

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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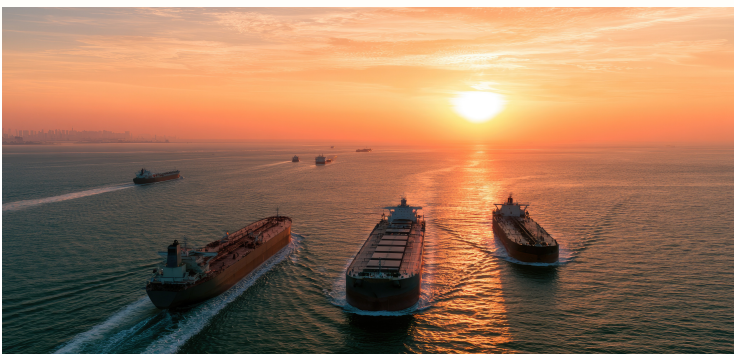
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BALTIC REGION SECURITY UPDATE

 Update from our analyst at [Ambrey](#)

Baltic Sea port activity remained largely stable through the reporting period, with attack frequency well below the pace seen in Ukraine's Black Sea campaign. The main incident was a Ukrainian UAV raid on Russia's Port of Ust-Luga on 13–14 August; regional authorities reported 54 UAVs neutralised, with unconfirmed reports of localised damage near the Novatek and EuroChem terminals. No impact to export operations was reported. A follow-up alert on 15 August (21 UAVs downed) caused no reported damage to shipping or infrastructure.

Notably, Ukraine's broader targeting has shifted toward inland refining and processing infrastructure — illustrated by the 16 July strike on the Slavneft-YANOS refinery in Yaroslavl — rather than direct strikes on Baltic export terminals such as Primorsk, Vyborg, or Ust-Luga.



Finland briefly activated a precautionary maritime exclusion zone off Kotka on 14 August in response to the nearby UAV activity, lifting it within hours once no incursion was confirmed — a useful data point for voyage planning in the eastern Gulf of Finland.

One merchant vessel sustained minor deck damage from intercepted UAV debris in the Gulf of Finland on 18 July, occurring amid a much larger Black Sea operation the same day, suggesting it was incidental rather than a targeted Baltic incident. No further vessel damage or mine incidents involving Baltic-calling vessels were recorded.

No new sanctioned or shadow fleet vessel seizures occurred this month. Ambrey continues to monitor whether rising Black Sea war risk premiums prompt a shift in trade volumes toward Baltic routes.

Skaw Passings Update : Jul 15 - Aug 15

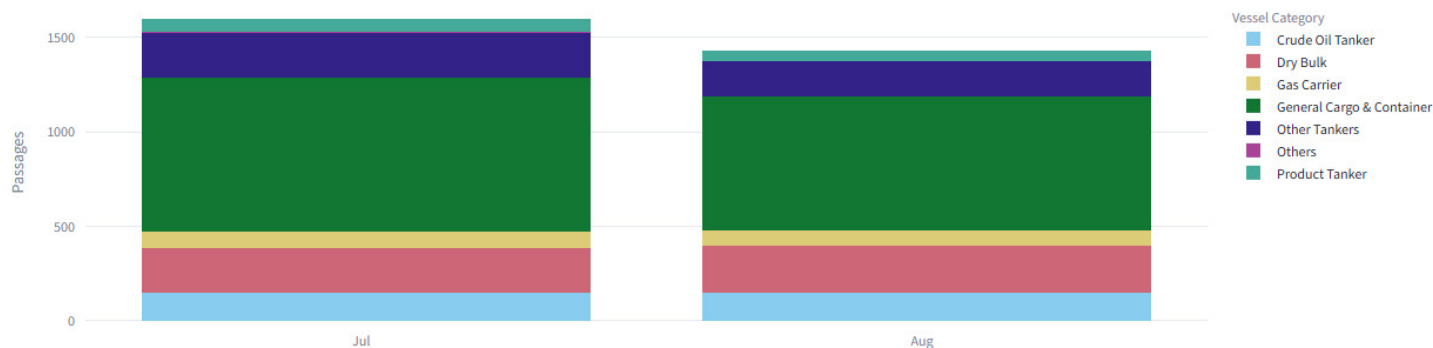
Skaw passings Per Month	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container / General Cargo	Other Tankers	Gas Carrier
Monthly Moving Average	3316	1661	1655	293	171	524	1617	508	201
Jul 15 - Aug 15	3027 ▼	1540 ▼	1487 ▼	296 ▼	128 ▼	483 ▼	1531 ▼	418 ▼	170 ▼

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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Monthly Vessel Category Counts



Leth Danish Straits expanding to Athens

We are pleased to share that Ludvig from Leth Danish Straits Copenhagen, will be relocating to Athens, taking on a new role focused on strengthening our operational support for clients in the Greek maritime industry.

Being close to our clients and understanding what matters most to them has always been central to how we work at Leth. It is why we have built a global network of offices over the years, from Copenhagen to Singapore, Dubai, Panama and Shanghai, each one grounded in local presence and direct client relationships. Ludvig's move to Athens is a natural extension of that same approach.

A significant share of vessels transiting the Danish Straits belong to Greek owners and operators. Having Ludvig based in Athens will strengthen the connection between our operations team in Denmark and our Greek clients, enabling faster communication and a better understanding of their operational needs.

"As I begin this new chapter in Greece, I look forward to connecting with people and companies across the Greek maritime community and developing strong, long-term relationships."

Should you wish to get in touch, please feel free to contact me directly by phone at +45 26 29 58 18 or by email at Ludvig@lethagencies.com."

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