

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](#)

Ambrey has observed a notable reduction in reported maritime security events in the Baltic Sea over the last month. In that period, no confirmed kinetic attempts were reported against Russian hydrocarbon infrastructure in the region, and no additional high-profile detentions/seizures of Russia-linked "shadow fleet" tonnage were openly reported. The principal observable event was Estonia's detention and inspection of the Bahamas-flagged container vessel BALTIC SPIRIT, which was en route from Ecuador to St Petersburg.

Estonian authorities stated the action was linked to a smuggling / counter-narcotics investigation prompted by partner intelligence; no narcotics were found, and the vessel was subsequently released to continue its voyage. While social/media speculation suggested the detention may have been used to facilitate checks for sanctions evasion / dual-use cargo, no official corroboration has been identified. This line of reporting should therefore remain unconfirmed.



Strategically, regional rhetoric and policy signaling remain elevated. On 26 Jan 2026, a coalition of Baltic and North Sea coastal states (plus Iceland) issued an open letter emphasizing compliance and safety expectations for higher-risk shipping (including vessels displaying "shadow fleet" indicators). In parallel, UK and Belgian reporting indicates increased political appetite to interdict or seize vessels assessed as stateless / fraudulently flagged, alongside plans for enhanced maritime monitoring capacity.

Despite limited "overt" enforcement actions in the last month, the trajectory suggests a rising boarding/detention risk for vessels with opaque ownership, poor documentation, AIS irregularities, or weak insurance transiting the Baltic approaches and onward routes. On sub sea infrastructure, no new publicly confirmed cable/pipeline damage incidents were reported in the period; however, official and legal developments continue to reinforce the threat narrative (e.g., ongoing scrutiny of historic undersea damage cases and persistent Finnish assessments that the risk of further incidents remains). EU has allocated over 350 million euros for the increase of submarine infrastructure security, signaling ongoing heightened threat perception.

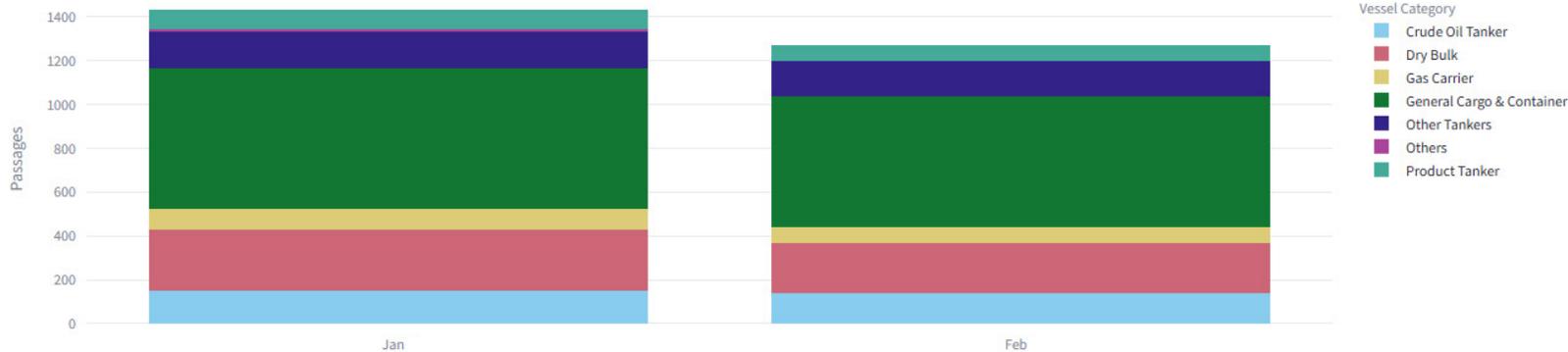


### Skaw Passings Update : Jan 15- Feb 15

Skaw passings Per Month	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container / General Cargo	Other Tankers	Gas Carrier
Monthly Average	2594	1261	1333	282	156	509	1019	382	193
Jan 15 - Feb 15	2697 ▲	1384 ▲	1313 ▼	290 ▲	159 ▲	506 ▼	1232 ▲	329 ▼	168 ▼

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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**Monthly Vessel Category Counts**


## Port Agency in Denmark

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We support a wide range of vessel segments, including oil & chemical tankers, dry bulk carriers, container vessels, RO-RO vessels, general cargo/break-bulk ships, project vessels, offshore support vessels, rigs, and special units.

Our services include bunkering, fresh water supply, slops/sludge and sewage disposal, crane hire, heavy cargo handling assistance, ship repair and conversion, dry docking, rig refurbishment, and STS operations in Skagen.

With strong local presence and operational expertise, we ensure efficient turnaround, compliance, and seamless coordination for owners, operators, and charterers throughout Denmark.

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