

# The State Of Ocean Freight and Logistics Technology

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# Agenda

- **Part One: Ocean Freight Market Outlook**
  - Pricing
  - Decarbonization
  - Regulatory Environment
- **Part Two: Logistics Technology Outlook**
  - Visibility
  - PO Management
  - Digital Forwarders
  - Detention/Demurrage
- **Takeaways**
- **Q&A**

Is it Groundhog Day?

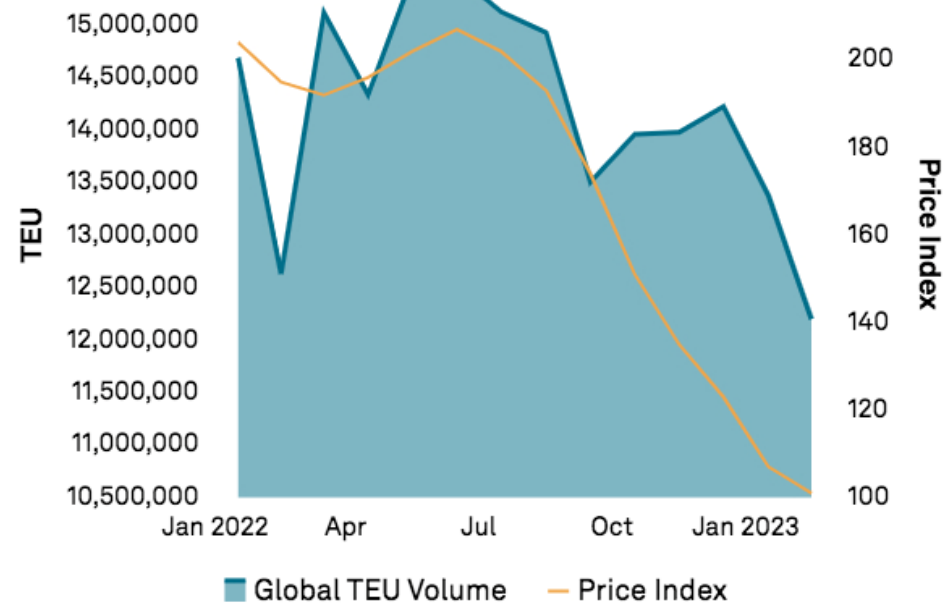


# Ocean Freight Volumes: A Victim of its Own Success

- Volume has fallen off the market top...

- ...but US import volumes are still strong from a historical perspective.

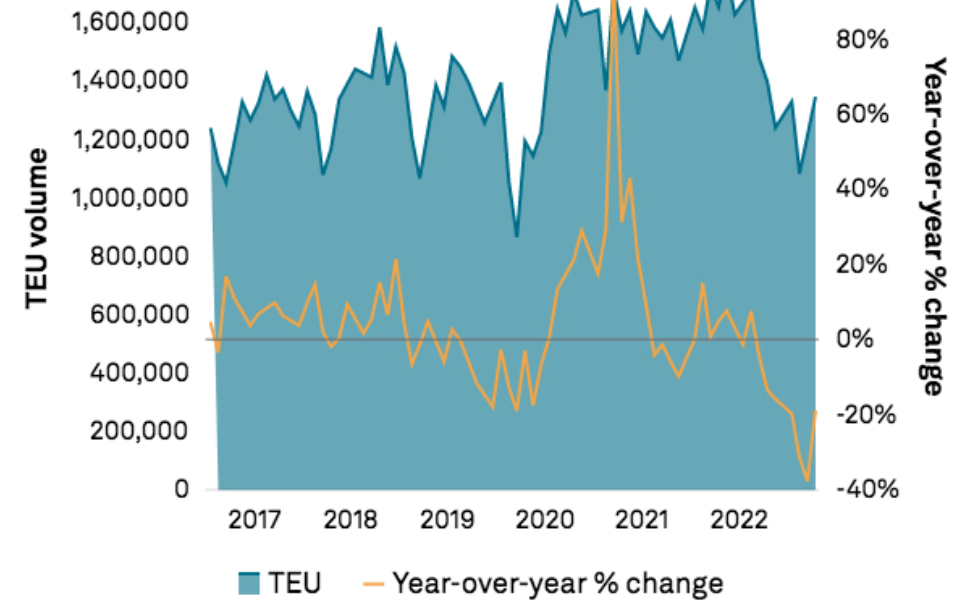
Global volume and price Index (CTS)



