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# SHIPPER SENTIMENT SURVEY

The second North America survey shows mixed themes with high levels of satisfaction in communication and documentation contrasting against lacklustre scores for 'rate flexibility' and 'on-time shipments'.

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## TRADE STATISTICS

Containerised cargo from Asia to North America is expected to grow by 4% this year, ahead of the 3% recorded in 2011.

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# FREIGHT RATE INDICATORS

Ocean carriers finally turned the freight rate corner in Q1 12, with all-in prices increasing for the first time since mid-2010.

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## FREIGHT FORECASTER

This month's analysis of the likely effects of supply and demand on freight rates covers key tradelanes focused on North America, and reveals that added vessel capacity in the past



three months is becoming a problem for ocean carriers.

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## **BUNKER QUARTERLY**

After more rises in Q1 12, bunker prices finally turned the corner in May, giving ocean carriers some much needed financial relief.

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## REEFER BOX UPDATE

The production of reefer containers has remained firm this year with another record-breaking performance possible. *Andrew Foxcroft* reports.

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## **WORLD FLEET UPDATE**

Despite talk of a large ship charter deal for Evergreen, there were no orders placed in April. But deliveries continued apace with new super-generation post-panamax ships dominating the scene

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#### A BIG WIDE WORLD

## A POSITIVE APPROACH

Philippe Hoehlinger is confident that the latest IMF report bodes well for the liner shipping industry.

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#### **BOX WORLD BRIEFING**

## **NEWS ANALYSIS**

- Japan's trio continues to flounder
- · Carriers push for rate hike
- PNYNJ gets post-panamax terminal
- Mixed messages from Asia-Europe tradelane
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## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

### **BRING IT ON**

Los Angeles port's executive director Geraldine Knatz, is ready for all the challenges that will be thrown at it in the next few years.

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#### GLOBAL GATEWAY FEATURE

## **OVERVIEW**

**STRUCTURAL SLOWDOWN:** Global gateways handled an estimated 562 million TEU in 2011 and while further growth is expected, it will be at a much slower pace. *Containerisation International* explains why.

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## **NORTH AMERICA**

**WIDER REMIT:** A wider Panama Canal could transform shipping patterns for North America's container ports. *Containerisation International* assesses the implications.

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## **NORTHERN EUROPE**

**TOUGH TIMES AHEAD:** Ports in northern Europe saw a marked slowdown in their container throughput during H2 11, causing alarm bells to sound for 2012.

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## THE MEDITERRANEAN

**MEDITERRANEAN TRADE ON THE UP:** On the whole, ports in the Mediterranean basin saw their container traffic expand faster than the global average in 2011.

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## MIDDLE EAST/INDIA

**RECIPE FOR SUCCESS:** The Middle East and South Asia are among the fastest growing container markets in the world, and it is a situation that is set to continue.

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## **FAR EAST**

**HIGH FLYERS:** The Far East dominates the box traffic league with 45% of global box volumes handled in the area. And this situation is unlikely to change.

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#### LATIN AMERICA

**RISING STARS:** Latin America is likely to post some of the fastest growth rates in the container shipping industry over the next 5-10 years.

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#### THE CARRIERS UP CLOSE

# TOP TEAM FOR THE TRADE

Team Lines' Soren Pedersen, explains to Containerisation International why deep-sea ocean carriers should play the independent feeder service market more often.

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## TRADE ROUTE INTELLIGENCE

## THE RIGHT BALANCE

A brighter year is expected for the transpacific trade, but a balance in supply and demand is critical if a positive peak season is to be posted.

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#### THE SHIPPER UP CLOSE

## SETTLED INTO SEATTLE

Leisurewear shipper Helly Hansen extolls the benefits of setting up a distribution centre in the free trade zone at the US Port of Seattle.

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### THE SHIPPER UP CLOSE

## SIEMENS' MISSION

Over the past two years Siemens has centralised freight purchasing, thus forcing ocean carriers to think differently.

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## **CHOICE OF DIRECTION**

Should container terminals be privatised? Containerisation International examines the case of Hamburg's HHLA, the last European bastion of state-control.

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## SANTOS: IT'S ALL CHANGE

The need to renegotiate concessions and the development of two new container terminals means the Brazilian port of Santos' waterfront is being transformed.

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES & RISK**

## **CLEAN LINES**

Future containerships have to be more energyefficient and they have to be cleaner when it comes to emissions, so what are the best options? *Containerisation International* goes in search of answers.

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#### THE TECH DIFFERENCE

## SHIPPING MADE SIMPLE

The acceptance of electronic bills of lading by banks as proof of shipment and cargo ownership continues to inch forward.

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#### 'SHOW ME THE MONEY!'

# LOW COST OF SHIPS IS KEY

Charles de Trenck says that low cost ships ordered at the right time of the shipping cycle are critical.

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