



2022 Ambassador Award Honoree



Independent Container Line (ICL) is a World Class Trans-Atlantic shipping line with an integrated logistics network offering the most reliable delivery and customer-focused solutions.

Since 1985, ICL has been serving customers with their supply chain needs. With a team of industry experts, ICL offers Personalized Service to its customers, assisting with their logistics needs. Incomparable reliability is a key pillar and ICL offers a fixed, weekly sailing to help customers maintain their workflow schedule. Customized Logistics Solutions expands on normal operations to give customers a more tailored option for their logistics requirements.

With US headquarters in Richmond, Virginia and European headquarters in Antwerp, Belgium, ICL operates direct ports of call in Antwerp, Belgium; Southampton, United Kingdom; Cork, Ireland; Chester, Pennsylvania; and Wilmington, North Carolina. Transshipment services are available to and from Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In June 2020, ICL launched a direct deep-sea route between Cork and Penn Terminals in Chester, PA, which is the only direct shipping route out of Ireland connecting to the USA. A fast weekly service, 10 days to Chester PA, 13 days to Wilmington NC, gives exporters unprecedented opportunities to develop business in the USA. A carrier focused on customized logistics solutions, ICL also set up a weekly “guaranteed” Less than Container Load (LCL) service, in both directions, with Container Freight Stations (CFS’s) in Dublin and Cork.



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Accepting on behalf of Independent Container Line: *Dale Ross, Managing Partner USA*

Dale Ross is the Managing Partner USA for Independent Container Line. Dale received a BSBA from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and is a Certified Public Accountant.

He joined ICL in 1986 as Director of Finance and has filled various capacities with the company including Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Operations. In 2007, Dale assumed the position of Chief Operating Officer.

Dale became co-owner of ICL in 2017 and remains actively engaged in strategic planning and corporate administration.



Accepting on behalf of Independent Container Line: *John Kirkland, Managing Partner Europe*

John Kirkland is the Managing Partner Europe for Independent Container Line.

John is a native of Liverpool England and his Ocean Transportation Career has spanned 37 years with 3 different companies with assignments in UK, USA, Netherlands, and Belgium.

He joined ICL in 1989 and assumed the position of CEO and President in 2007. John became co-owner of ICL in 2017 and remains actively engaged in strategic planning and corporate administration.

