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It's no surprise that with every ocean carrier's reporting of their financial performance, the numbers used are "strong" or "record". Unfortunately for their shipper customers, the words "disconnected" and "short-sightedness" are being increasingly used as rates are multiples of where they were just a year ago and persistent service and equipment challenges remain.

The DOJ systematically went after airlines and forwarders a decade or so ago - will the appropriate authorities do the same in the US, Europe or China? Only time will tell.

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*Mid-Year Update: Customs, PGA's and Other Current
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**Presentation of
Marjorie M. Shostak Distinguished Service Award**

**Segment 1
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)**

**Segment 2
Participating Government Agencies (PGA's)
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC)**

**Segment 3
Private Industry Experts
Current Issues Affecting Trade – Insider Perspectives**

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Links and stories of interest:

Did an Unlikely Ocean Crossing Give Rise to Human Evolution?

Humans evolved in Africa, along with chimpanzees, gorillas and monkeys. But primates themselves appear to have evolved elsewhere – likely in Asia – before colonizing Africa. At the time, around 50 million years ago, Africa was an island isolated from the rest of the world by ocean – so how did primates get there?

Government Actions and Trade

Trudeau Tries to Force Montreal Dock Workers to End Strike

Canada is planning legislation to end a general strike at the Port of Montreal that's bound to worsen congestion at other sites and add to global shipping delays.

ILA Union Lawsuit Claims Breach of Master Contract at New U.S.

Terminal

The U.S. East Coast is set for another bruising encounter between a dockworker union, shipping line, and terminal operators.

Australia, Japan, and India Form Supply Chain Initiative to Counter China

Japan, India and Australia's trade ministers have met to officially launch the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative, following reports that the three nations are working together to counter China's dominance on trade in the Indo-Pacific.

Biden Names Trade Expert Celeste Drake as 'Made in America' Director

President Joe Biden has selected Celeste Drake, a longtime trade expert from AFL-CIO, to be the first director of his initiative to steer more federal dollars to U.S. manufacturers and producers, an administration official said.

Court Ruling Suggests California Truck Classification Law to Stand

A federal appeals court ruling on AB5 could have a significant impact on drayage companies in the state, but it will likely be weeks, or months, before the outcome is reached, according to an attorney.

EU Lawmakers Vow to Kill China Investment Deal Over Beijing's Sanctions

Dozens of Brussels lawmakers have criticized China's efforts to "gag" European critics through sanctions and vowed to block the EU-China investment deal while the measures remain in place.

A Message for U.S. and China as India and Russia put Two and Two Together

The decision by India and Russia to hold a "two-plus-two" meeting of their foreign and defense ministers is meant not only to clear up misunderstandings in their bilateral relationship, but to send a signal to both the United States and China, experts have said.

Air and Marine Operations and Partners Seize 1.2 Tons of Cocaine in the Eastern Pacific

An Air and Marine Operations (AMO) National Air Security Operations Center, P-3 Long Range Tracker crew partnered with federal authorities to disrupt a smuggling attempt in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and seized 1.2 tons of cocaine, denying narcotics traffickers almost \$44 million USD in illicit proceeds

Amid China Warnings, Australia to Spend US \$581 Million on Military Bases and Joint Exercises with the U.S..

Australia on Wednesday unveiled plans to spend A\$747 million (US\$581 million) upgrading its military bases and expanding joint exercises with the United States, amid warnings in the country about the risk of a confrontation with China – though analysts questioned whether the spending was entirely new or significant.

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DESCRIPTION

Speakers will include Federal Maritime Commission's ("FMC") Chairman Daniel Maffei, and representatives from the FMC's Bureau of Trade Analysis, Bureau of Certification and Licensing, and the FMC's Los Angeles Area Representative to discuss ocean freight forwarder and non-vessel operating common carrier registration and licensing, tariff publication, CADRS, service contracts, NVOCC negotiated rate arrangements and NVOCC service arrangements and enforcement of the Shipping Act. The seminar will include an update on the FMC's demurrage, detention, per diem investigations, and a panel discussion of insurance, surety, and related risk management issues.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



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May 27, 10:00 AM - 3:15 PM PT

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Environmental

Oil Clean-up Continues Off China's Qingdao Port

Clean-up work continued on Wednesday near the Chinese port city of Qingdao, a day after a yet-to-be determined quantity of oil spilled into the Yellow Sea after a tanker carrying around a million barrels of bitumen mix collided with a bulk vessel in thick fog.

The Ocean is Becoming More Stable and That May Not Be a Good Thing

If you've ever been seasick, "stable" may be the last word you associate with the ocean. But as global temperatures rise, the world's oceans are technically becoming more stable.

Oil Clean-Up Off China After Tanker Spills 500 Tons After Being Hit

Clean-up efforts are getting underway to contain and recover the oil leaking from a Suezmax tanker that was struck by a cargo ship off the port of Qingdao, China. Chinese officials and the tanker's management company confirmed that pollution response teams are on-site while both vessels remain seaworthy approximately 11 nautical miles off the coast of China.

