# AAPA Shifting Trade Patterns An Ocean (Container) Carrier's Perspective







# Today's Agenda

✓ Review the present

✓ Take a look back at proved to be a pretty good year by..... container shipping standards

✓ Speculate on where we may be headed





# **The Container Shipping Industry Today**

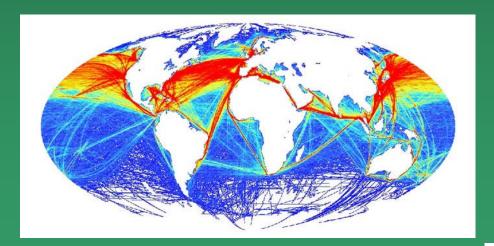






### The Global Container Shipping Industry Today

- Roughly 400 companies
- Operating 5,000+ ships (fully cellular) & 18+M TEUs of capacity
- Concentration: 16 of the top 20 lines belong to a consortia
- Profitably investing in capacity and delivering reliable service remains a daunting challenge
- The 20,000 TEU barrier has been cracked—reportedly!







### How did we get here?







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# The Container Shipping Industry: A look back at 2014

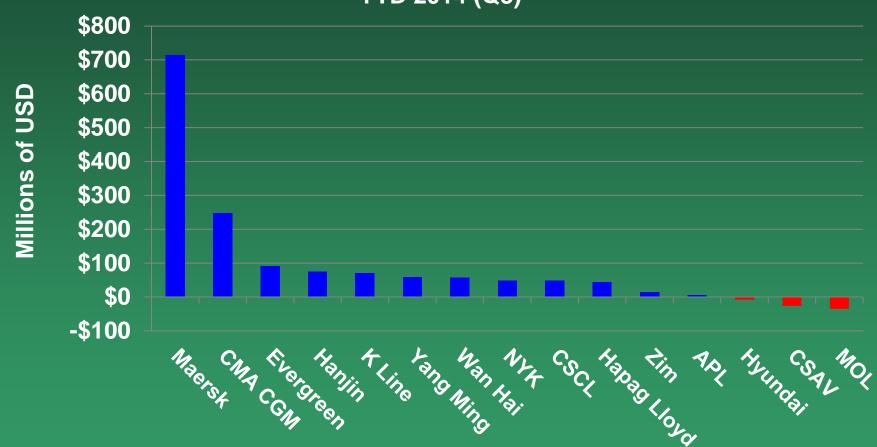






# Fuel cost reductions alone should drive the industry to full year profitability

Global Container Industry Net Profit/Loss by Carrier YTD 2014 (Q3)







# 2014 was a year of significant developments

- √ Cheap fuel
- √ The gray ship
- ✓ A new regulatory voice
- ✓ Hapag-CSAV transaction
- ✓ Big ships-a potential downside





## **Cheap Fuel: a windfall**



#### Context

- A 49% decline in one year although the full benefits have not been realized
- Offset higher operating costs & low sulfur fuel premiums
- Today's prices approximate 2005





# The gray ship was an innovative concept that could have transformed the industry

#### The Gray Ship

- Concept similar to the 1960s-1970s Latin American pooling agreements
- P3 significantly improved upon it by focusing on capacity
- Third party operator and mandated cost recovery addressed the industry's chronic challenge





# A new regulatory voice derailed the gray ship concept

P3 Regulatory Math



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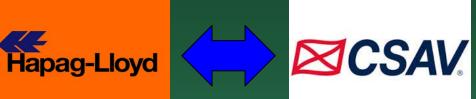




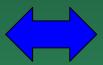
#### 2014 Transactions: is it a trend?











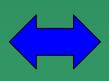


















## Big ships---potential waterside.....



- 7,400 ship moves with six cranes @ 35 mph =:
- Minimum 35 working hours
- About 40 berth occupancy hours



### & ..... landside downsides



#### 7,400 ship moves with a 40% intermodal split =:

- About 8-10,000 TEU storage slots (30-37 medium density RTG storage acres)
- 14-15 DSTs (20 cars each)
- 5,700-5,800 gates moves @ 1.3:1.0





# The Container Shipping Industry A look ahead to 2016 and .....







# One thing will never change: The global profitability equation

## System scale economies

- + Increased Efficiency
- + Higher Utilization
- + Balanced supply & demand
- = Improved profitability





