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# SHIPPER SENTIMENT

OOCL scored highly, while China Shipping languished in bottom place for nearly all categories among North American shippers.

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# TRADE STATISTICS

The general growth in North American imports for 2012 year was 7%. This was in sharp contrast to Europe where Asia's exports declined by 3%.

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## **FREIGHT FORECASTER**

The Americas trades face a challenging 2013, with vessel utilisation rates in most unlikely to reach levels that will allow freight rates to be increased.

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## **BUNKER QUARTERLY**

The new year has seen bunker prices on the rise, with super-slow steaming set to be in place for the forseeable future.

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# REEFER BOX UPDATE

The reefer box market disappointed in 2012 and this year will also be a challenge. P16

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### **WORLD FLEET UPDATE**

The month saw a greater level of optimism as interest in newbuilds picked up and vessel values rose for a second month in succession in several size and class categories.

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### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

- · Maersk: 'No acquisitions for us'
- CMA CGM concludes restructuring
- · NOL slides back into the red
- HMM doubles annual loss to \$922m P25

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

### CASINOS & CARGO

ICTSI major shareholder Enrique Razon, outlines his vision for the group to Containerisation International, but his passion is not purely for ports.

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#### **TOP 30 PORTS**

### TREADING WATER

Last year, global box handling rose by an estimated 4% to about 584m teu, and a softer rise than is anticipated this year. *Containerisation International* sifts the numbers.

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### TRADE ROUTE INTELLIGENCE

# CROSSING CONTINENTS

Hamburg Süd and Hapag-Lloyd, operate a hefty 41% of current vessel capacity on the North America-ECSA trade route.

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### **GUEST COLUMNIST**

# A REGULATOR'S VIEWPOINT

Federal Maritime Commission chairman Richard Lidinsky talks exclusively to Containerisation International on the case for more regulatory oversight.

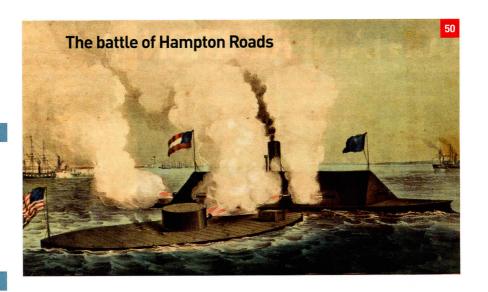
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#### PORT-SIDE

# THE BATTLE OF HAMPTON ROADS

The Port of Virginia is facing a choice between privatisation or remaining in public ownership. *Containerisation International* weighs up the options.

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## WHO'S GOING FIRST?

The chicken or egg question for London Gateway is which comes first: shipper volumes or the carriers? *Containerisation International* explores the conundrum.

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### THE CARRIERS UP CLOSE

## A WIDER APPEAL

The opening of the expanded Panama Canal will be the biggest event in shipping for years. *Containerisation International* speculates on which ports will benefit.

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### CONFERENCE

# LEARN FROM LEADERS

Containerisation International's 15th Annual Global Liner Shipping Conference: Navigating the return to profitability. April 18-19.

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# FREIGHT RATES FIVE-POINT PLAN

Discussions on annual service agreements are invariably fraught, so what steps would help the process? *Containerisation International* tells all.

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### THE SHIPPER UP CLOSE

# WASTE NOT, WANT NOT!

Is customer service from carriers too much to ask for? Clearly it is, according to one UK cardboard recycling shipper.

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#### 'SHOW ME THE MONEY!'

# **HEDGE YOUR BETS!**

Container Freight Derivatives Association sets out the case for a new approach to pricing.

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