



month. This legislation is expected to help double U.S. exports to Russia within 5 years. According to a press release, Russia's legislature today approved an agreement to join the WTO, so Russia will formally become a WTO member in 30 days. As part of the "accession" process, Russia will lower tariffs and increase market access for foreign businesses from countries with which it has permanent normal trade relations. Congress must pass legislation establishing PNTR by the time Russia joins the WTO for U.S. farmers, ranchers, workers & businesses to see the full economic benefits of the deal." But Russia's membership is still mired in controversy amid fears among medium-sized firms that they will be put out of business, as they will not be able to compete against imports made cheaper by a reduction in customs tariffs, according to media reports. Reduction of the tariffs was a key condition for Russia's entry to the WTO. They are to be lowered from the average existing level of 9.5% to 7.4% in 2013, 6.9% in 2014, and further to 6% in 2015. According to the World Bank, Russia's entry to the WTO will boost the nation's GDP by 3.3%, or US\$49Bn, in the first three years after joining through the removal of trade barriers. Over a decade, the gain is expected to be worth 11% of GDP. In 2011, Russia exported US\$522Bn in goods and US\$54Bn in services, importing US\$323Bn in goods & US\$90Bn in services. The bill would also extend the PNTR to Moldova.

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**\*\*\*U.S. Economy Sputters** ..... as the U.S. economy grew at a 1.5% annual rate in the 2nd quarter as consumers trimmed spending, the Commerce Dept. reported Jan. 27. Commerce also said in its report on gross domestic product, the value of all goods and services produced, the economy increased at a revised 2% clip in the 1st quarter. The report showed household spending rose at a 1.5% clip from April through June, down from a 2.4% gain in the prior quarter. Business inventories rose US\$66.3Bn in the last quarter, contributing nearly a third of a percentage point to GDP growth. Excluding inventories, GDP rose at a 1.2% rate, the weakest pace since the 1st quarter of 2011. In the 1st quarter, the comparable figure was 2.4%.

**\*\*\*China Slows** ..... as the total value of all logistics operations in China was US\$13.1 trillion during the first half of this year, up 10% from a year ago. But the growth was 3.7% slower year on year and 0.9% slower compared to the 1st quarter, according to the latest figures from China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing (CFLP).

**\*\*\*Data Power** ..... as a survey conducted by financial auditor, KPMG, has shown that most companies globally are open to risks due to poorly managed supply chain data, with 75% of those surveyed not taking full advantage of their supply chain information to make better business decisions. The study shows that while companies recognise the importance of risk management, most are not able to take any action due to costs. Companies need to recognise what are the possible risks and make plans to counter them, so as to prevent resurfacing supply chain issues, according to Singapore's Procurement Asia, which quoted The Financial Times. The newspaper reported that procurement professionals need to step up to "take ownership of the supplier risk agenda" to manage the issue at hand. Additionally, technology could also be leveraged to better manage each company's data. However, responsibility should not fall on procurement managers alone.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KPMG>

**\*\*\*Rocks Cool** ..... as the Israel Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor's Diamond Controller reported last week that the net value of polished exported diamonds from Israel in the first half of 2012 was US\$3.264Bn, compared to US\$4.026Bn in the corresponding period last year, a drop of 18.9%. The net value of uncut-diamond exports dropped almost a third, from US\$2.264Bn to US\$1.516Bn. The value of imported rough diamonds went down 19.3% while the value of imported polished diamonds decreased 21.7%. The decline was attributed to the world economy in general and an internal crisis in the diamond industry, as witnessed at shows in the U.S. & Hong Kong. The U.S. remained the largest market with a 47% share so far this year, Hong Kong at 29%, followed by Belgium, Switzerland and the UK, with 7%, 6% & 2%, respectively.

**\*\*\*TNT Phase Deux** ..... as following the March announcement by UPS that it planned to acquire Netherlands-based TNT NV, a provider of mail and courier services and the 4th largest global parcel operator for US\$6.28Bn, the company commenced an offer period on June 22 that was slated to run through August 31. But late this month UPS said that the European Commission's review of the proposed acquisition is now expected to move to a "Phase II

review," because there are facets of the deal that require more time to analyze. UPS officials said a Phase II investigation can take up to 25 weeks to complete, adding that it is likely the offer condition relating to competition clearance will not be satisfied by the end of the initial offer period. Because of this, the company said it now expects the deal to be completed during the 4th quarter of this year. UPS and TNT said this "transaction will create a global leader in the logistics industry with more than US\$60Bn in annual revenues and an enhanced, integrated global network."

**\*\*\*Celebrating The 150th Birthday of Union Pacific Railroad** ..... with stories, videos & timeline.  
[www.up150.com/](http://www.up150.com/)

**\*\*\*Israel & China Team To Build** ..... as on July 3 the two signed on a historic co-operation agreements, to build the Eilat railway line and other future projects, including the inland canal port north of Eilat. Minister of Transport Israel Katz and China's Minister of Transport Li signed the memorandum of understanding in Beijing. The main project is the construction of a freight rail line that will link Israel's two Mediterranean ports in Ashdod & Haifa with the Eilat Port. The 180-km line will run through the Arava Valley and Nahal Zin. The estimated cost of the line is at least NIS 20 billion. The Chinese proposed the financing of part of the cost through the Chinese government-owned China Development Industrial Bank, and that Israel handle the project's operations. Israel is considering awarding construction of the project to Chinese companies because of their rapid work.

**\*\*\*Railroad Rebase** .... as CSX, Norfolk Southern & Union Pacific have filed an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia seeking to file a lower court's decision to certify a class action against them for fixing surcharges, reports the National Industrial Transportation League in its latest Notice newsletter. NIT League said the railroads argued in the petition that the District Court for the District of Columbia incorrectly applied established legal standards and would permit shippers that **suffered no injuries** to be part of the class action. In an order, U.S. District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman certified a class as being "all entities or persons that at any time from July 1, 2003 until Dec. 31, 2008 purchased rate-unregulated rail freight, transportation services directly from one or more of the defendants, as to which defendants assessed a stand-alone rail freight fuel surcharge applied as a percentage of the base rate for the freight transport (or where some or all of the fuel surcharge was included in the base rate through a method referred to as "rebasing") ("fuel surcharge")."

**\*\*\*U.S. Trucking Industry Poised To Grow** ..... as according to the American Trucking Associations' U.S. Freight Transportation Forecast to 2023. "The trucking industry continues to dominate the freight transportation industry in terms of both tonnage and revenue, comprising 67% of tonnage and 81% of revenue in 2011," ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello wrote in this year's forecast. Overall, total freight tonnage is expected to grow 21% by 2023, and revenue for the freight transportation industry is projected to rise 59% in that same timeframe. Trucking's share of the tonnage market will rise over 2 percentage points to 69.6% by 2023, while the industry's share of freight revenues will increase to 81.7% from 80.9%. In other surface modes, rail's overall share of tonnage will fall to 15% in 2023 from 15.7% in the baseline year of 2011.

