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Moderate (3%) GDP growth in 2011 on sluggish US recovery, 2012 outlook is similar.

Source: BSI analysis of EIU data
Notes: Nominal GDP, on a purchasing power parity basis.
Imports surged (15%, by value), exceeding 2008 levels; a weak dollar boosted exports even more.

Source: BSI analysis of EIU data
Notes: Imports on CIF, exports on FOB basis
Overall container volume rose by about 7%; volume continued to shift to the East Coast.

Source: BSI Analysis
Carriers are adding E-Types, but also laying up, slow steaming, and canceling orders.

Factors Affecting Effective Fleet Size

- Active Fleet Today
- New Vessels
- Slow Steaming
- Laying Up
- Order Cancellations
- Effective Capacity - 2013-2015

Source: BSI Analysis
Rates slid on overcapacity, but carriers propped them up to mitigate losses.

Source: BSI Analysis of JOC data
Fuel costs have swung; bunker adjustments dampen some noise, but both will rise in 2012.

Composite Fuel Price (Quarterly)

Bunker Fuel Price (Daily)*

Source: Bloomberg; Weighted Average 380cST Bunker Fuel Price (BUNKI380:IND)
Wait to negotiate; index contracts to minimize risk. Think strategically.

Source: BSI Analysis of data from Alphaliner