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"We spend more time dealing with how to make one unhappy customer happy than we do saying how great we served the others"

CHRISTIAN RAZON GONZALEZ

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CHARTER RATES

While the charter market remains depressed on the whole, owners are making the most of a surge in Mediterranean feeder activity, reports Linton Nightingale

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NEW ALLIANCES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

SeaIntel chief executive Alan Murphy examines and analyses the main industry drivers and developments of the past month

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AN EYE FOR EXPANSION

From forklift operator to heir apparent, ICTSI's Christian Razon Gonzalez has seen enough of container terminals to have strong views about the business, reports Katherine Espina

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CONTAINER SHIPPING'S CLEAR-OUT

CMA CGM's takeover of NOL, a new mega-alliance to challenge 2M, and Hapag-Lloyd's plans to merge with UASC, mark the start of industry-wide realignments that could force some lines out of the business for good, writes Janet Porter

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PROLONGED OVER-CAPACITY SPELLS TROUBLE FOR LINER INDUSTRY

Analysts paint a bleak picture for container lines as supply continues to outstrip demand and freight rates remain in the doldrums, reports Linton Nightingale

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OIL PRICE TROUBLES WATERS FOR CONTAINER LINES

Once seen as a boon to struggling box carriers, low oil prices are now reshaping the industry in unexpected ways, writes James Baker

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CONSOLIDATION CRUCIAL FOR CONTAINER SHIPPING TO BECOME PROFITABLE

Industry at a turning point where more mergers are the only option, writes James Baker

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LOW FREIGHT RATES CHALLENGE CARRIERS' ABILITY TO SURVIVE

Maersk's Robbert van Trooijen says container shipping is trapped in a vicious circle of slow growth and over-capacity, writes James Baker

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INNOVATE OR DIE

As the container shipping industry goes through a period of seismic change, even those leading the business say more innovation is needed, writes James Baker

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AUTOMATION ARRIVES BY STEALTH ON US WEST COAST

Acutely aware of union ambivalence, terminal operators in the US are treading very carefully as they modernise cargo-handling processes, writes Janet Porter

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CARGO DIVERSIFICATION KEY FOR TILBURY AS CONTAINER TERMINALS STRUGGLE

Port with a proud maritime heritage fights off competition from newcomers with a different business model, writes Janet Porter

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DON'T PASS ME BY

With its much-anticipated second container terminal set to open later this year, Liverpool will be hoping that the recent return of Maersk Line is only the start of a bright future for the port as it looks to become a northern gateway to the UK, reports Linton Nightingale

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KOREAN CONTAINER CARRIERS IN CRISIS

Few options remain for what could be the first major casualties of box shipping, writes Alastair Hill

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Maersk Line profit wiped out in first quarter as freight rates crash to record lows

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Hanjin Shipping creditor banks approve voluntary restructuring agreement

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G6 alliance to deploy 10,000 teu ships through expanded Panama Canal

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Figures for 2015 show the industry still suffering from an imbalance of cargoes and container capacity, writes MDS Transmodal

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Linton Nightingale takes a look at vessel load factors on some of the main trade lanes from Asia

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Low demand sees fewer ships in active service, writes James Baker

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TRADE ROUTES

Trade to South America is being conducted on fewer, bigger ships. But the reduction in tonnage hasn't led to a reduction in capacity, and pressure on rates remains, writes James Baker

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FREIGHT RATE MONTHLY

Asia-Europe carriers push through May GRIs, but over-capacity on the transpacific trade sees lines struggle to justify their latest GRI attempts, reports Linton Nightingale

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