**\*\*\*Challenging Hours of Service Rules** ..... as the American Trucking Associations (ATA) is suing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, DC, over rules restricting drivers' working hours. The new rules, which would take effect next year, would keep drivers off-duty longer between work weeks, cutting into the time they can drive and reducing their pay. The ATA, representing many independent truckers, told the court the hours of service rule is not only arbitrary & capricious, but unwarranted. There are several trucking and shipping groups that take their side in the matter. Most offensive to them is the 34-hour restart provision, which allows drivers to restart their weekly on-duty cycle. In particular, the ATA challenged the claim that 13% of truck crashes are caused by fatigue and the arguments the agency used to support a relationship between work, sleep and crash risk.

**\*\*\*Buying PIT** ..... as forwarding giant Kuehne + Nagel has entered into an agreement to take over Perishables International Transportation Inc (PIT), of Vancouver, an air freight forwarder that specialises in the handling fresh and frozen perishable goods. Established in 1991, PIT's location within the cargo area of Vancouver International Airport provides access to all major

airlines allowing for later cut-offs and shorter transit times for fruit, vegetables and seafood.  
[www.pityvr.com/](http://www.pityvr.com/)

\*\*\***Grain Smuggling** ..... as containers of rice on board trucks without import entry has been seized by customs officials at Manila's Subic Freeport at an estimated value of US\$100,000. The 45,000 bags of rice declared as building materials could have put local farmers out of work, said the Bureau of Customs Commissioner Rozzano Rufino Biazon, cited a report from Manila Bulletin. The rice thought to originate from Vietnam would have faced a steeper import rice tariff imposed by Philippines to stop the influx of imported rice up from 100,000 tons in 1984 to two million tons in 1998.

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## 2. **The Cargo Letter** Financial Page \_\_\_\_\_

\*\***Canadian National Railway (CN)**. **UP** a 19% increase in 2nd quarter net profit to US\$648M year on year.

\*\***Canadian Pacific Railway**. **DOWN** a 20% year on year decline in 2nd quarter profit to US\$101M.

\*\***Costamare**. **UP** with 1st half net profit of US\$45.7M, up 3.5% year on year, but 2nd-quarter earnings were down 19% to US\$21.1M.

\*\***J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.** **UP** with 2nd quarter 2012 net earnings of US\$80.5M, or diluted earnings per share of 67 cents vs. 2nd quarter 2011 net earnings of US\$65.7M, or 53 cents per diluted share.

\*\***Korean Air**. **UP** with a profit of US\$80M in the 2nd quarter ending June 30, an increase from last year's operating loss.

\*\***United Continental Holdings** (parent of United Airlines). **DOWN** with a 37% decline in 2nd quarter profit year on year to US\$339M, on revenues of US\$9.9Bn, up 1.3%. \*\***United Parcel Service (UPS)**. **UP** 2nd quarter profit increases 12.1% to US\$122M.

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**OUR "B" Section: FF World Air News\*\*\***

## 3. **Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\***No Time For Carbon** ..... as Beijing remains firm in ongoing aircraft carbon emissions tax talks with the European Union, little progress is being made, reports China Daily, quoting an unidentified Chinese official. Eight Chinese, and two Indian airlines, have refused to co-operate by supplying data upon which the tax is based. Non-compliant companies face fines and could be banned from EU airports. China has suggested reciprocity and has already put European Airbus long-haul plane orders on hold. According to industry estimates, paying the EU carbon tax will cost China's aviation industry CNY790 million (US\$124M) this year and an estimated CNY3.7 billion in 2020. The EU sent a delegation to Beijing for discussions on the Emissions Trading Scheme, a circuitous method of taxation, during the third round of the EU-China Strategic Dialogue in Beijing on July 10. "The EU has an increasing sense of urgency as the window of opportunity narrows," the official said. Under the tax, the EU began charging airlines that use EU airports for carbon emissions on Jan. 1. The first payment is due on April 30, 2013. China has its own carbon trading plan but it's not the right time to include the aviation sector in it, said officials and researchers.

\*\*\***Boeing Looks Forward** ..... as it has forecast the delivery of 34,000 new passenger & freighter aircraft (2,020 regional jets; 23,240 single-aisle; 7,950 twin-aisle; 790 VLAs) in 2012-2031, worth approximately US\$4,500Bn. Widebodies are expected to account for nearly US\$2.5 trillion dollars worth of new airplane deliveries – with 40% of the demand forecast to come from Asian airlines. Boeing expects replacements to account for 41% of new deliveries in its forecast period. With a sluggish cargo market, it has lowered its projection for freighters over the next 20 years, though it is still expected to almost double from the 1,740 aircraft today to 3,200 by the end of the forecast period. Demand for air freighters will remain sluggish for the next 20 years, according to Boeing's latest industry outlook, with the total sales estimated at 940 new aircraft and 1,820 conversions. Asia-Pacific carriers are expected to produce the highest demand, amounting to 12,030 aircraft of all types. In the Americas, the company estimated a need for nearly 10,000 planes, and European carriers will require more than 7,500 aircraft.

**\*\*\* Airbus Loses Freighters** ..... as the EU plane maker has lost six A330-200F freighters from its order book in June as the air cargo market continued to deteriorate, prompting cancellations, reports Bloomberg. Airbus 1st half deliveries reached 279, including 10 for the giant double-decker A380 but fell behind Boeing's 287 orders, though handily beating Airbus year-on-year deliveries in the first 6 months of 2011.

**\*\*\* A380 Recall** ..... as plane manufacturer Airbus will modify its superjumbo by early 2013 to fix crack problems on its wing-rib feet (or brackets) that it claims are created by composite material issues, reports Massachusetts-based Design News. **The process will ground aircraft currently in service** by up to 8 weeks with a short-term fix of replacing brackets to take five days to be done on a third of superjumbos in service. The Airbus retrofit that will cover modification of the 30 A380s it plans to deliver end of year will cost US\$330M. It will involve replacing up to 2,000 brackets per wing with 7010 Aluminum rather than the composite material without creating extra payload, said the report. For those at assembly line, the re-design will not be approved by the European Aviation Safety Agency until next year and therefore only on those finished aircraft in 2014. According to Design News, the A380 cracks and Boeing's fuselage problems in its Dreamliner 787 design is at fault rather than the composite materials itself.

**\*\*\*China Spurs Growth** .... as the Civil Aviation Administration has released data showing China's civil air aviation industry has maintained an annual growth rate of 17.6% in the past 30 years, reports Xinhua. China became the fastest growing air transport market with greatest potential development in 2005 when it jumped to the 2nd place in global air transport network, the 68th IATA annual general meeting was told. China plans to build 70 new airports & expand 100 in the next several years. By the end of 2015, China expects to have more than 230 airports, 2,700 cargo aircraft, 2,000 general aircraft, and a transport capacity of 450 million passenger trips. By 2020, airports are expected to number 240 with an annual capacity of 700 million passenger trips. The U.S. has 14,000 airports, 5,000 paved. There are 106 foreign air carriers offering 2,224 flights to 37 Chinese cities every week, Xinhua reports. CAAC's figures also show China has entered a bilateral air traffic agreement with 114 countries & regions in the world.