High Hopes and Hot Air on Climate Change

The Paris Agreement needs to be modified to force all parties to accurately report their emissions.

Future Carbon-Free Thermal Energy and Ship Propulsion

The maritime sector seeks to reduce carbon emissions using ammonia, methanol, hydrogen and battery power and even liquefied air as the basis for propulsion.

Panama Canal Aims at Carbon-Neutrality by 2030

The decarbonization plan also includes tugboats and launches using use alternative fuels, the substitution of electricity production processes in favor of photovoltaic plants, the use of hydraulic energy, and ensuring that all facilities and infrastructure projects are environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Korean Register and Hyundai to Collaborate on Environmental Solutions

In a further step to strengthen the competitive position of the South Korean shipbuilding industry, the Korea Register of Shipping and Hyundai Heavy

Industries Group announced a strategic alliance designed to address the future challenges of environmental regulations.

Help Protect North Atlantic Right Whales by Slowing Down When Transiting the Cabot Strait

The Government of Canada is committed to the protection of the North Atlantic right whale—an iconic endangered species with approximately 366 remaining in the world. As they migrate in and out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, vessel traffic management measures are in place to help reduce their interactions with vessels.



Got a story idea?

The FTA wants to hear from you! Is there a topic or industry that we're not covering that you'd like to see more of? Drop us an email by clicking the button below with your suggestions.

**EMAIL YOUR STORY
IDEA**



FTA New Member Thank You!

The FTA would like to acknowledge our new members each week in our newsletter. We sincerely appreciate their support and participation. Your FTA leadership continues to focus on delivering value during this time of social distancing and know that as we move back to in-person events that the opportunities will only continue to expand.

James Goding, International Automated Brokers
Rachel Goding, International Automated Brokers
Christian Detzel, Filgroup

Maritime

Myanmar Sailor, 21, Dies in Hong Kong Following Accident Aboard Ship

at Tsing Yi Container Terminal

A sailor died in a Hong Kong industrial accident early on Wednesday after he was hit by a metal shackle that had broken loose while working on a cargo vessel docked at a Tsing Yi container terminal.

Mining Robot Stranded on Ocean Floor in Deep-Sea Mining Trial

A seabed mining robot being tested on the Pacific Ocean floor at a depth of more than 4 km (13,000 ft) has become detached, the Belgian company running the experimental trial said on Wednesday.

U.S.- Flag Containership Rescued After Fire in Santa Barbara Channel

A U.S.-flagged containership, MV President Eisenhower, suffered a fire in California's Santa Barbara Channel Wednesday morning and it appears to be drifting towards shore, but at this point there seems to be little concern over a risk of grounding.

Philippines Tells China to Back Off During Maritime Drills

China has no business telling the Philippines what it can or cannot do within its waters, Manila's defense ministry said on Wednesday, rejecting Beijing's opposition to its ongoing coastguard exercises.

Improperly Installed Screw Led to Costly Marine Accident at Soo Locks: NTSB Report

The incorrect installation of a single set screw led to the loss of propulsion control on the Canadian-flagged, 736-foot-long Atlantic Huron, causing the ship to strike a pier at 6.8 knots, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

Developing Command and Control for Unmanned Vessels

Norway is taking the helm to develop technology that will be used to send unmanned vessels to sea on assignments without a crew on board.

How 100 Giant Companies Dominate the Ocean Economy

Humanity has depended on the ocean for millennia. But the extent and diversity of today's ocean use is unprecedented. Many ocean-based industries are growing faster than the global economy, and in many cases exponentially.

Matson CEO: Trans-Pacific Trade to Stay Stronger for Longer

In 2020, shipping executives predicted the container-shipping capacity squeeze would last until Chinese New Year in February 2021. When that didn't happen, they said mid-2021. The bar is now moving further out — to the fourth quarter or beyond.