Source: Container Trades Statistics

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US imports from Asia (PIERS)



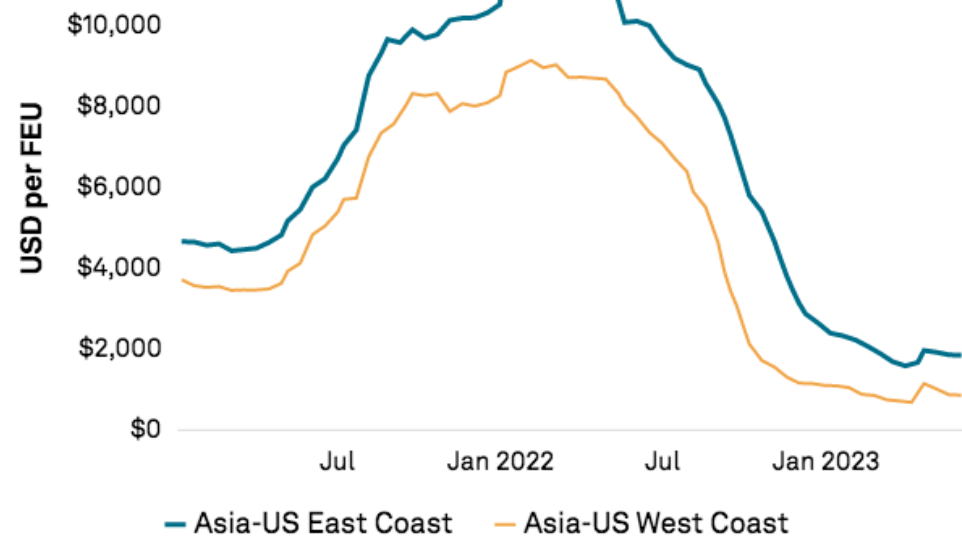
Source: PIERS, S&P Global

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# Pricing Back to Pre-Pandemic Levels

- Spot rates are well below the start of the pandemic surge...

Asia to US West and East Coast container spot rates (Xeneta)

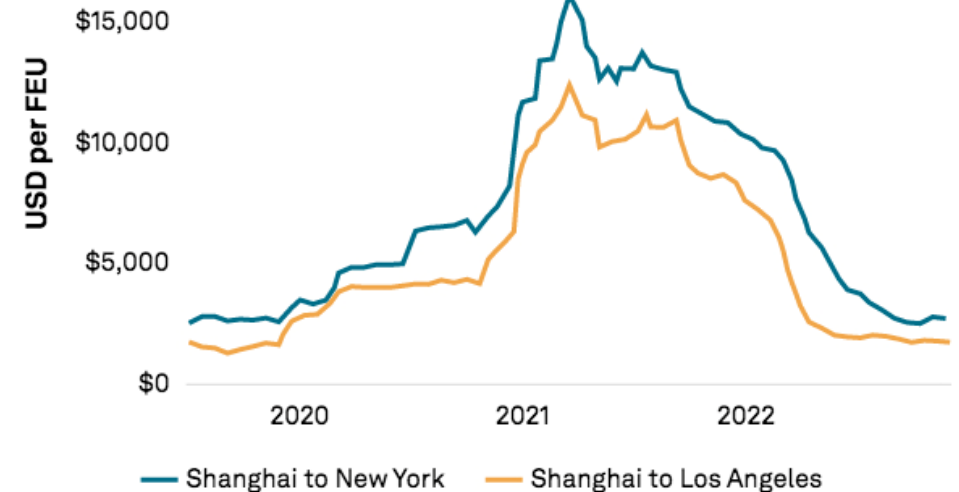


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- ...but aren't low on a historic basis.

