

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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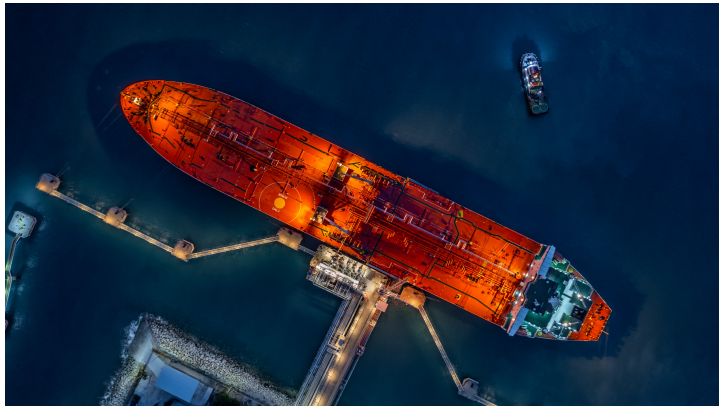
## BALTIC REGION SECURITY UPDATE

 Update from our analyst at **Ambrey**

Russian crude exports from the Baltic are facing **growing pressure from both port strikes and tighter Western enforcement**, pushing operations into a more difficult environment. While higher oil prices are helping offset some losses, Russia is unlikely to fully benefit due to increasing logistical and operational constraints.

At the same time, the risk of transporting Russian crude, especially via shadow fleets, has risen significantly, leading to changes in routing and more complex, costly operations. This is effectively shifting exports into a higher-cost, higher-risk model, making flows less efficient and harder to sustain.

For legitimate tanker operators, this creates a mixed picture. They face greater exposure to disruption, compliance scrutiny, congestion, and reputational risk, but also a potential upside. As enforcement tightens and shadow fleet operations become more constrained, **compliant vessels are emerging as the more reliable and lower-friction option, positioning them to benefit** in an increasingly tight and volatile tanker market.


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Recent UAV strikes on Russian Baltic ports mark a clear escalation, with Ukrainian long-range drones hitting Ust-Luga, Primorsk, and Vyborg within days. The attacks damaged infrastructure and a patrol vessel, and represent the first confirmed strikes on Baltic port facilities in over six months. **Commercial shipping is unlikely to be directly targeted.**

For Russian exports, **disruptions at key Baltic ports could temporarily remove up to 40 percent of capacity**, while enforcement pressure is raising the cost and complexity of shadow fleet operations. This is pushing exports into a higher-cost and less efficient system, limiting Russia's ability to fully benefit from higher oil prices.

Shadow fleet activity is adapting through rerouting and ship-to-ship transfers, but at rising cost and reduced efficiency. For legitimate operators, congestion, compliance scrutiny, and reputational risk are increasing, but **tighter supply conditions are also supporting stronger freight rates for compliant tonnage.**

### Skaw Passings Update : Mar 15 - Apr 15

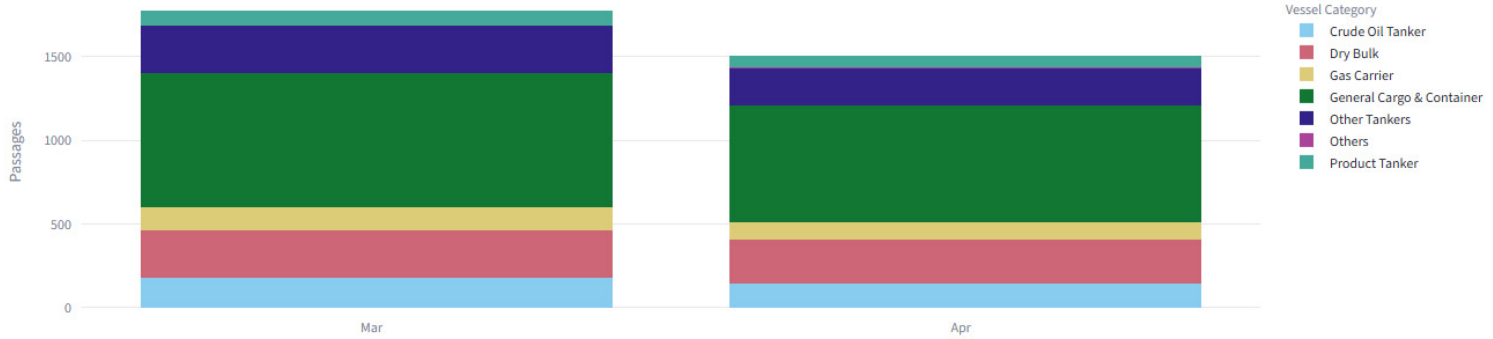
Skaw passings Per Month	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container / General Cargo	Other Tankers	Gas Carrier
Monthly Average	2582	1261	1321	256	144	404	1181	443	153
Mar 15 - Apr 15	3275 ▲	1641 ▲	1634 ▲	323 ▲	153 ▲	548 ▲	1505 ▲	510 ▲	234 ▲

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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Monthly Vessel Category Counts



## Port Call Services In Denmark

As Leth Danish Straits continues to expand its port call services across key ports in Denmark, strengthening support for vessel operations in the region, activity is steadily increasing in major hubs including Copenhagen, Aarhus, Esbjerg, and Aalborg, where we are on a consistent basis assisting our clients and ensuring all their needs are met during their port calls.

We are seeing a growing number of port calls across the country, reflecting increased demand for reliable and responsive local support. In parallel, we continue to assist clients with a wide range of operational requirements, ensuring smooth coordination with local stakeholders and efficient handling of port-related formalities.

This ongoing expansion allows us to further strengthen our presence in the Danish market and maintain a high level of service consistency, even as call volumes increase and operational complexity evolves

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