**\*\*\*Kalitta Air Scores** ..... as the Ypsilanti, Michigan, charter carrier has been awarded one of three U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) contracts to obtain int'l air cargo pickup/delivery service under the Theatre Express II program. This contract, an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity, fixed-price award, has an overall 4-year maximum ceiling value of US\$2.9Bn. The contract is for int'l commercial air cargo service within the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of operations.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalitta\\_Air](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalitta_Air)

**\*\*\*Korean Air Joins Fine Club** ..... as it has been fined US\$5.4M by Canada's anti-trust Competition Bureau for its part in the price-fixing cartel between 2002 and 2006.

**\*\*\*AA - US Air Feud** ..... as American Airlines CEO Tom Horton wants to set the record straight: It was he who approached US Airways CEO Doug Parker about the possibility of combining the two airlines, not the other way around. Horton has never made that fact public before, but he's doing so now to send a message. If American is going to combine with US Airways or any other airline, the decision will be Horton's. Since American's parent AMR Corp. filed for bankruptcy last Nov., Parker has been aggressively promoting a combination of the two airlines as the only way to save American. Parker has championed the idea on Wall Street, in the media and lined up support from the 3 labor unions at American. Investors have treated the possibility as a near inevitability, pushing shares of US Airways Group Inc. up 160% over the past seven months. But in an interview with The Associated Press Horton was emphatic that there's more financial pressure on US Airways than American to find a partner, and he cited Parker's repeated overtures as a sign of desperation.

**\*\*\*CVG Boost** ..... as Southern Air will relocate its operation team at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Int'l Airport (CVG) through its partnership with DHL Express which could see the creation of 120 full-time jobs in northern Kentucky. CVG airport is one of DHL Express's 3

"super hubs" along with Hong Kong and Germany's Leipzig with around 92 per cent of its U.S. volume going through the airport. The mail provider has invested US\$105.5M and its latest expansion of a 18,000-square-meter sort facility will generate a further 280 jobs to add to its 2,000 employed locally.

**\*\*\*Goofbye Comair .....** as Delta Air Lines is shutting down its shrunken, 35-year-old regional carrier at the end of Sept. as it switches to bigger jets and it is sending termination notices to its 1,700 remaining employees. Comair is down to 290 flights a day. More than 1,000 Comair employees are in the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky region, some 700 of those in Kentucky. Comair has slashed its fleet, flights and workforce in the last seven years. Delta said the smaller regional planes are expensive to fly because they are not as fuel-efficient and cost more to maintain as the fleet ages. Comair was founded in 1977, flying three propeller-driven Piper Navajo aircraft. It started operating as Delta Connection in 1984 and became a wholly owned subsidiary of Delta in 2000.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comair>

**\*\*\*The BCF .....** as Evergreen Int'l Airlines has taken delivery of its first 747-400 Boeing Converted Freighter (BCF), the 40th passenger-to-cargo aircraft conversion by Xiamen's Taikoo Aircraft Engineering Company (TAECCO), a unit of Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Ltd. (HAECO). Alterations made to the aircraft include adding a side cargo door, a new, strengthened main-deck floor, full main-deck lining installation, provisions for a new cargo handling system and complete revisions of aircraft systems.

[www.boeing.com/commercial/aviationservices/brochures/747-400BCF\\_Card.pdf](http://www.boeing.com/commercial/aviationservices/brochures/747-400BCF_Card.pdf)

**\*\*\*New FedEx Replacements .....** as it will purchase 19 Boeing 767-300 aircraft in an effort to boost fuel efficiency and improve aircraft reliability. The freighters, which will replace the 18 Airbus A310-200s and 6 Boeing MD10-10s FedEx retired from its U.S. Express fleet in June, will be delivered to the integrator between fiscal-year 2015 and fiscal-year 2019

**\*\*\*New DHL Hub .....** as it has opened a US\$175M DHL Express North Asia Hub at Shanghai Pudong Int'l Airport. Covering roughly 13 acres, company officials said the hub can process up to 20,000 documents and 20,000 parcels per hour, adding that it is part of its multi-hub Asian network which is comprised of four hubs in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore and connect to more than 70 DHL Express gateways in Asia. They added that DHL's infrastructural network is served by a comprehensive air network of over 40 aircraft covering 40 countries and territories, and utilizing approximately 690 commercial flights per day in Asia Pacific. DHL further plans to increase capacity on routes between the DHL Express North Asia Hub and other cities in China and Taiwan. Over the next few months, DHL will add direct connections to Incheon, Taipei and Chinese cities such as Dalian and Qingdao, with Beijing and Xiamen likely to come on stream in 2013.

**\*\*\*France's Airbus Creates U.S. Jobs .....** as it plans to erect a US\$600M plant outside Mobile, Alabama and hire 1,000 workers to build narrow-body planes from the A320 family. The aerospace company said it entered the home turf of its rival, Boeing, to get closer to its customers. The U.S. is the largest single-aisle aircraft market in the world, with an estimated need for 4,600 aircraft during the next 20 years. Airbus also does final assembly at plants in Toulouse; Hamburg, Germany & Tianjin, China. The manufacturer already operates an engineering center in Mobile that employs more than 200 people.

**\*\*\*Keeping Track .....** as Delta, Southwest & United Cargo now accept Cargo Companion, a cellular-based device that can track shipments as well as monitor location, shock, temperature, humidity and other useful information. It is being targeted at shippers of high-value perishables, time-critical parts and irreplaceable items. E-mail alerts inform customers when their shipment crosses predefined checkpoints, arrives at its destination, or if potential issues arise during transit. The device, manufactured by OnAsset Intelligence, costs less than US\$100 per shipment. Cargo Companion can be sold either in bulk or on a case-by-case basis. The device is switched on before beginning transit, and shippers are sent e-mail updates throughout the move. Once loaded onto the plane, the device is remotely deactivated when the aircraft takes off, and then switches back on when arrives at destination.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=13TbrqfVzQQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13TbrqfVzQQ)

[www.onasset.com/](http://www.onasset.com/)

**\*\*\*No More Buying A Toothbrush?** ..... as for the 8th consecutive month, U.S. airlines have improved their on-time performance and delivered the best-ever May baggage-handling results, Airlines for America (A4A), the industry trade organization for the leading U.S. airlines, announced. In May, 99.72% of all U.S. airline passengers had their bags properly delivered, an all-time record for any May since the government began keeping records in 1987. The previous record was set in May 2010. The May baggage-handling performance also represented the 12th consecutive month of year-over-year improvement.

