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Shippers divided on whether there had been a summer peak season, with some arguing that an artificial one had been created

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Encouraging signs of recovery are coming from Asia which – intra regional trade excluded – has seen an increase of 5.4% in exports during the first six months of 2013

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Analysis of the likely impact of supply and demand on freight rates covers some of the key trade routes from northern Europe

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Total new dry container production this year is expected to be significantly lower than in 2013, according to one major manufacturer

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The third Maersk Line Triple-E has been delivered and the laid-up fleet is set to grow as breakers see younger ships scrapped

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Third quarter freight rates lag behind last year and the first quarter of 2013. We assess the Asia-Europe, Transpacific and Transatlantic

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Larger vessels are being cascaded into the Europe-South Africa trade, with SAECS bringing in 6,000 teu ships across both the Mediterranean and North Europe

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Sharjah-based niche ports operator has ambitious expansion plans and has recruited key personnel to implement the strategy. Exclusive interview with group managing director Peter Richards

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Tilbury and Thamesport feel the squeeze in a flat market as DP World's London Gateway limbers up for a November launch

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Yusen Logistics is hoping to handle 1m teu of ocean freight by 2015/16. We hear from Ken Kunihiko Miyoshi, who is the senior executive in charge of Europe

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St Petersburg will be the key focus as Russia's number one box port operator, Global Ports, looks to take over the number two player, National Container Co.

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A fresh tranche of orders from terminal operators, to replace ageing container crane spreaders, has proven a boon for manufacturer Bromma

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Mutual insurer TT Club wants to heighten awareness of the dangerous consequences of improperly packed containers. Risk management director Peregrine Storrs-Fox explains

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