

CHARLESTON PORTS

The Charleston Port is the deepest water in the Southeastern U.S. and is the only Southeast port that can efficiently handle Post-Panamax vessels up to 9,600 TEU's in 2016.

As the most productive port in the nation, the Charleston Ports have high container crane production and low truck turn times of 20 minutes. This is compared to the Los Angeles port, with average truck turns at 1.5 hours.

An extensive \$2 billion port expansion project is officially underway, and is scheduled to be completed in 2019. This project is set to deepen the channel from 45' to 52', in order to accommodate New-Panamax carriers, and build new terminal and corresponding rail networks at the new North Charleston site.

FUTURE DRIVERS OF THE PORT INCLUDE

- **Functionality:** 52' channel depth in 2019 will allow for the largest ships passing through the expanded Panama Canal
- **Growth:** Continued growth of the South Carolina manufacturing industry, including Boeing, Daimler and Volvo
- **Changes:** Recent changes by the USDA now allows fruit/food to be chilled in transit vs shipped into cooler climates

**FASTEST GROWING
MAJOR U.S. PORT
SINCE 2011**

**HARBOR DEEPENING
PROJECT WILL INCREASE
THE DEPTH FROM 47' TO
52'**