[www.airlines.org/](http://www.airlines.org/)

**\*\*\*The Dentist Will See You Now** ..... as Russia's AirBridgeCargo Airlines has flown a 1,146-pound walrus from Russia to Frankfurt after the animal sustained an ingrown tusk and needed dental surgery. The Russian all-cargo airline flew the walrus in a specially built cage adhering to IATA live animal regulations, keeping the cabin between five and 10 degrees Celsius, and having two Russian Udmurtskiy zoologists along as supercargo agents. The walrus was then trucked to Tierpark Hagenbeck TPG Hamburg, where it was treated for an extracted ingrown tusk. ABC once flew 175 Aberdeen Angus cattle across the North Pole from Chicago to Krasnoyarsk, Russia.

**\*\*\*Needle In A Turkey Stack** ..... as Dutch police investigating how needles got into 6 turkey sandwiches on Delta Air Lines flights from Amsterdam to U.S. cities said the sandwiches and needles were flown back to the Netherlands for tests. Police at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport are taking the lead in the criminal investigation and cooperating with the FBI in the U.S. A Delta spokeswoman said the needles were found July 14 in 6 sandwiches on flights to Minneapolis, Seattle & Atlanta. Passengers discovered 4 of them. The sandwiches were made by Gate Gourmet, one of the world's largest airline caterers, with facilities on five continents. The company serves many airlines, but only Delta flights appeared to be affected. Passenger Jim Tonjes said he thought a toothpick meant to hold the sandwich together had punctured the roof of his mouth. When he pulled it out, "it was a straight needle, about one inch long, with sharp points on both ends." Now Tonjes is on a 28-day course of pills aimed at warding off any infection, including hepatitis or HIV.

**\*\*\*Sour Masquerade** ..... as Queens, New York man is facing 3 to 6 years in prison after pleading guilty to a series of thefts from passengers in the terminals at John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport. The Queens District Attorney said on July 18 that 46-year-old Frederick McDonald of Far Rockaway, N.Y., had pleaded guilty to grand larceny in connection to 6 thefts. The thefts took place between Sept. 2011 and Feb. 2012 in various terminals at the airport. Victims lost money, computers & other electronics. In one incident, authorities said McDonald stole a briefcase with a computer and US\$4,000 in it while its owner was paying a taxi driver. In another incident, McDonald pretended to be an airline porter and offered to help a woman push her luggage cart. When the woman's 5-year-old son fell and she turned to him, McDonald stole the cart. The passenger lost an iPad, US\$6,000, a camera & passports. Authorities went through hundreds of hours of surveillance footage after noticing the theft patterns. McDonald was seen on that footage committing the offenses or going through the stolen items.

**\*\*\*Volumes >>> American Airlines'** system-wide cargo tonne miles increased 1.1%, year-over-year, in June. For the first six months of 2012, cargo tonnage is up 0.3% when compared to the first half of 2011. **>>> Air China's** latest operating results show the carrier moved 96,000 tons of freight in June, increasing 2.2% over June 2011 and 0.5% over May. **>>> Air France-KLM's** cargo business dropped 2.8% in June, which was still better than April, down 8.3% and May's year-on-year decline of 8.8% as the cargo load factor fell to 63.9% a 0.9% decline with Europe RTK dropping to 20.6% and load factor down by 2.2% on same month 2011. **>>> Cathay Pacific and Dragonair** posted a year-on-year drop of 5.4% in cargo and mail carried in June to 127,698 tons, while the load factor was down 1.3% to 65.7 per cent. **>>> Singapore's Changi Airport** authorities have reported that cargo throughput in June 2012 remained flat, after declining 0.1% to 153,300 tons compared to the same month a year earlier to 153,300 tons. **>>> Chongqing Airport** recorded a robust year-on-year increase of 23.5% in its cargo throughput volume to 129,000 tons in the first half of the year. **>>> Lufthansa Cargo**, carried 864,490 tons in the first 6 months of 2012, a 9.2% decline year on year. **>>> Latvia's Riga airport** has experienced a surge in cargo in the first half of 2012 to 17,416 tons, a 194.7% increase year on year.

**\*\*\*Air Avitar** .... as passengers at New Jersey's Newark Liberty Int'l Airport will always get a smile from this customer service representative. Just don't ask her to carry luggage. That's because she's an avatar. The Port Authority on Friday will unveil the computerized, hologram-like image named "Ava" in the international arrivals area in Terminal B. She's programmed to answer passengers' most frequently-asked questions. The Port Authority is spending US\$180,000 to place the high-tech help at Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports.

[www.capitalnewyork.com/article/politics/2012/07/6294374/port-authoritys-lady-avatar-goes-work](http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/politics/2012/07/6294374/port-authoritys-lady-avatar-goes-work)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=eYbFM4BFO6M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=eYbFM4BFO6M)

**\*\*\*Airport Rodeo** ..... as a wandering bull that forced the closure of a Vietnam airport was captured after 2 days of roaming and later died. Authorities said it may have killed an elderly villager. The bull was tranquilized July 24 afternoon and removed from Phu Bai Airport in the central city of Hue, the local chief ranger said. Twelve flights to the tourist destination had been affected. Nearly 100 police officers, soldiers & rangers were mobilized to stop the bull from crossing onto the runway. The airport was closed most of July 24 for safety reasons. The bull hasn't been spotted in the area before, and it's not clear where the animal came from.

**\*\*\*TSA Shame** .... as 2 U.S. transportation security officers have pleaded guilty to accepting bribes at Los Angeles Int'l Airport to help smugglers get drugs through checkpoints undetected. The U.S. Attorney's office said 28-year-old Dianna Perez & 29-year-old Randy Littlefield were charged with conspiracy and entered their pleas on July 24.. Prosecutors said the Transportation Security Administration employees began taking bribes in November 2010. Perez cleared drug couriers' bags about nine times, and Littlefield cleared them at least 2 times. Prosecutors said 24-year-old Millage Peaks paid the security workers approximately US\$200 to US\$500 for each bag containing marijuana they cleared through security. Peaks, the son of a former Los Angeles fire chief, also entered a guilty plea to conspiracy charges. Two other smugglers have pleaded guilty to similar charges in the case.

**\*\*\*Who's Snickering Now?** ..... as a California man faces federal drug charges for allegedly trying to smuggle more than 4 pounds of methamphetamine to Japan in what looked like dozens of Snickers bars. U.S. Customs officials said July 30 that 34-year-old Rogelio Mauricio Harris of Long Beach was arrested last week at Los Angeles Int'l Airport as he prepared to board a flight to Japan. Harris was charged in Los Angeles with drug possession and faces at least 10 years in prison if convicted. Federal agents conducting routine baggage inspections found a commercial box with 45 full-sized Snickers bars inside Harris' luggage. Each bar was coated in a "chocolate-like" substance to make it look like a candy bar, but tests revealed the so-called candy contained methamphetamine. Authorities estimate the 4 pounds of meth is worth about US\$250,000.

