

Port of Baltimore's largest-ever container ship rolls in
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The Port of Baltimore on Sunday welcomed its largest-ever container ship when a 107,000 ton vessel docked at Seagirt Marine Terminal.

The 6-year-old ship dubbed "Bruxelles" is owned by Mediterranean Shipping Co. and is 1,011-feet long and 138-feet wide. The ship can carry a maximum of 9,178 TEU (20-foot equivalent unit) containers. The previous container ship record was set about 18 months ago when Mediterranean Shipping's 8,085 container-capable ship made a call at the Port of Baltimore.

Bruxelles came to Baltimore carrying 6,312 TEU (20-foot equivalent unit) containers, roughly 66 percent at capacity.

The port expects to hold ships like the Bruxelles at full capacity following the completion of a new 50-foot berth next summer. Port officials say it will be accommodate ships carrying up to 14,000 TEU containers when the berth is complete.

Baltimore will be one of two ports on the East Coast to have a 50-foot berth and a 50-foot channel along with Norfolk, Va.

It was not disclosed what the container ship was holding, but containers can carry anything from clothing and toys to electronics.