Shanghai to Los Angeles, New York container spot rates (Drewry)



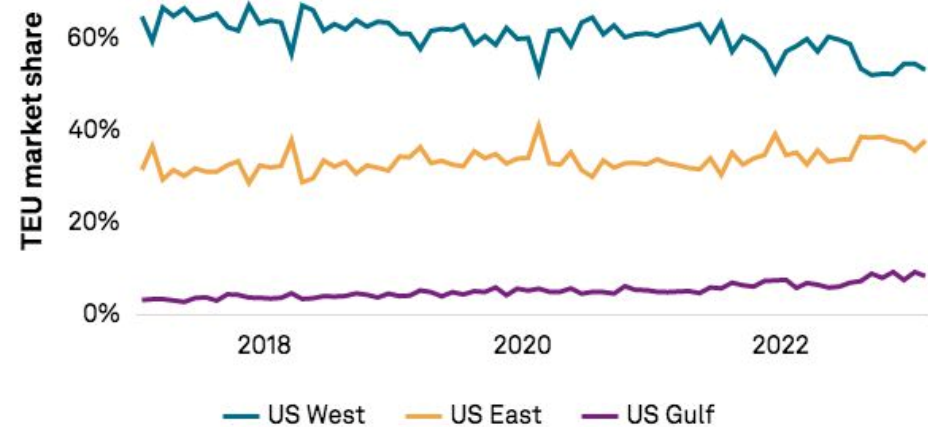
Source: World Container Index assessed by Drewry

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# Lingering ILWU Contract Impacting Coastal Market Share

## West Coast share of Asia imports erodes as labor talks drag on

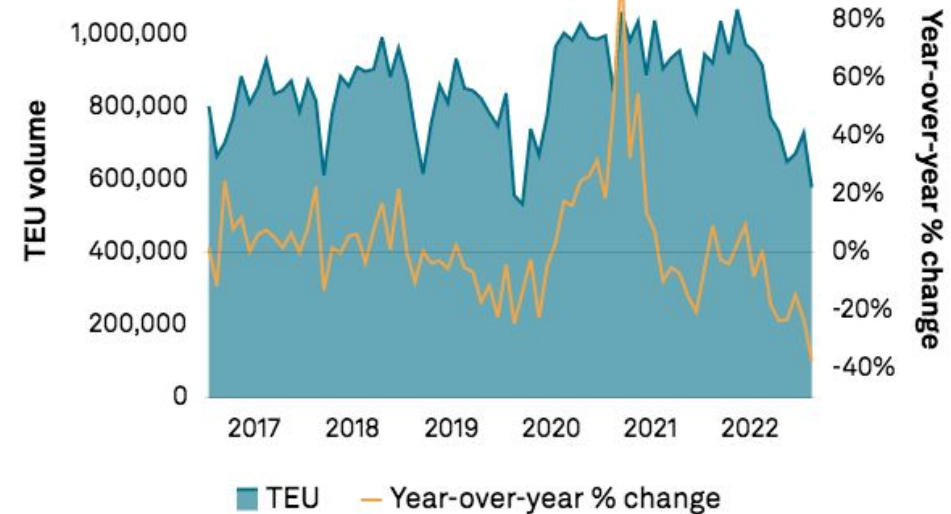
Coastal share of US containerized imports from Asia by month (PIERS)



Source: PIERS, S&P Global

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## US containerized imports from Asia to West Coast (PIERS)



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# Outbound Trucking Rates from Key US Ports