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**OUR "C" Section: FF World Ocean News\*\*\***

**4. FF World Ocean Briefs**

**\*\*\*Final Voyage of The "Big Stick"** ..... as this was the nickname of battleship [USS Iowa](#), where the World War II surrender in the Pacific was signed. To quote President Teddy Roosevelt, "Speak Softly And Carry A Big Stick." For over 60 years now, [USS Iowa](#) has indeed been "The Biggest American of Sticks." On June 6, this great American treasure became a permanent feature in the Port of Los Angeles as the new Pacific Battleship Center. The official escort vessel into the Port of Los Angeles was [S/V Irving Johnson](#) the "Official Tall Ship & Maritime Ambassador of the City of Los Angeles" and aboard her were Michael McDaniel and Byron Countryman of the [Countryman & McDaniel Law Firm](#). Byron is a member of the Los Angeles Maritime Institute Board of Directors. Share our historic voyage in this new photo feature:

[www.cargolaw.com/2012nightmare\\_iowa.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/2012nightmare_iowa.html)

<http://pacificbattleship.com/>

**\*\*\*Piracy Map Changes** ..... as the number of pirate attacks has fallen sharply in the 1st half of 2012, led by a drop in Somali piracy, but the report warns that these numbers were offset by a worrying increase of attacks in the Gulf of Guinea. Overall, 177 incidents were reported to the



IMB Piracy Reporting Center (PRC) in the first 6 months of 2012, compared to 266 incidents for the corresponding period in 2011. The report showed 20 vessels were hijacked worldwide, with a total number of **334 crew taken hostage**. There were a further 80 vessels boarded, 25 vessels fired upon and 52 reported attempted attacks. **At least 4 crew members were killed**.

The decrease in the overall number is primarily due to the decline in the incidents of Somali piracy activity, dropping from 163 in the first 6 months of 2011 to 69 in 2012. Somali pirates also hijacked fewer vessels, down from 21 to 13. Nonetheless, Somali piracy continues to remain a serious threat. The decline in Somali piracy, however, has been offset by an increase of attacks in the Gulf of Guinea, where 32 incidents, including 5 hijackings, were reported in 2012, versus 25 in 2011. In Nigeria alone there were 17 reports, compared to 6 in 2011. Togo reported 5 incidents including a hijacking, compared to no incidents during the same time last year. The IMB report emphasized high levels of violence were also being used against crew members in the Gulf of Guinea. Guns were reported in at least 20 of the 32 incidents. At least one crew member was killed and another later died as a result of an attack. Globally a total number of 334 crew were taken hostage. There were a further 80 vessels boarded, 25 vessels fired upon and 52 reported attempted attacks. At least 4 crew were killed. As of June 30, Somali pirates were still holding 11 vessels & 218 crew, 44 of whom were being held ashore in unknown locations and conditions.

**\*\*\*Upward Trend? .....** as Drewry's latest Container Forecaster report highlights higher freight rates for ocean cargo carriers in 2012 & 2013 together with improved prospects for sustained profitability. Drewry is forecasting 4.3% global container growth this year. Analysts said capacity management throughout the 2nd half of 2012 is crucial if carriers are not to undo all of their efforts to force rates back up to profitable levels. Drewry analysts forecast that after total carrier losses of over US\$6Bn in 2011 and an "appalling" 1st quarter this year, carriers could make as much as US\$1.8Bn profit or a loss of US\$1.3Bn – which should provide a decent platform for 2013 when demand will improve slightly.

[www.drewry.co.uk/publications/view\\_publication.php?id=312](http://www.drewry.co.uk/publications/view_publication.php?id=312)

**\*\*\*TSA Rates Up .....** as the Transpacific Stabilisation Agreement (TSA) carriers have announced an increase in rates of US\$500 per FEU from the first week of August from Asia to US west coast ports and US\$700 per FEU for cargo bound for the U.S. east coast. TSA member carriers include APL, CSMC, CMA CGM, Cosco, Evergreen, Hanjin, Hapag-Lloyd, Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM), "K" Line, Maersk, MSC, NYK, OOCL, Yang Ming & Zim.

**\*\*\*Maersk Line Rates Up .....** as the world's largest carrier, recently announced it will increase rates on major trade lanes worldwide. From August 1, Maersk will raise rates US\$250 per TEU and US\$500 per FEU and per 40-foot high cube container on cargo from the Far East to north Europe and the Mediterranean. Starting August 15, rates on Asia-US west coast reefer shipments will be up US\$1,000 per 40-foot high cube container, and US\$1,250 per 40-foot high cube box for all US east coast destinations. From Sept. 1, rates will go up US\$200 per TEU and US\$400 per FEU on westbound trade from the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent to north Europe and the Mediterranean. Also beginning Sept. 1, rates for the eastbound trade from north Europe to the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent will increase US\$150 per TEU and US\$200 per FEU.

**\*\*\*U.S. Import Container Volume Up .....** as it rose 4.4% year-on-year in June, according to figures from the trade intelligence firm Zepol Corp. Import volume rose 4.7% in the 2nd quarter of 2012, compared to the same period in 2011.

[www.zepol.com/](http://www.zepol.com/)

**\*\*\*UN's Law of the Sea Treaty To Be Rejected By U.S. ....** as fresh negative Senate votes have totaled 34, denying the support needed to make it US law, reports the Washington Times. Under the rules, U.S. treaties must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate before it becomes law. Critics say the UN treaty would require the U.S. to surrender sovereignty to an international body, require U.S. businesses to pay royalties for resource exploitation, and subject the U.S. to costly environmental regulations as defined in the treaty. The Law of the Sea Treaty, which came into being in 1994, has been signed and ratified by 162 countries, establishes int'l laws governing the maritime rights of countries.

**\*\*\*Servicing The Embargo** ..... as the Continuing Shipping Certification Campaign, United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) has called on the Japanese classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK) to close its Tehran office and stop certifying Iranian entities. ClassNK maintains an office in Tehran and provides certification for 2 Iranian radio firms that service Iranian shipping companies. The prominent European shipping services Bureau Veritas and Germanischer Lloyd recently stopped certifying Iranian vessels in response to UANI. In a July 12, 2012 letter to ClassNK Chairman & President Noboru Ueda, UANI CEO, Ambassador Mark D. Wallace, wrote "By providing services to these companies, ClassNK is directly facilitating the operations of Iran's shipping sector, an action that enables the Iranian government to circumvent multilateral sanctions that have been imposed to prevent it from further developing its illegal nuclear weapons program."

