



# SPARCS N4 Community Access Portal (CAP) Manual

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# **GETTING STARTED**

#### WHAT IS SPARCS N4 CAP?

SPARCS N4 is the terminal's container management system.

Community Access Portal (CAP) is a SPARCS N4 program that enables a user to find information about a specific container(s) e.g., to view holds and permissions on containers, together with viewing vessel visits.

# WHAT IS COVERED IN THIS USER GUIDE?

This user guide covers the basic skills required to move around the system and carry out simple queries.

# **HOW DO I ACCESS CAP?**

To log in you require the following:

A User ID and password - created by the IT ServiceDesk at Lyttelton Port

To have a new user set up in CAP, send an email to the **Customer Services** <u>customerservices@lpc.co.nz</u> advising the person's first name, last name, email address, company name, company type, and phone number that needs to be set up.

# **LOGGING IN**

1. Browse to <u>www.lpc.co.nz</u>

Click on **Customer Portal** at the very top right corner

Employee Portal Customer Portal Search →

2. This will open another tab.

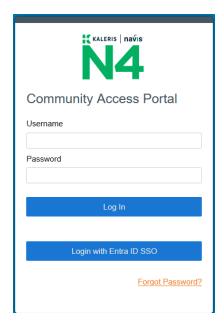
Then click on Community Access Login

Welcome to our Portal for Lyttelton Port Company customers, with everything on hand to help you get the most out of the South Island's largest Port.

SPARCS N4

Community Access Login

3. When the login screen appears type in your Username and Password



4. Click Log In

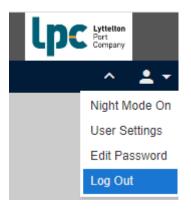
Please do not click on the "Login with Entra ID SSO" button, this is not applicable for CAP

The following screen will appear:



# **LOGGING OUT**

1. Located at the top right hand side of the screen, click **Log Out** from the drop down menu.



# **MENU BAR ITEMS**



Listed below are the menu items available for you to select from the menu toolbar.

File	Allows you to manage user preferences such as changing user password.	
Unit	To list detailed information about units (containers) such as container number, category, port of discharge within My List View.	
Gate	Enables to pre-advise export.	
Vessel	To view detailed information about vessel voyages.	

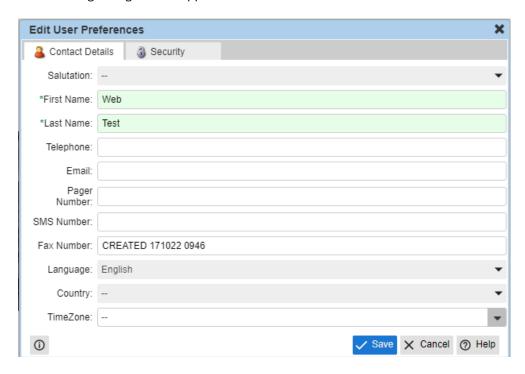
# **CHANGING PASSWORD**

If you have your own personal login, it is important to change your password when you first login to SPARCS N4 CAP.

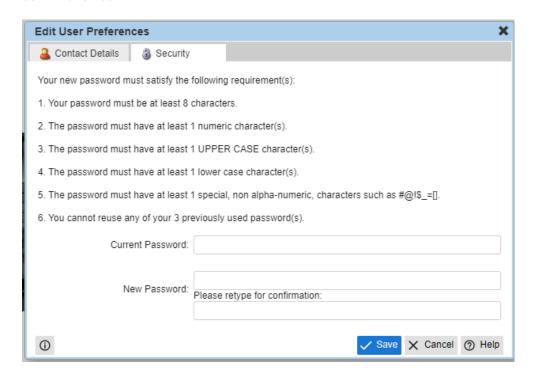
1. From the File menu, select User Preferences



The following dialog box will appear:



2. Click the **Security** tab, type your Current Password, t**ype** your New Password, and then retype it in the confirmation box

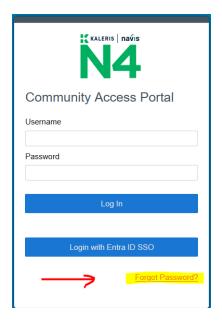


3. Click the Save button.

# **PASSWORD RESETS**

If you have forgotten your password, or the system has locked you out after 3 unsuccessful attempts of logging in:

1. From the CAP login page, click on Forgot Password? link



2. Enter your User ID (not your email address) and click Reset Password



- 3. An email with the new password will be sent to the email address we have on file for that user ID.
- 4. If you do not receive an email automatically, email <u>customerservices@lpc.co.nz</u> including the username that requires the password reset.
- 5. When you log back in, ensure you change your password. (see the above section for instructions on how to do this)

# **ICONS AND FIELDS**

Menu Bar: <u>File Unit Gate Vessel</u>	Displays the menus available to the person currently logged in
	Type in the quick search box to rapidly locate an item in the current list.
My Units    Vessel Visits: LIVE VESSELS *	An area/page in SPARCSN4 that displays information enabling interaction with the system. The information on a tab is in a list view.
List View:	Displays a list of items such as units, vessels – one line per transaction
Actions ▼	This button displays a list of actions that can be performed. For example: Shows Holds/Permissions, check unit availability
C Refresh	To refresh the data on the screen when data is displayed on one tab and related data is modified on another tab.
Filter	Allows you to find specific information

# **RESIZING COLUMNS**

Locate the column to be widened or narrowed.

- 1. **Move** the mouse pointer on the line between this column and the next column on the right. The mouse pointer will change to a hand cursor.
- 2. Click and drag the mouse to the right to increase column width, or to the left to decrease column width

Note: You cannot double-click as you would do in Excel to automatically resize column headings

# **SORTING COLUMNS**

Locate the column to be sorted.

