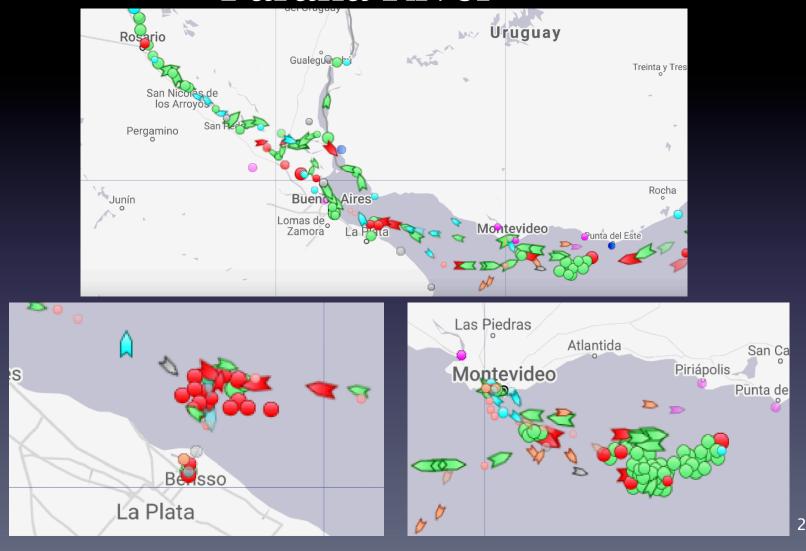
Invoicing with imagination: Ship arrested for "unproductive hours"

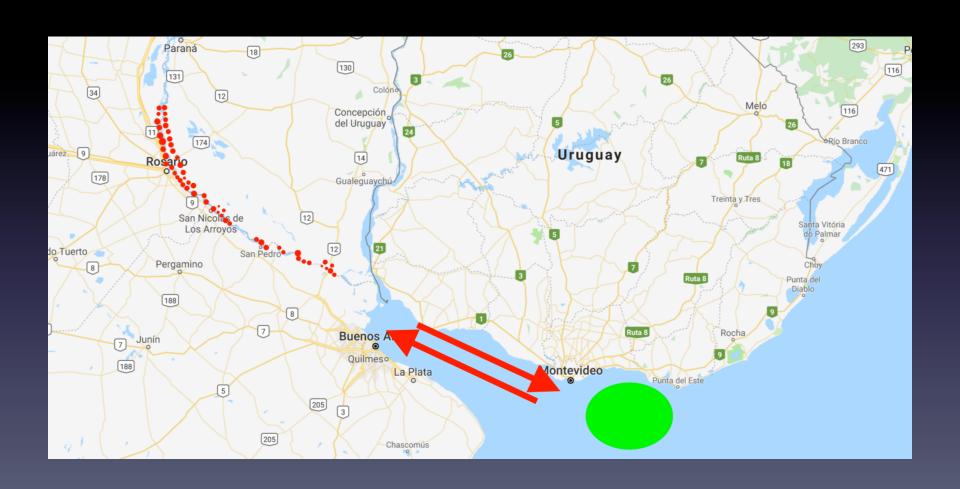
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Congestion in the River Plate and Paraná River



Authorization to proceed up-river



Port of San Lorenzo



Statement of Facts

- Monday
 - 08:00 am: holds rejected
 - 02:00 pm: rotation in the line up
 - 03:30 pm: terminal claims unproductive hours
 - 09:00 pm: holds re-inspected and passed

Tuesday

- Ship berthed and master forced to sign terminal's terms and condition
- 04:00 pm: the terminal sends the invoice for "unproductive hours" to the sub-charterer's agent
- Ship's ETC for Thursday noon

Invoice for "unproductive hours"



Por C/O del Sr. Capitán Armador y/o Propietario del buque Según reglamento de la Terminal se cobra multa por el tiempo en el cual el buque no ha estado disponible para la carga. Tiempo Perdido: 6 Horas X USD/Hora 1.900

To Master, Manager, owner of MV ---- According to the terminal's rules we are charging a fine for the time the ship was not available to load. Time lost: 6 hours x USD 1900 per hour

Wednesday

- 09:00 am: Agent was informed that terminal brought proceeding to seek the arrest.
- 10:00 am: No claim in the court of Rosario
- 12:30 pm: proceeding for declaration of non-liability by sub-charterer under t c/p
- 08:00 pm: heavy rains. Loading delayed. ETC Friday.
- 10:00 pm: Dinner

Thursday

- Midnight: arrest case found in Buenos Aires. Judge ordered the arrest subj to security ---) arrest was not yet served
- 04:00 am: Driving to Buenos Aires
 (300km) planning to arrive 07:30am



Thursday (cont.)

- 12:30 pm: court rejected staying proceedings
- Next steps to lift the arrest:
 - Paying to court on a without prejudice basis; or
 - Provide enough security; or
 - Paying to a Public Notary who would retain the funds until the case was solved unless the funds were replaced by a bond from an insurer

Remarks

Terminal's terms and conditions

8 – HOLDS INSPECTIONS AND / OR DELAYS

In case the ship rejects the inspection or there are other delays in loading or unloading the corresponding merchandise, Argentina SA will be entitled to receive, as a penalty clause (art. 790 of the Civil and Commercial Code of the Nation), the sum of USD 1900 for each hour or fraction of delay.

- Laytime clause from C/P:
 - SHOULD VESSEL FAIL INSPECTION THE TIME LOST

 FROM SAID FAILURE UNTIL VESSEL PASSES

 INSPECTION IS NOT TO COUNT AS LAYTIME OR AS TIME

 ON DEMMURAGE.

- Forum shopping: careful with agents' domicile
- Multiple proceedings
- Reciprocity with the demurrage rate?

Questions?