[www.unitedagainstnucleariran.com/bids](http://www.unitedagainstnucleariran.com/bids)

**\*\*\*8% Increase Where All Goods Are Brought By Sea?** ..... as the State of Alaska is suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Coast Guard and the State Dept. over the legality of new regulations that will enforce the use of costly low-sulphur fuel in ships sailing 200 miles off Alaska from Aug. 1, Reuters reports. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Anchorage, challenges the new regulation, estimated to increase shipping costs 8%, on the grounds the agencies are illegally imposing a UN treaty amendment as U.S. law ahead of needed legislative approval. Enforcement of the UN treaty amendment is not permitted without ratification by two-thirds of the Senate, Assistant Alaska Attorney General Seth Beausang said. He also said the EPA erred by failing to conduct an environmental impact study. The treaty at issue is a 2010 agreement under the United Nation's Int'l Maritime Organization's (IMO) Int'l Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

**\*\*\*Fighting Big Ditch Increase** ..... as Singapore-based Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF) is urging the Panama Canal Authority (APC) to withdraw its scheduled toll increases for this year & next because they menace the future of the shipping industry and the canal users. "The shipping industry is already struggling with the dismal global economic situation and Panama Canal toll increase would inevitably add an inordinate burden to all canal users who are part of the global supply chain including carriers, shippers and customers around the world," said the Asian shipowners. The group is an organisation of the shipowners' associations from Australia, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea and the Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations comprising Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam.

<http://asianshipowners.org/>

**\*\*\*Gantry Crane Tech Advance May Meet Increased Demand** ..... as General Electric (GE) has developed a new head block coupling system that enables double hoist ship-to-shore (STS) container cranes capable of handling up to four containers with completely different nominal loads simultaneously. In addition, the automatic coupling or decoupling of the freely suspended spreaders will be possible at any time, according to the company. The new GE technology will enable ports to compete more effectively in the challenging and rapidly growing seaborne cargo industry. According to the Drewry 2011 report, the world port TEU throughput will reach the 1.1 billion mark in 2020, compared to 542 million TEU in 2010. Besides expansion projects, advanced container cranes increasingly will be needed to handle the growing volume and the outsized new panamax ships with capacities of more than 10,000 TEU. GE's new offering improves the utilisation of the container cranes as well the handling rates. Under optimal conditions, the new system can double a crane's cargo handling per shift. Previously, the hoisting of containers with very different loads led to different rope lengths, resulting in disruption of the head block coupling. With the new system, these head block displacements can be accommodated by the drive system using sensor data and real-time controller calculations.

[www.genewscenter.com/Press-Releases/GE-s-Power-Conversion-Technology-Boosts-Handling-Speed-of-Container-Cranes-3990.aspx](http://www.genewscenter.com/Press-Releases/GE-s-Power-Conversion-Technology-Boosts-Handling-Speed-of-Container-Cranes-3990.aspx)

<http://site-ge-energy.com/corporate/electrifyingchange/index.htm>

**\*\*\*FONASBA Weighs In** ..... as the int'l ship brokers & ship agents federation, has given its full backing to efforts aimed at ensuring that all shipping containers for export are weighed. The problem of under-declared and unverified weights is a serious one for ports and ships,

FONASBA told the IMO's subcommittee on dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers in support of the World Shipping Council-led campaign to enforce mandatory weigh-ins. Some containers, it said in the FONASBA brief, have been 10 tons heavier than the stated manifest weight, and this has resulted in stacks collapsing, ships capsizing and even contributed to the break-up of the vessel. But the European Shippers Council (ESC) disagrees, saying the proposal to have all containers weighed before loading is a "false remedy for an ill-defined disease." Container weigh-ins is one of the current demands of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA) despite resistance from waterfront management of U.S. east & Gulf coast ports, who are fearful of congestion & back-ups creating higher costs. Contract talks between management & the longshore union have recently started. **The Cargo Letter** says this is both a safety issue and important marker tool as to where cargo short loading & pilferage occurs.

[www.fonasba.com/main.html](http://www.fonasba.com/main.html)

**\*\*\*Expect Brazil Delays** ..... as marine services provider, Inchcape Shipping Services, is warning that the ongoing industrial action by Brazilian customs officers at the nation's main ports, including Santos, is expected to severely impact cargo clearance & vessel movements. The company said in a statement that the impact of the strikes is worsening during another set of four-day strikes. "With customs officers doubling efforts from 2 days per week of strike action up to 4 days, major ports during the period will have no import or export clearance; no transit clearance, no process operations, with only medicines, food & livestock unaffected. With the additional strike days putting more pressure on port operations, some ports may have to refuse cargo if the action continues. Congestion at some ports is already impacting anchorage areas, forcing ships to deviate to other less congested ports," said the Inchcape report.

**\*\*\*Can't Raise The Water, So Raise The Bridge?** .... as the steamship lines are becoming increasingly concerned about their ability to serve the Port of Montreal on the St. Lawrence River as drought conditions bring down water levels. Hapag-Lloyd, OOCL, Mediterranean Shipping Co., CMA CGM & Maersk Line have all highlighted the problem in recent weeks, either via press releases or customer advisories, with some of the lines levying surcharges to offset their impacted operations at Montreal. That group provides the vast majority of operated capacity on the trade from Northern Europe to Montreal. A spokesman for the Port of Montreal said despite the low water levels, brought on by a lack of rainfall, the port will continue to be able to handle vessel calls.

**\*\*\*Trial of Union Boss Ends** ..... as a judge in Longview, Wash., declared a mistrial June 29 after 6 jurors could not reach a verdict in a trial involving Robert McEllrath, president of the Int'l Longshore & Warehouse Union. McEllrath was charged with a misdemeanor after 300 union members and their supporters blocked a train last Sept. during protests over plans to use non-ILWU workers at the EGT grain terminal in Longview. Eventually the terminal agreed to hire ILWU workers. ILWU members are reported to have cut train airbrake lines and trashed terminal offices.

**\*\*\*Japan Discharge Warning** ..... as electricity shortages in Japan this summer due to the earthquake are putting reefer cargo at risk of rotating power blackouts particularly at Osaka & Kobe terminals, warned Hapag-Lloyd, which urges special care be taken with cold chain freight. "We recommend you take delivery of your cargo at the earliest possible date directly after vessel discharge," Hapag Lloyd said in a statement. The company said that demand for electricity this summer "would be high" and supply would be "tight", resulting in possible power supply disruptions, including revolving blackouts.

**\*\*\*Index Linker Container Contracts** ..... as Drewry Maritime Research and the World Container Index have published a free White Paper that explains how index-linked contracts work, the first definitive guide on the subject since widespread adoption commenced two years ago. The paper also examines the causes of recent container freight rate volatility and how index-linked contracts can help mitigate the impacts of such instability.

[www.drewry.co.uk/login.php?title=Drewry%20News&redirect=/news.php%253Fid%253D1](http://www.drewry.co.uk/login.php?title=Drewry%20News&redirect=/news.php%253Fid%253D1)

**\*\*\*Don't Leave Port Without It .....** as Maersk Line will begin accepting credit cards as a form of payment to cover demurrage charges to help customers expedite the release of their cargo in U.S. locations. The line will take credit card – Visa, MasterCard, or American Express – by phone only.

**\*\*\*Nevergreen Line .....** as Evergreen Line announced July 25 that it has discovered a counterfeit entity in China that has branded itself as an agent of the Taiwanese container carrier. The fraudulent company advertises its services as "Evergreen (China) Shipping Line Co. Ltd" via an email whose subject line reads "Evergreen Shipping Lines Sales," but has no connection to Evergreen, the line said in a customer notice. The actual agent of Evergreen in China is Master International Shipping Agency Co., Ltd.

