

2 US Coasts Vie for Dominance

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Ports along the US West Coast, such as the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, could be facing increased levels of competition after it was reported that competitors along the US East Coast (USEC), particularly New York and Jersey have seen recent volume gains, [according to the LA Times](#).

Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, said: "We have witnessed a precipitous drop in market share, based on some things we didn't do well, and ports across the US and Canada did to step up their service capabilities."

PTI previously reported that the USEC had taken over the USWC for imports, as well as for market share in overall containerised goods.

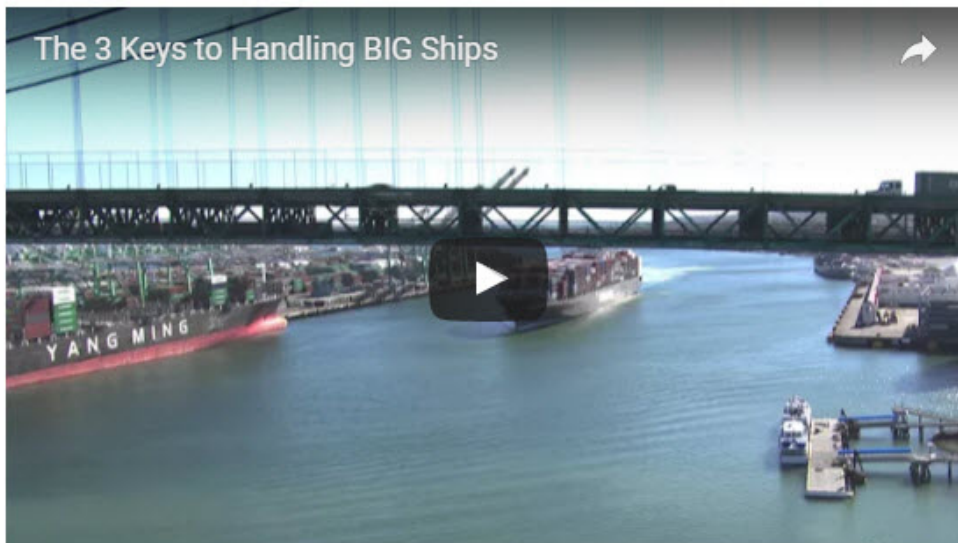
Recent data released by Datamyne has shown that containerised imports [had slumped in March, 2016](#), which could be attributable to the catch-up made by West Coast ports in March, 2015.

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It could also be symbolic of events to come if shipping lines such as CMA CGM decide to re-deploy mega-ships along the West Coast, and thus further increasing USEC development.

CMA CGM recently postponed its plan to deploy six 18,000 TEU ships to the USWC, however, with the recent trend for mega-ship handling in the region, automation could be the appropriate response for facilitating larger vessels.

Watch an exclusive video interview with Mr Seroka, in which he discusses three crucial ways ports can handle mega-ships:



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