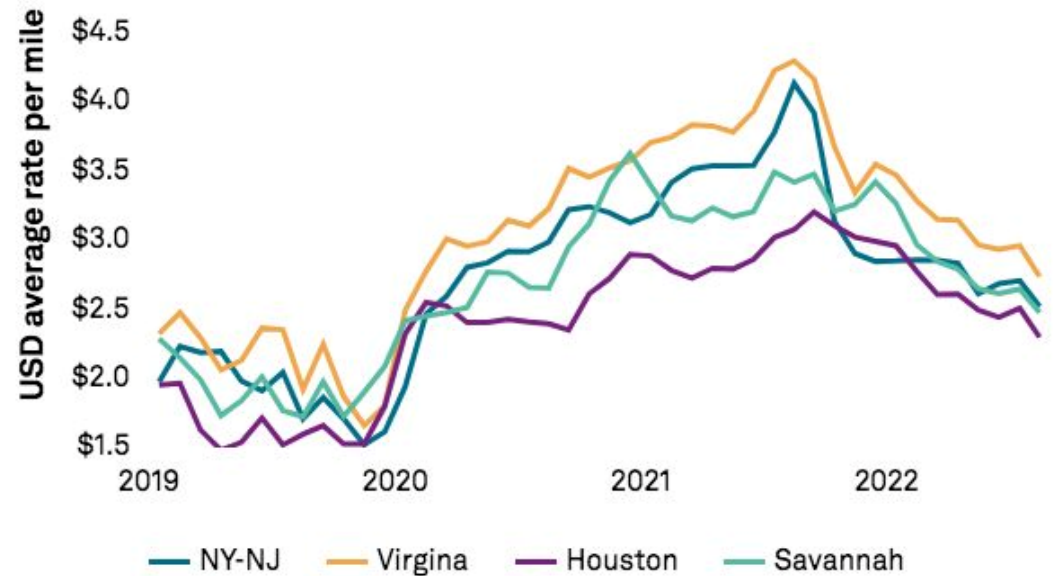
Outbound spot dry van trucking rates from LA, Seattle (Various sources)



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Outbound spot dry van trucking rates from NY-NJ, Virginia, Houston, Savannah (Various sources)

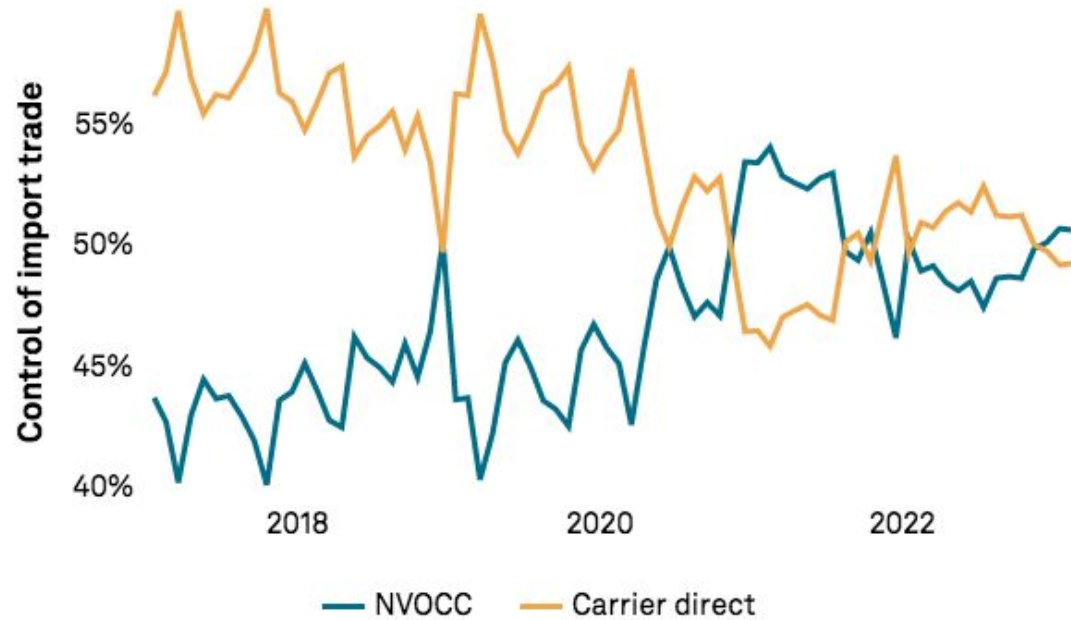


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# NVOs Have Majority Market (and 5-Yr Trendline is Going Up)

