

THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

'A port call should be like a pit stop in a F1 Grand Prix'

APM TERMINALS' CEO, KIM FEJFER

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SHIPPER SENTIMENT SURVEY

While volatile freight rates are an issue, vessel space and container availability are no longer problems faced by shippers/consignees in the North American trades.

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TRADE STATISTICS

North American imports are growing again, and this is helping to make up for the fall in European imports.

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FREIGHT RATE INDICATORS

Freight rates improved significantly in Q2 12 compared with Q1 12, but the prospects for Q3 12 appear less promising for ocean carriers. *Containerisation International* reports.

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FREIGHT FORECASTER

This month's analysis of the likely effects of supply and demand on freight rates covers some of the key tradelanes focused on North America. It reveals that diminishing cargo availability in the past three months is becoming a problem for ocean carriers.

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BUNKER QUARTERLY

Ocean carriers enjoyed lower fuel prices between May and August, but they are back on the way up again, much to the distress of financially-strapped ocean carriers.

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REEFER BOX UPDATE

Reefer box output is on track this year to match its record 2011 production of 305,000TEU, and as *Containerisation International* reports, building capacity remains very tight.

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WORLD FLEET UPDATE

July activity was rather muted compared with that of June and the boxship fleet continued to expand the 6.7% rise in slot capacity. Sale and purchase and demolition activity was also softer.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Global terminal operators continued to post high levels of profitability in H1 12, despite deteriorating economic and trading conditions.

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WALKING IN THEIR SHADOWS

*Containerisation International* examines the China-US trade and the implications it has for the rest of the world.

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- TSA 'optimistic' about stable GRI
- Mixed results for US Jones Act lines
- ACL set to build mega con-ro vessels

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Kim Fejfer, ceo of APM Terminals, explains to *Containerisation International* that the key to being a successful operator of container-handling facilities is always delivering value to customers.

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### ON THE MOVE

Gene Seroka, president of the Americas region for APL, tells *Containerisation International*, about a range of company schemes it deploys in its North American business, including its 'triangulation' concept.

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TRADE ROUTE INTELLIGENCE

### HIGH HOPES

While growth prospects in the North America-Middle East tradeline appear promising, there are several obstacles to overcome, as *Containerisation International* discovers.

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### BUMPER HARVEST

The US cotton export market is booming but it is by no means plain-sailing when it comes to arranging transportation of the cargo.

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### GOING UP A GEAR

Two years into its forwarding venture, Norbert Dentressangle – the EU's largest trucker – is finding that it is still on a learning curve.

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### LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE

Five US and Canadian Pacific North West ports fight for the lucrative US Mid-West cargo. But, says Rebecca Moore, it is their intermodal strategies that will be key to any future success.

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### UP AGAINST IT

Vietnam has seen many box terminals opened in recent times, with more to come. But is there the cargo to justify such investments? *Containerisation International* reports.

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### TIME FOR A SEA-CHANGE

Russia's use of boxes for exporting cargo is still low. Intellico Solutions outlines the problem areas and possible solutions.

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THE TECH DIFFERENCE

### CLOUD CONTROL

GT Nexus has launched Cloud Tools, which allows greater control of data and network for users. *Containerisation International* reports on the implication for the supply chain.

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### A TALE OF TWO CARRIERS

*Containerisation International* looks at the contrasting results of OOIL and NOL and explains why the variances are increasing.

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