

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**

Commercial shipping in the Baltic Sea continued to operate as normal over the past month, with no attacks on merchant vessels, ports or energy infrastructure reported. Authorities across the region kept up a high level of maritime surveillance, while electronic interference with navigation systems persisted in some areas, particularly off Kaliningrad and in the Gulf of Finland.

On 14 September, the Russian corvette Soobrazitelny fired two flares towards a Danish military helicopter on routine reconnaissance in international waters off Gedser. The incident was contained and had no impact on commercial traffic. Patrols continued to monitor Russian-linked vessels throughout the period, so ships carrying Russian cargo or subject to sanctions may see more inspections.

On 1 October, Russian authorities held the Cyprus-flagged cargo vessel Västerbotten for around 11 hours during a transit from Sweden to Estonia through Russian waters. The vessel was released the same day. Estonian authorities now advise ships to avoid the Russian-water section of this corridor.


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On 12 October, Swedish authorities lifted the operating ban on the tanker Sea Owl 1 after confirming its flag registration. The case is a useful reminder that complete registration, certificates and manning documentation remain the best way to ensure smooth passage.

Regional readiness was also strengthened through Finland's MARSEC EU exercise on 15–17 September, which rehearsed vessel boardings and the protection of subsea infrastructure. On 12 October, the Swedish Maritime Administration issued a NAVTEX warning about GNSS, AIS, radar and DGPS disturbances in the Gulf of Finland, the Gulf of Riga, the Åland Sea and waters off Kaliningrad. Mariners are advised to stay alert and be ready to use non-GNSS navigation methods.

Overall, the risk to commercial shipping remains low, and traffic through the Baltic and Danish Straits continues to flow. Ambrey continues to monitor developments closely.

Skaw Passings Update : Sep 15- Oct 15

Skaw passings Per Month	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container / General Cargo	Other Tankers	Gas Carrier
Monthly Moving Average	3321	1587	1734	315	115	596	1638	433	220
Sep 15- Oct 15	3032 ▼	1500 ▼	1532 ▼	273 ▼	91 ▼	693 ▲	1382 ▼	397 ▼	196 ▼

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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A Day at Sea with L&N in Skagen

This month, our two new interns, Oliver and Therese, travelled to Skagen to visit L&N, the Skagen-based launch company we work closely with. The aim was to see first-hand how deliveries and crew changes are carried out in practice at one of the busiest maritime crossroads in Northern Europe.

Oliver and Therese joined two trips aboard L&N's supply barges, L&N Seaman and L&N Odin. The hands-on experience gave them valuable insight into the skill and precision needed to work alongside vessels passing Skaw, and an appreciation of how demanding these operations can become when the weather turns.

At Leth Danish Straits, we place great value on our strong relationship with L&N and look forward to many more years of close cooperation. We also believe our team should understand how the operations they coordinate every day actually take place on the water. Seeing the work up close builds perspective and respect, and makes for smoother cooperation and better service for our customers.

The trip also offered plenty of local character, from Skagen's charm and cuisine to surprisingly fine weather for October in Denmark. Oliver and Therese are now back at our Copenhagen office with fresh perspectives to take forward as they develop as shipping agents in the Danish Straits.

Some words from Oliver about the experience:

"It's been a great experience to see how our daily bookings, crew changes, and deliveries work in practice, and how weather conditions can affect operations."

- Oliver Outtrup, Operations Intern