**\*\*\*Consuming Our Own A Bit Faster .....** as container vessel scrapping is increasing this year with 120 vessels, totalling 200,000 TEU scheduled for the breakers in the first six months of the year with more than half equating to 1% of the global fleet. Braemar Seascope, a London shipbroker, reports the surge in scrapping of 38 vessels in the 1st quarter of 2012 after a quiet year of 50 recycled ships averaging 3,000 TEU. The lull in 2011 was attributed to owners & carriers buoyed by year-previous profits and against a heavy couple of years of scrapping between 2009 and 2010. Of the vessels scrapped the youngest were over a decade old of the 1997-build & 1999-build and the oldest were 42 years old.

**\*\*\*All It Takes Is One .....** as inspectors at the Port of Tacoma, tipped off by Japanese authorities, have intercepted 4 gypsy moth egg masses aboard 2 containerships from Japan, one case spread over three decks. Authorities say the greatest risk of ship infestation is in Japan, China & Korea from June to Nov. when the insects take flight, and the female flying over 25 miles, eating leaves of 500 types of trees and plants. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said egg masses were removed and the affected areas were treated to kill remaining eggs, reports American Shipper. Canadian and American officials say progress in eradication has been made over the last three years because of an education programme for seafarers on how to spot the insects as well as tighter certification for ships.

**\*\*\*Throughput >>> Beihai**, a port on the Gulf of Tonkin in southwest China's Guangxi Autonomous Region, recorded a container throughput of 40,739 TEU in 1st half, 22.7% more than in same period a year ago. >>> **Port of Chongqing** container cargo increased 19% to 310,000 TEU in the first half year on year while overall cargo movement increased 7.4% year on year to 56.39 million tons. >>> **Port of Fujian** recorded a collective container throughput of 4.87 million TEU in the 1st half of this year, 10.3% more than in the same period a year ago. >>> Syria's biggest terminal **Latakia** saw container traffic drop 20% year on year to 217,386 TEU in the past 6 months of 2012 and is down from 293,111 TEU in 1st half of 2010 as civil war disrupts supply chains. >>> **Port of Los Angeles** total container volume-at 696,847 TEU was up 8.75% annually and were below May & April, which hit 731,352 TEU and 707,182 TEU, respectively.>>> **OOCL** 1st half container volumes rose 6.1% over the same period in 2011, to nearly 2.6 million TEUs. >>> **Port of Savannah** handled 2,982,467 TEU in FY2012, an increase of 1.9% compared to the previous fiscal year. >>> **Port of Shenzhen** posted a year-on-year 1.3% higher container volume to 10.7 million TEU in 1st half of the year. >>> **Port of Xiamen** lifted 3.21 million TEU from January to June this year, climbed 12% from same period last year.

#### **\*\*\*The Month In U.S. Navy History**

1747 - Birth of John Paul Jones at Arbigland, Scotland.

1934 - **USS Houston** takes Franklin Delano Roosevelt on first visit of a U.S. president to South America.

1943 - Naval gunfire help Allied troops land on Sicily. It was first extensive use of LST's and smaller landing craft to deliver heavy equipment over the beach.

1976 - First women enter U.S. Naval Academy.

**\*\*\*Protecting The Giants .....** as U.S. officials are asking large ships to slow down near San Francisco Bay to avoid killing the droves of whales feeding near the Northern California coast. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued the advisory this month. It wants large vessels to reduce their speed to 10 knots, or about 11.5 mph, in the Gulf of the Farallones & Cordell Bank national marine sanctuaries. The U.S. Coast Guard is broadcasting a similar

message. "We can best protect endangered whales from ship strike by working with the shipping industry as well as whale experts, with minimum impacts on maritime commerce," said Maria Brown, superintendent of NOAA's Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. The announcements follow the high profile deaths of whales fatally struck by ships in the Bay Area, such as the 47-foot fin whale that washed up near Point Reyes National Seashore in June. John Calambokidis, a Washington-based scientist who has studied ship strikes off the West Coast, estimated that dozens of whales were struck near San Francisco Bay in 2010. Many of these whales, including blue, fin & humpback, are endangered. The federal officials' requests are not binding, so large vessels like freighters and cruise ships can keep traveling at full speed. Federal maritime officials also have approved a plan to curb ship strikes that includes better whale tracking and rerouting ships. It will likely take effect next year after final review by the United Nations Int'l Maritime Organization. Sri Lankan Fisheries Minister has rejected environmentalist demands to put out the int'l shipping lane 12 nautical miles further out to sea to save whales from colliding with ships because it would put his country's ports at economic risk. The whale population that includes rare blue whales, has been victim to 6 deaths this year.

<http://farallones.noaa.gov/>

**\*\*\*Stop The Arms? -- Just Pull The Insurance Plug** ..... as originally bound for Syria with helicopter gunships under a Russian naval escort and being followed by the Norwegian Navy on its way south from Murmansk, the 264-TEU M/V **Alaed** has put into St Petersburg, where it was to dock, reports the Novosti news agency. The owner Femco said the route was unchanged and it was headed to St Petersburg. But then M/V **Alaed** disappeared from online maps of the Automatic Identification System (AIS) tracking maritime traffic worldwide, said Novosti. The vessel was said to have switched off its AIS on and has been invisible. A Femco spokesman denied the crew has ever switched off its AIS signal. "Certain weather conditions can sometimes jam the signal, though it is extremely rare," he said. When flying the Curacao flag, the geared vessel had to return to Murmansk when British insurers withdrew cover as it rounded the coast of Scotland. Femco declined to comment on the nature of the cargo on board. The helicopters became the center of a diplomatic row in June, with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claiming Russia was supplying weapons that would be used against rebels.

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**5. The Cargo Letter** Cargo Damage Dispatches  
**\*\*Back By Popular Demand\*\***

**We're sorry**, but there were so many sinkings, explosions, pirate attacks, fires, cargo mishaps, battles on the water & other disasters at sea that we do not have room to print even the highlights this month. **Many people lost their lives at sea this month!!**

But you can read all this month's disaster news at our special Internet web feature which provides full details of each event -- our **Vessel Casualties & Pirate Activity Database**. Bookmark the site and visit every day! Updated twice daily.

[www.cargolaw.com/presentations\\_casualties.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please view the dramatic new pictures at our special "**Gallery of Cargo Loss**" website feature.

[www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html)

See our new feature for July 2012: "**Deck of Cards**" M/V Bai Chay Bridge  
[www.cargolaw.com/2003nightmare\\_la.blimp.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/2003nightmare_la.blimp.html)

See our newest photo feature "**Singles Only**" - Transportation Disasters Told In A Single Photo!