## Carrier direct vs NVO control of Asia imports (PIERS)



Notes: The PIERS analysis doesn't include less-than-containerload shipments

Source: PIERS, S&P Global

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# The Decarbonization Mandate Looming Over Shipping

- CII in effect from Jan. 1
- Emission Trading System (ETS) from 2024
- EU requiring 80 percent of emissions to be cut by 2050
- Maersk to shift 25% of cargo to green fuels by 2030



# The Cost to Shippers

“If you are willing to pay \$6,000 or \$18,000 per FEU during a supply chain crisis, you may also be willing to pay something for sustainability issues. Whether that willingness to pay a premium amounts to a few bucks or hundreds of dollars on a global industry wide average is hard to say.”

*Peter Sand, Xeneta*

“Shippers were willing to pay an average premium of 3% for zero-carbon shipping — compared with less than 2% in 2021 — that would generate \$10 billion to \$20 billion in extra revenue for the shipping sector. This was far below the 10 to 15 percent premium needed to reach net-zero shipping targets by 2050. But 65% were willing to pay an even greater premium in the future.”

*Boston Consulting Group Survey in 2022*

# Which Maritime Fuel Will it Be?

- LNG
- Ammonia
- Methanol
- Hydrogen



## Uncertain Regulatory Picture

- OSRA22
- Detention/demurrage rulemaking
- More legislation on the cards: End of VSAs?
- Carrot vs Stick: DOT FLOW initiative



## Logistics Technology: Running in Place?

- Visibility problem areas persist:
  - Terminal milestones
  - Modal handoffs
  - Discrepancies between carrier/system arrival notices
  - Transshipment black holes



# Visibility Provider Models

- Aggregators
- Niche data providers
- IoT (+ analytics)
- Data + something else
- White label or branded



## Market has Diversified

- More options on the market than in past cycles (too many?)
- Price is becoming a factor
- Data or platform?
- Is one mode enough?
- Can shippers/LSPs establish their own visibility “tech stack”



# Budgeting for Visibility

- Shippers:
  - Revert to 2019 thinking (line item vs embedded in TMS/3PL)
  - “I’m not gonna pay a lot for this muffler”
  - Can visibility be a “shared” service with “shared budget”?





# Pandemic Induced Demand for PO Management

- Pandemic bullwhip a sign that no one has nailed forecasting
- Connecting manufacturing legs to transportation legs remains a challenge
- Shippers have a decision: 3PL (software + service), control tower (4PL) or standalone software



# Software Providers Eye D&D Opportunities

- Detention/demurrage costs spiraled during pandemic
- Went from cost of doing business to an exorbitant variable expense
- Standalone providers focusing on D&D alerts, calculations
- Broader software vendors adding D&D features



## Where Things are Going

- Inventory management
- Reduce D&D costs
- Finance (payment, cash flow management)
- Customer service (consumer, retail or industrial)
- To IoT or not to IoT
- Decarbonization
- Being choosy by product line



# Takeaways

- C-Levels have turned attention to new crises
- Logistics back to being a “utility”
- Ocean freight is a long game – play short-term games at your peril (there are more shippers than shipping lines)
- Will diminished attention on supply chain hamper further shipping legislation?
- What’s old is new: software categories left for dead (PO mgmt, TMS) are still the core backbone systems for shippers and 3PLs



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