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### **The Changing Tide of U.S.-International Container Trade: Differences among the U.S. Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Coasts**

Friday, January 6, 2012 - The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today released a Special Report, *The Changing Tide of U.S.-International Container Trade*, examining historical U.S. maritime trends, changes in U.S. trading partners, and current U.S. marine trade patterns. The report also compares container vessel calls, container vessel capacity, and the average deadweight tonnage of vessels calling at seaports along the U.S. Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf Coasts. In addition, the report highlights the typical container port and terminal construction projects recently completed along the Pacific Coast. The [full report](#) may be viewed on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics's [website](#). Other BTS [special reports](#) are also available. For the latest maritime-related BTS data products, please visit the [BTS Maritime Program](#) website. Contact: Dave Smallen: 202-366-5568.

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