[www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare\\_singles.only.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html)

See our new feature for July 2012: "**Last Voyage of The Big Stick**" USS Iowa comes home  
[www.cargolaw.com/2012nightmare\\_iowa.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/2012nightmare_iowa.html)

**Daily Vessel Casualties** ..... as we don't want you to miss the excitement of our 24 hour reports of the dramatic events at sea each day -- stories of casualties & pirates --- almost none of which are carried on your local news. Edited daily by **Christoph Wahner, Esq.** of **Countryman & McDaniel**.

[www.cargolaw.com/presentations\\_casualties.php](http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.php)

**NOTE:** The historic dangers of carriage by sea continue to be quite real. **Shippers must be encouraged** to purchase high quality marine cargo insurance from their [freight forwarder](#) or [customs broker](#). It's dangerous out there.

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**OUR "D" Section: FF in Cyberspace\*\*\***

**6. The Cargo Letter "Cyber Ports Of Call"**

Here are our suggested world wide web sites of the week for your business, your information and your amusement.....

**Cargo & Trade>>>>>**

**2012 FedEx Ketchum Social Business Study**

[www.2012socialbusinessstudy.com/](http://www.2012socialbusinessstudy.com/)

**Border Hassles That Can Put the Canadian Market Out of Reach .....** free white paper report

<http://info.fastesttocanada.com/InbLogBorderHassles>

**CBP Trade Newsletter For 3rd Quarter**

[www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade\\_outreach/trade\\_newsletter/newsletter\\_trade\\_3qtr.ctt/newsletter\\_trade\\_3qtr](http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/trade_newsletter/newsletter_trade_3qtr.ctt/newsletter_trade_3qtr)

**Celebrating The 150th Birthday of Union Pacific Railroad .....** with stories, videos & timeline.

[www.up150.com/](http://www.up150.com/)

**Easing Financial & Investment Sanctions On Burma**

[www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20120711.aspx](http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20120711.aspx)

**Supply Chain Certification Programs .....** from Logisitics Management

[www.scmr.com/images/site/LM1207\\_EducationSupp.pdf](http://www.scmr.com/images/site/LM1207_EducationSupp.pdf)

**White House Issues Changes to Duty-Free Treatment Under GSP**

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-05/pdf/X12-10705.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-05/pdf/X12-10705.pdf)

**World Customs Organization (WCO) Report On Joint Conference on Enhancing Air Cargo Security & Facilitation**

[www.wcoomd.org/reports/?v=1&lid=1&cid=2&id=385](http://www.wcoomd.org/reports/?v=1&lid=1&cid=2&id=385)

**PRODUCTS>>>>>>>>>**

**CAS DataLoggers WiFi Temperature & Humidity Data Logging Sensor**

[www.dataloggerinc.com/](http://www.dataloggerinc.com/)

**Easier Robot Programming**

[www.motoman.com/](http://www.motoman.com/)

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[www.boschpackaging.com/boschpackagingworld/eng/index.asp](http://www.boschpackaging.com/boschpackagingworld/eng/index.asp)

**EVENTS>>>>>>>>>**

**Transport Events**

[www.transportevents.com/](http://www.transportevents.com/)

**Trade Shows, Exhibitions, Conferences & Business Events Worldwide**

[www.eventseye.com/](http://www.eventseye.com/)

**World Trade Organization Events**  
[www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/meets.pdf](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/meets.pdf)

**2012 FIATA World Congress** ..... 8-12 Oct. 2012, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Los Angeles  
[www.fiata2012.org/ehome/index.php?eventid=23377&  
www.facebook.com/pages/Transportation-Intermediaries-Association/117074095521](http://www.fiata2012.org/ehome/index.php?eventid=23377&www.facebook.com/pages/Transportation-Intermediaries-Association/117074095521)

**7th World Cargo Symposium** .....12-14 March 2013, Doha, Qatar  
[www.iata.org/events/wcs/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.iata.org/events/wcs/Pages/index.aspx)

**10th 3PL Summit**.....22-24 Oct. 2012, Antwerp  
<http://events.eft.com/eu3pl/index.php>

**17th Annual Regional & Business Aviation Industry Suppliers Conference** .....14-16 Nov. 2012, Paradise Valley (Scottsdale), AZ  
<http://link.pentonav.com/u.d?I4GroRZPU-ypWTcMfs1qn=2371>

**18TH World Route Development Forum** .....29 Sept. - 2 Oct. 2012, Abu Dhabi  
[www.routesonline.com/events/150/the-18th-world-route-development-forum/](http://www.routesonline.com/events/150/the-18th-world-route-development-forum/)

**AirCargo 2013** ..... 10-13 March 2012, Red Rock Casino, Las Vegas  
[.www.aircargoconference.com/](http://www.aircargoconference.com/)

**Air Cargo Africa 2013** ..... 20-23 Feb. 2013, Johannesburg, South Africa  
[www.statetimes.com/aca2013/](http://www.statetimes.com/aca2013/)

**Intermodal Europe 2012** ..... 27-29 Nov. 2012, Amsterdam RAI, Holland  
[www.intermodal-events.com/wcnb](http://www.intermodal-events.com/wcnb)

**JAXPORT 2013 Logistics & Intermodal Conference** .....18-20 March 2010, Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, Amelia Island, Florida  
[www.jaxportconference.com/?6095b020](http://www.jaxportconference.com/?6095b020)

**World Cargo Symposium 2013** .....12-14 March 2013, Doha, Qatar  
[www.iata.org/events/wcs/pages/index.aspx](http://www.iata.org/events/wcs/pages/index.aspx)

**Apps For That - iPhones**>>>>>>>>>>>>

**GreenRoad Central** ..... free app for driver performance & safety management with fleet vehicle real time tracking.

**NBC Olympics Live Extra**

**General Interest**>>>>>>>>>>>>

**American Secretary of State Disrespected**  
[www.buenosairesherald.com/article/106238/egyptians-pelt-clinton-motor](http://www.buenosairesherald.com/article/106238/egyptians-pelt-clinton-motor)

**Bears: Brown Bear & Salmon Live Webcam At Brooks Falls, Katmai National Park**  
<http://explore.org/#!/live-cams/player/brown-bear-salmon-cam-brooks-falls>

**Jellyfish Live Webcam**  
<http://explore.org/#!/live-cams/player/jellyfish-cam>

**Kon-Tiki**  
[www.maritimeprofessional.com/Blogs/Maritime-Musings/July-2012/Kon-Tiki.aspx](http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/Blogs/Maritime-Musings/July-2012/Kon-Tiki.aspx)

**Rolls-Royce Unveils New Jet Engine ... Made of Legos**  
[www.gizmag.com/lego-jet-engine/23256/](http://www.gizmag.com/lego-jet-engine/23256/)  
[www.wired.com/autopia/2012/07/rolls-royce-engine-legos/](http://www.wired.com/autopia/2012/07/rolls-royce-engine-legos/)

**Torpedo Sinks USNS Kilauea off Hawaii**  
[www.maritimeprofessional.com/News/346462.aspx](http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/News/346462.aspx)

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