

Welcome to this months update from Leth Danish Straits ! 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 [Guardian](#)

At Guardian, our Risk Advisory team closely monitors the Baltic risk landscape to provide our clients with valuable insights and operational recommendations.

Following the Russian 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the hybrid confrontation between Russian actors and NATO states in the Baltic region has appreciably increased.

EU officials openly talk about hybrid warfare, as incidents attributed to Russia span multiple domains.

On 10 September, around twenty drones violated Polish airspace, resulting in NATO jets downing four. On September 19, three MiG-31s entered Estonian airspace, prompting NATO to scramble jets to escort the Russian aircraft out. Between 22 and 28 September, several UAVs were spotted above Danish and Norwegian airports and military facilities. While these were not downed nor definitively attributed to Russia, they were deemed to be flown by "capable actors", according to the Danish Police. While it is unknown where they departed from, evidence suggests that they might have departed from ships part of the Russian shadow fleet. This unofficial fleet of an estimated 300 vessels is composed of ageing ships that Russia uses to traffic commodities, mostly oil, effectively circumventing sanctions. These ships have also been linked to acts of sabotage and espionage in recent years. Shadow ships are often uninsured, operate beyond their lifespan, rely on AIS spoofing and engage in STS cargo transfer, increasing the likelihood of safety and environmental incidents.



NATO responded with Eastern Sentry, marking an increase in its deterrence and defence capabilities on the Eastern front, which adds to Baltic Sentry, a similar response launched in January but focused on the maritime domain. The EU instead proposed a drone wall solution, featuring drone tracking and jamming capabilities.

Russia treads on strategic ambiguity, taking advantage of the Western caution to escalate.

Maintaining situational awareness, ensuring resilience of navigation systems and communication, and coordinating with local authorities, on top of appropriate due diligence and tailored risk assessment, are critical for effectively mitigating potential disruptions.

Skaw Passings Update : September 15 - October 15

Skaw passings Per Week	Total	Northbound	Southbound	Crude Tanker	Product Tanker	Dry Bulk	Container	Gen Cargo/ MPP
Monthly Average 2025	2647	1324	1323	294	167	541	1226	418
Sep 15 - Oct 15	▼ 2420	▼ 1190	▼ 1230	▼ 291	▼ 134	▼ 504	▼ 1148	▼ 343

Source: Lloyds AIS, Observed Data

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Skagen Port Service Update

Warehouse located in Skagen:

Through our collaboration with Skagen Port Service, we are now able to provide our clients at Skagen with reliable and flexible warehouse solutions. Deliveries arrive directly from suppliers to the warehouse, ensuring efficient handling of ship spares, spare parts, and provisions.

We coordinate arrival registration, truck loading, and day-rate storage to keep everything organized and running smoothly. For urgent needs, support is available during normal and after-hours to avoid unnecessary delays.

Long term storage:

We are offering long term storage of items in the warehouse, enabling suppliers, vendors, procurement teams and others, to store spares, lube oil, bunker sample kits, and any other items in bulk for long durations. Enabling our customers to save on the constant need for transport from external warehouses to Skagen. With the ability to store long term it is now possible to save money on transport and plan ahead for large volumes of deliveries to fleets.

Services we offer with SPS:

- 24/7-365 service
- Customs handling
- 650 m² bonded warehouse
- +1000 m² warehouse total
- Mooring service
- Fresh water delivery in port
- Man power
- Forklift
- Hull cleaning on request



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