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Bordered by the Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean and the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia is the only country on the Arabian Peninsula which is surrounded by two major shipping lanes which link the east with the west. Marcus Meissner looks at the how a new port is set to develop the country's maritime sector

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Relationships between the two sides of the cargo transport equation are often fraught but each needs the other, writes Onassis Prize winner Trevor Heaver

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In October, 1,500 delegates gathered in Iceland to discuss the northern sea route. Michael Kingston reports from the Arctic Circle Conference on how realistic the concept is, its benefits and pitfalls and the rules that will govern the route

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US SUPPLY CHAIN COMES TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF IN SAN DIEGO

Following the success of two Canadian shipping and logistics shows, the \$1tm US logistics market will be focused on the Cargo Logistics America Expo and Conference in San Diego next month. Peter Hume previews the event

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