

## **LIVRO GLOBAL SHIPPING NEWS**

### **1. Two tankers on fire in Singapore after collision**

Fire broke out after two tankers collided in Singapore waters today (19 July). The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said that at 6.15am local time, distress calls were received from the crew on the Hafnia Mile, a 2017-built 74,189 dwt products tanker and the Ceres I, a 2001-built very large crude carrier. The tankers are Singapore-flagged Hafnia Nile is owned by BW Group and operated by its subsidiary Hafnia Pools and The Sao Tome & Principe-flagged Ceres I. All 22 seafarers on Hafnia Nile were rescued and their family have been informed and are being regularly updated on the situation. Two of the seafarers have suffered minor injuries while the remaining 20 crewmen are understood to be in good condition.

Source: <https://container-news.com/> 19-07-2024

### **2. Lines pour capacity into mainline container trades to meet demand**

A surge in demand on the major container trade lanes has seen tonnage redeployed from secondary routes, which in turn will see higher freight rates as a result. Xeneta is warning shippers to expect a capacity shortfall in these secondary services where capacity has been redeployed to mainline trades, which will ultimately push up rates. Global container volumes topped 74 million teu in the first five months of this year, overhauling the 2021 record by 150,000 teu as Chinese exports boomed and shippers front loaded their orders. This surge in demand has encouraged liner shipping companies to shift capacity from less lucrative services on to the high yield trades, and that will eventually have a knock-on effect on freight rates. Xeneta figures, sourced from Container Trade Statistics, also show a 5.2 million teu increase compared to volumes seen from January to May 2023, with this year's May volumes alone topping 15.9 million teu.

Source: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/> 16-07-2024.

### **3. Fire breaks out on Maersk container ship, one crew member missing**

A fire has broken out on the container ship *Maersk Frankfurt* near the Karwar region of Karnataka, India. The fire was reported around 2:30 p.m. local time on Friday, 19 July. According to local media, a fire caused by a short circuit led to explosions and the missing of a Filipino seaman. The *Maersk Frankfurt*'s crew has 21 members: 17 Filipinos, two Ukrainians, one Russian, and one Montenegrin. The ship is located approximately 102 nautical miles southwest of Goa. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) continues its strong response to the fire on board the MV *Maersk Frankfurt*, now entering its third day. On Sunday, ICG reported on X that while the fire in the forepart has been suppressed, heavy smoke remains and the fire has reignited midship. The ICG ships *Sachet*, *Sujeet*, and *Samrat* are continuing fire-fighting operations.

Source <https://www.worldcargonews.com/> 21-07-2024.

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### **4. DP World and Evyapport merge Turkish terminals**

DP World and Evyap Group have completed the merger of DP World's Yarimca terminal with the neighbouring Evyapport terminal, in the port of Izmit. DP World and Evyap Group have completed the merger of DP World's Yarimca terminal with the neighbouring Evyapport terminal, in the port of Izmit. The terminal have will have combined 2,088 metres of berthing space and will allow more than one ultra-large container vessel simultaneously at both terminals. Total annual container handling capacity will also exceed 2 million teu, and the integrated operation expands to include project and heavy lift cargo services.

Source <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/> 21-07-2024.

### **5. ILA President warns of October strike at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports**

The leader of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) said the threat of a strike at all Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports is becoming more likely as time is growing short before the current contract expires in 80 days, on 30 September 2024. Harold J. Daggett, ILA President and the union's Chief Negotiator, said that the employers represented by United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) are running out of time to negotiate a new Master Contract agreement and avoid and coastwide strike on 1 October 2024. "Only 80 days remain before the end of our current contract and we are waiting on USMX," said ILA President Daggett. "The actions of violating our current Master Contract by some of their members caused us to cancel scheduled negotiations with USMX in early June."

Source: <https://www.porttechnology.org/> 16-07-2024

### **6. Global IT outage hits air cargo operations**

Air cargo operations have been impacted by the IT disruption that has seen computer systems malfunction at airlines and airports worldwide. The disruption is understood to have been caused by a Microsoft IT outage triggered by a software update from cyber security company CrowdStrike. In Europe, cargo hub Amsterdam Airport Schiphol confirmed it has been affected by the IT issues. The airport posted an update its website that stated: "There is currently a global computer failure. This disruption also has an impact on flights to and from Schiphol." The airport did not specify which flights have been affected. Lufthansa Cargo said on its website that cargo handling operations are impacted, including at Frankfurt and Munich airports.

Source: <https://www.aircargonews.net/> 19-07-2024