

**Welcome to this month's update from LETH!** As the maritime industry navigates new challenges, we're here to keep you informed on the latest developments and updates.

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## BALTIC REGION SECURITY UPDATE

 Update from our analyst at [Ambrey](#)

At Ambrey, our Risk Advisory team closely monitors the Baltic risk landscape to provide our clients with valuable insights and operational recommendations.

Ambrey has not recorded any confirmed subsea infrastructure attacks in the Baltic Sea in recent months. However, the region continues to experience a heightened operational tempo driven by persistent maritime friction between NATO Baltic states and the Russian Federation.

NATO navies routinely shadow Russian research, search-and-rescue, and merchant vessels transiting the region. This activity reflects enduring concerns that certain Russian-flagged platforms—particularly “research” vessels—may be conducting reconnaissance or attempting to interfere with sensitive undersea cables and infrastructure. These concerns were reinforced by the recent discovery of a Russian listening buoy off the coast of Wales, found only weeks after the UK Navy shadowed the Russian vessel YANTAR in the same area. Similar devices have been recovered in the Baltic Sea, underscoring Russia's systematic interest in mapping European subsea vulnerabilities


**AMBREY**

The 2025 U.S. National Security Strategy signals a strategic shift, with Washington adopting a less committed, more transactional approach to European security. This departure from decades of U.S. leadership raises concerns about burden-sharing, particularly for frontline Baltic states, which remain reliant on NATO protection. Although European nations are increasing defense spending, rebuilding sufficient capability to counter Russian hybrid threats will take years.

A potential Ukraine ceasefire may free Russian military and intelligence assets, likely redirecting them toward the Baltic region. While immediate overt conflict is unlikely, Russia is expected to intensify hybrid operations, including subsea surveillance, intelligence collection, shipping pressure, influence operations, and challenges to freedom of navigation in contested waters.

NATO expansion with Finland and Sweden—turning the Baltic into a “NATO lake”—contradicts Moscow's strategic objectives and is likely to drive a more assertive Russian posture.

## Skaw Passings Update : November 15 - December 15

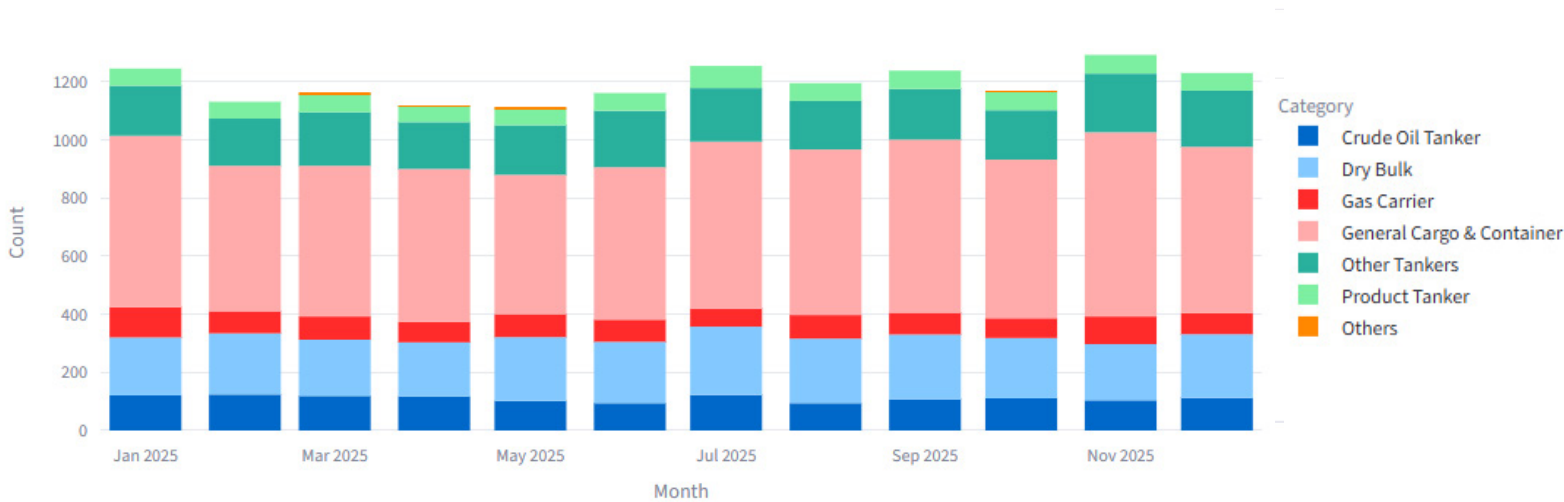
Skaw passings Per Week	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container / General Cargo	Other Tankers	Gas Carrier
Monthly Average 2025	1185	543	548	110	62	209	550	176	78
Nov 15 - Dec 15	1229 ▲	636 ▲	655 ▲	112 ▲	61 ▼	219 ▲	572 ▲	193 ▲	72 ▼

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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### Monthly Vessel Category Counts



## DanPilot Price Adjustment Announcement

New legislation has been imposed in Denmark, which will have a significant impact on the operation of all pilotage providers in Denmark.

As a direct result of this, DanPilot will now have rates that will be adjusted as of January 1st 2026, with the below overall average to meet these costs.

General rate adjustment:

Compulsory Port Pilotage: +4,3%  
 Non-compulsory Port Pilotage: +14,2%  
 Transit Pilotage: +9,0%  
 Service trips: +100%

In case of any questions regarding these changes please contact [Denmark@lethagencies.com](mailto:Denmark@lethagencies.com)

