

PORT

SHIP UNIVERSE

SAVE

CHOOSE LESS CROWDED PORTS

Switch to nearby, less congested ports to avoid hefty congestion surcharges. Faster turnaround and shorter berth times result in significantly lower fees and quicker cargo handling.

OPTIMIZE TERMINAL SYSTEMS (TOS)

Terminal Operating Systems (TOS) automate berth assignments and cargo handling. By syncing with these systems, shipowners can reduce port time and avoid hourly berth fees.

CONSOLIDATE CARGO LOADS

Instead of making multiple stops for smaller shipments, consolidate cargo for fewer port calls. This reduces costs for berth fees, cargo handling, inspections, and customs processing.

AVOID OVERTIME CHARGES

Overtime fees kick in after regular port hours, on weekends, and during holidays. Plan ship arrivals during normal port operating hours to avoid 10-50% overtime rate surcharges.

JOIN PORT MEMBERSHIPS

Port membership programs offer shipowners reduced fees, rebates, and faster processing times. Members often receive 5-15% discounts on berth, inspection, and handling charges.

OUTSOURCE PORT SERVICES

Ports often charge high rates for inspections, crew services, and supply deliveries. Hire private contractors instead, as third-party providers often offer the same services at lower rates.

NEGOTIATE VOLUME DISCOUNTS

Work with port authorities to lock in lower fees by increasing your port call frequency. Fleet-wide volume discounts can reduce fees by up to 20% on each visit.

USE REAL-TIME CONGESTION DATA

Check port congestion data before arrival to avoid long wait times. Reroute ships to less crowded ports to save on hourly berth fees and prevent costly demurrage charges.

SPEED UP TURNAROUND TIME

The longer a ship stays in port, the more fees you pay. Speed up cargo handling, customs clearance, and unloading to reduce hourly berth fees and operational costs.

LEVERAGE SMART PORT TECH

Smart port technology tracks berth availability and port congestion in real time. Use this data to avoid delays, optimize arrival times, and reduce time-based berth fees.

USE LOCAL PORT AGENTS

Port agents have insider connections with customs and port authorities. Their relationships reduce fees for inspections, documentation errors, and berth delays, saving you time and money.

ARRIVE AT OFF-PEAK HOURS

Avoid early morning, late evening, and weekend arrivals. These premium hours come with extra charges, but off-peak times reduce fees and make cargo handling more efficient.