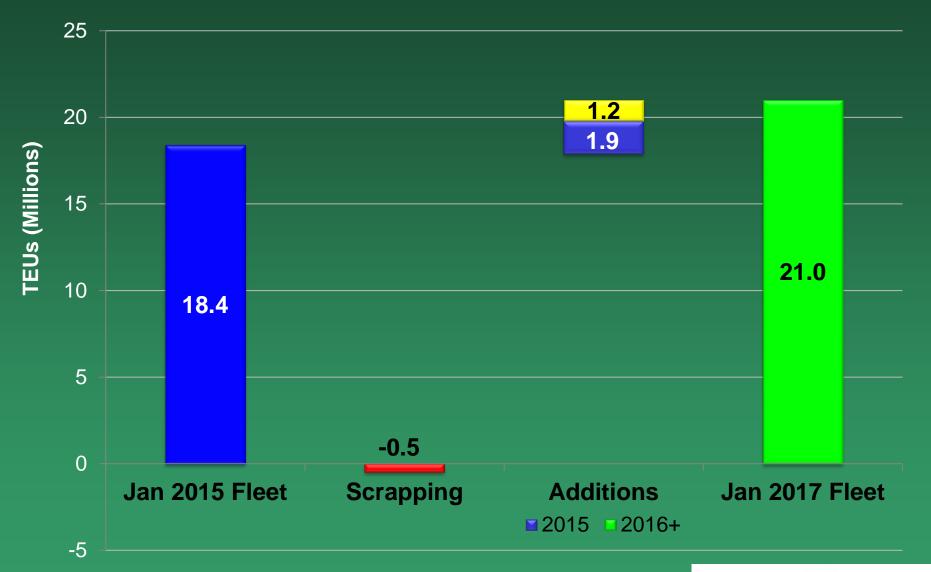
# Never make predictions, especially about the future" [Casey Stengel]

- √ The Fleet
- ✓ Networks
- ✓ Operations
- ✓ Regulation
- ✓M&A





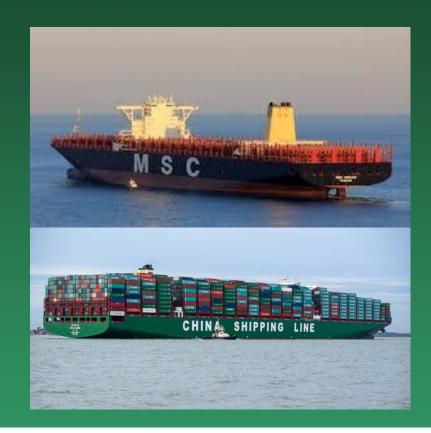
### **The Future Container Fleet**





# The 20,000 TEU ship may already be here

- Adding a tier in the hold and on deck increases a 19,000 TEU ship to 20,000+ TEUs
- Increasing the beam one row can increase capacity to 21,000+ TEUs



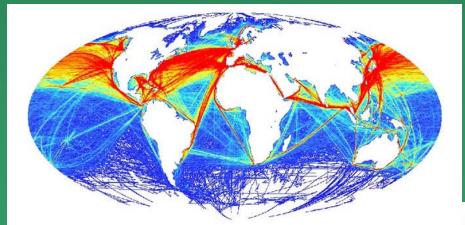
Evergreen ships would have a nominal capacity of almost 20,500 TEUs through such design adjustments while keeping the basic dimensions unchanged from an 18,000 TEU vessel





### **Hemispheric Networks**

- 2015-2016: Likely Evolutionary vs Revolutionary
- 2017: Hemispheric
  - Asia-USEC via Panama: on average a 7,500-8,000 TEU
     ship will be a big ship; potential reductions in Suez services
  - Asia-US Gulf: combination of more strings; larger ships consistent with feeders & Houston's capabilities
  - Asia-ECSA: 8,000+ westbound via Cape of Good Hope
  - Asia-WCSA: increased feeder operations

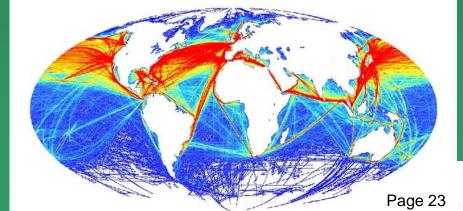






# **Operations**

- Slow steaming is likely to (should, must) continue
- Direct port calls by big ship strings will likely become more concentrated
- Hemispheric feeder operations are therefore likely to increase
  - Caribbean Basin, Central America, NCSA, WCSA (Ecuador/Colombia), intra-Brazil, US Gulf
- Terminal automation will be critical to realizing big ship scale economies







## Regulation: a wild card

- The simple math says: As concentration tightens supply, regulatory scrutiny will increase
- The political wild card is the unknown
- What if:
  - COSCO/CSCL merge?
  - CKHYE/Ocean Three become the W8-9?
  - The Japanese Lines consolidate under a government supported initiative?



Former FMC Chairman Lidinsky (2014) called for and both the China Ministry of Transport and the EU Competition Directorate enthusiastically supported his call for a second global summit on the impact of super alliances and the challenges they pose to regulators

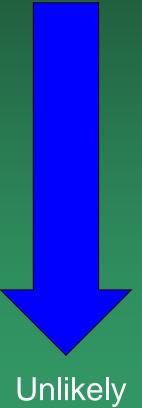


# M&A: valuations, ROIs and regulators are the barriers

- ✓ The big continue to swallow the niche & regional?
- ✓ Independents (non-aligned): merge or are acquired
- ✓ Consortia increasingly cooperate
- ✓ Japanese & or Korean lines consolidate
- ✓ A major (two top 10s) transaction

#### **PROBABILITY**

Plausible









# Today's Agenda in review

thought

Review where we are at: arguably I at least accomplished this

 Take a look back at what proved to be a pretty good year by: <u>tough to argue with</u> <u>unsubstantiated facts</u>

 Speculate on where we may be headed: hopefully kept most everyone awake and maybe even provoked some

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# Thank You