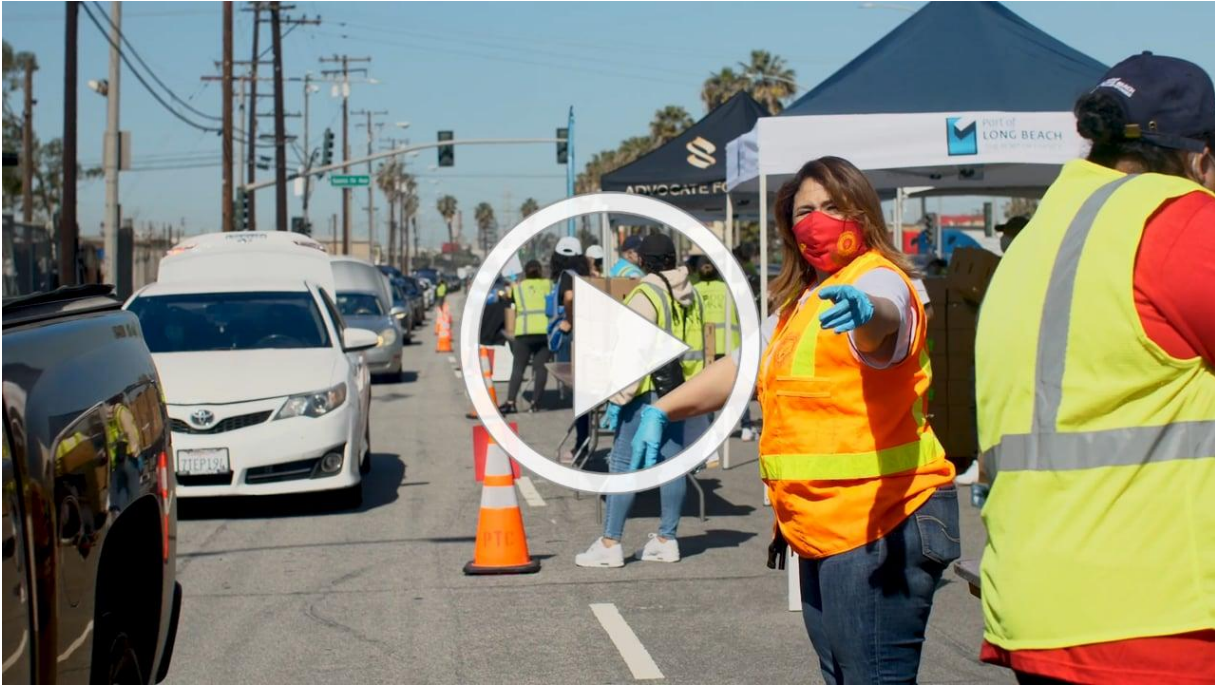
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Video of the Week

Port of Long Beach sponsors food distribution event

Our ports are such a huge part of our community that it is a wonderful sight to

see them sponsoring and participating in efforts to distribute food to families who are dealing with food insecurity because of the pandemic.



Logistics and Trade

Waterways Are Drying Up Making Navigation Difficult in Key South American Crop-Shipping Ports

The South American drought that's helping push wheat, corn, and soybean prices to multiyear highs isn't just threatening crops, but also the ability to haul them on waterways that are drying up.

Carriers Maintain Interest in NWSA with Fourth New Service

The new Mediterranean Shipping Co. service from China to the Northwest Seaport Alliance of Seattle and Tacoma could be followed by others as carriers seek alternative gateways to Los Angeles-Long Beach.

NY-NJ Port Rail Projects Progressing Amid Record U.S. Imports

The first big enhancement to NY–NJ intermodal service in nearly three years, Waverly Loop, is scheduled to debut at the end of 2021 while other projects are still being discussed.

Shippers Pursue Multiyear Deals to Ease Pain of Elevated Ocean Rates

Greater interest from shippers in extending the duration of ocean contracts to mitigate volatile rates is becoming a trend on the major trades.

China's Imports of Commodities Drive a Boom in Dry-Bulk Shipping

The cost of moving goods like iron, coal and corn jumped to a 10-year high this week in a sharp rebound from last year's industrial downturn.

Strong Market Leads Maersk to Double Earnings Forecast

The boom in the shipping industry and the expectations for strong demand to continue through 2021 are driving the major carriers' earnings to new highs.

Upcoming Events

May 2 - May 5 – 48th NCBFFA Annual Conference -Now in its 48th year, the NCBFAA Annual Conference brings together more than 600 of the international trade industry's top representatives from around the United States – Register [here](#)

May 4 - Webinar - Cal Asian Chamber of Commerce - Export to Asia with Confidence - 2 PM EST - Achieve exporting success by overcoming trade finance obstacles - Register [here](#)

May 6 – Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce 95th Annual World Trade Week – 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM PT - This years program will feature a panel on "The Future of Transportation and Supply Chains," addressing chain infrastructure, transportation challenges, and innovative solutions to increase the region's global competitiveness as we recover from the pandemic– Register [here](#)

May 11 - May 13 – Virtual Event - TIA 2021 Capital Ideas Conference - Meet virtually with top industry leaders and solutions providers and take advantage of over morning and afternoon live sessions with more than 12 hours sessions geared solely for 3PLs – Register [here](#)

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June 9 - WIT-OC – The Bureau of Industry and Security "Complying with US Export Control" - A live event with BIS specialists on a professionally designed platform - *Details soon to follow!*

June 29- July 1 – AAEL – 100th Anniversary Conference & Expo –Save the Date – *Details soon to follow!*

July 20-22 – CBP Virtual Trade Week - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will host its second Virtual Trade Week. Join CBP Executives and industry experts as they provide updates on CBP trade priorities and policies – Register [here](#)

July 25-28 2021 ICPA Summer Conference - Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort - Join other international trade compliance professionals for the 2021 ICPA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL - Register [here](#)

October 14-17 – WESSCON 2021 – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM PT - WESSCON

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