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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 not observed any further Ukrainian attacks against Baltic Sea ports. The overall security environment in the region therefore **remains stable**, although several developments indicate a gradual tightening of enforcement and infrastructure protection measures. Most notably, the **European Union has allocated nearly EUR 500 million to strengthen the protection of subsea infrastructure across the Baltic Sea** and the North Atlantic region. The funding will support the establishment of several monitoring and coordination centers intended to create a more integrated regional approach to subsea infrastructure security.

At the same time, several **Baltic Sea states have publicly stated that they are prepared to detain vessels transiting their waters** if they are operating stateless or without proper documentation. In practice, however, enforcement actions have so far been limited. One notable case occurred when Sweden detained a tanker transiting Swedish waters.

The vessel was **not listed under EU sanctions** but appeared on the **Ukrainian sanctions list.** Swedish authorities stated that the detention was carried out because the vessel was considered stateless while transiting Swedish waters. At the time of writing, the vessel remains under Swedish jurisdiction and the captain is likely to face legal proceedings in the Swedish court system.

There is a growing body of evidence that indicates that Russian authorities have increasingly deployed military intelligence personnel, including individuals linked to the GRU and former Wagner Group operatives, on board some sanctioned tankers calling at Russian Baltic Sea ports.

The presence of such personnel suggests that Russia is systematically using these vessels as intelligence-gathering platforms. By observing enforcement practices across different jurisdictions, Russia may be attempting to identify gaps in regulatory frameworks, operational procedures, and maritime enforcement capabilities as the vessels transit through European waters. The likelihood of a stateless vessel detention in Black Sea by the Turkish authorities is very low.

Overall, the situation in the Baltic Sea remains stable.
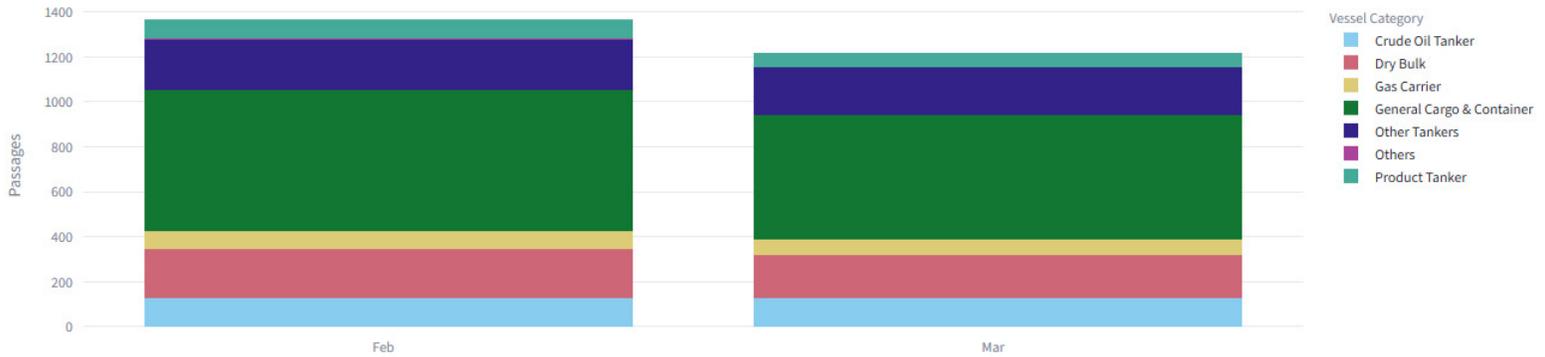
Skaw Passings Update : Feb 15 - Mar 15

Skaw passings Per Month	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container / General Cargo	Other Tankers	Gas Carrier
Monthly Average	2539	1233	1307	258	154	427	1179	372	149
Feb 15 - Mar 15	2582 ▲	1261 ▲	1321 ▲	256 ▼	144 ▼	404 ▼	1181 ▲	443 ▲	153 ▲

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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Monthly Vessel Category Counts

Vessel Category
- Crude Oil Tanker
- Dry Bulk
- Gas Carrier
- General Cargo & Container
- Other Tankers
- Others
- Product Tanker

Rechto Cup in Aalborg

We are pleased to share that our team will be attending the Rechto Cup this year. The event brings together professionals from across the shipping industry for a day of networking, collaboration, and friendly competition. It is always a great opportunity to connect with partners, colleagues, and new faces from across the maritime community.

Members of our team will be present throughout the event and are very much looking forward to the conversations and connections that make gatherings like this so valuable for our industry. Events such as the Rechto Cup provide a relaxed setting to strengthen relationships and exchange ideas with others who share a passion for shipping and logistics.

If you are also attending, we would be delighted to see you there. Please feel free to stop by, say hello, and take the opportunity to catch up with our team.

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