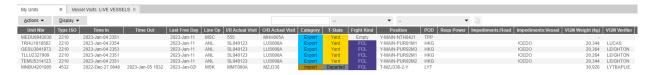
1. Click once to sort ascending or click once again to sort descending.

# **LOCATE CONTAINERS (UNITS)**

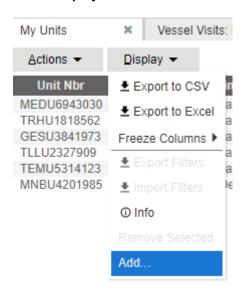
1. Select **Unit** menu > click on **My Units** submenu.

The maximum number of units that you can add to the **My Units** view is **950**. Once a unit is added to the list it will stay on the list until you remove it (see instructions below on how to remove a unit from the list).

2. The **My Units** tab is displayed together with the list (if using for the first time will be empty).



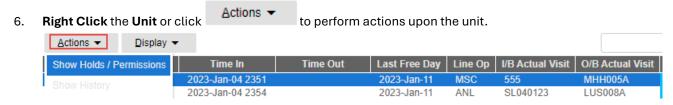
3. Select Display > click Add...



4. Type or paste a list of container numbers and click Save



5. Click once on any Unit or group of units. The active unit(s) will be highlighted.

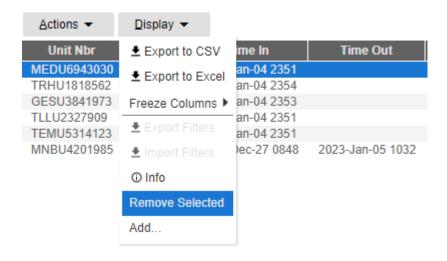


# **REMOVE A UNIT FROM "MY UNITS"**

In the My Units tab, select the unit(s) that you want to remove from the list view.
 The active unit(s) will be highlighted in BLUE

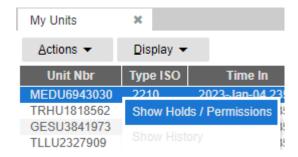


2. Select **Display** then click **Remove Selected** 



# **VIEW STOPS**

- From the My Units tab, click the required container once to select.
   The active unit will be highlighted in BLUE
- 2. Right click on the selected container to invoke the short-cut menu
- 3. Select Show Holds/Permissions



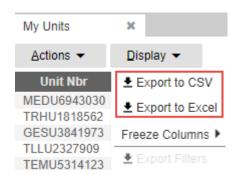
The Holds and Permissions window will appear listing the status of the unit



4. Click to close the window and return to the My Units list

#### **EXPORT DATA FROM A LIST TO EXCEL OR CSV FILE**

- 1. From the **My Units** view, **select** the data lines you wish to export Tip: CTRL+Click or Shift+Click to select multiple containers.
- 2. Click **Display** to show a drop-down menu



3. Select either Export to CSV or Export to Excel

# **APPENDIX**

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Once I type in container number in the designated field as described in the CAP manual and click 'ok' the requested container doesn't come up on the screen

#### Reason/Solution:

- The container number is incorrect, please re-check
- The container is not known to our system. Please note, Import containers are not available in our system until we load a Baplie file from the previous port of call which can be between 1-2 days prior to vessel arrival. However, if we received any releases for the container prior to that, they would show up in our system straight away.
- Q: I do not understand the meaning of information displayed along with the container number

#### Reason/Solution:

Please find below the explanation to the most common fields used:

#### V-State column (Visit state)

- Advised: A unit that is incoming but not certain to arrive at the facility, such as a unit created via an EDI message.
- **Active:** The current live use of a unit for a facility. The unit can be located on an inbound carrier, in the yard at the facility, or on an outbound carrier.
- **Departed:** A unit that departed a facility on an outbound carrier such as vessel or truck or train. The unit is not located at the facility.

#### T-State column (Transit state)

- Advised: Is incoming but not certain to arrive, such as a unit created via a release EDI message.
- **Inbound:** Is incoming and located on an inbound carrier, such as a pre-advised unit or a unit created via a stowplan EDI message.
- **EC/In:** Is incoming and at the facility. For example, a unit that is in a queue and waiting to be placed in the yard.
- Yard: Is in a specific position in a yard in a facility.
- EC/Out: Is in a queue at a facility and waiting to be delivered or loaded on a vessel.
- Loaded: Is loaded on an outbound carrier.
- Departed: Departed on an outbound carrier.

#### I/B Actual Visit column

Inbound visit number (can be a vessel, a train, or a truck). If it is a vessel visit you can check the details of that visit on Vessel tab.

# O/B Actual Visit column

Outbound visit number (can be a vessel, a train, or a truck).

#### POD column

Port of discharge

#### Position column

If a unit is Active, the Position column displays the current real-time position of the unit. If a unit is Departed, the Position column displays the position of the unit on the outbound carrier, such as vessel, train, or truck that took the unit away from the port that handled it last. In other words, the Position column displays the last known position of a unit from the perspective of the port.

**Q:** I've added/deleted some columns to my screen but when I log off and log back on the view is back to default

# Reason/Solution:

At this stage the customisation of the columns view in CAP is not available. We are working on providing this feature to our users in the future.

Q: I entered a container but now I don't need it and would like to remove it from my list

#### Reason/Solution:

Highlight container by clicking on it once, go to Display and click on Remove selected. The container(s) will disappear from your list. You can always add it back again as per normal procedure.

# **Further Assistance and Support**

If you need further assistance, or have a question about CAP, please contact LPC Customer Services on the following telephone number +64 3 328 7987 or send an email to <a href="mailto:customerservices@lpc.co.nz">customerservices@lpc.co.nz</a>