

New ConTex 2026 Container Ship Time Charter Assessment Index

New ConTex 2026		1491	
05.03.26	6 mos	12 mos	24 mos
1100 TEU*	\$17.136	\$16.143	
1800 TEU	\$33.293	\$30.423	
2500 TEU*		\$34.200	\$27.450
2700 TEU		\$35.973	\$28.932
3500 TEU		\$40.555	\$34.323
4250 TEU		\$49.460	\$41.165
5700 TEU		\$60.622	\$48.828
6500 TEU		\$66.561	\$54.200

*GEARED

Legend		
↑	up	+ 2% or more
↗	steady up	from +1% to +1,9%
→	steady	+/- 1%
↘	steady down	from -1% to -1,9%
↓	down	- 2% or less

New ConTex-Commentary - issued:	05.03.26
<p>Am I excited to be the 'Chosen-One' to write this weeks commentary?...no,not really...too many parameters have been changed by the events in the Middle East this week and the extend of these is not fully visible as of yet, as events keep unraveling. Given the background of vessels being stuck in the Gulf, Bunker prices rising swiftly, insurances getting cancelled, Liner Operators (again) rerouting services going through the Red Sea, the New Context showed an almost ignorant reaction to this weeks events. The Index dropping by 2 points, a movement which we classify as steady, which is mirrored in all the different vessel classes, does not really represent the chatter in the background which would suggest that we will see another rise in Charter rates. Whilst appreciating the minimal correlation between box freight and charter rates, we should note that the SCFI has moved up 156,08 points or 12% during this week. We would support the view that in the short terms charter rates will move further upwards, do however, should this be a longer situation, see dark clouds on the horizon, given the inflationary effects that some of the current events have. In deed the tenor of the last few months, given the lack of available open positions, does still apply but at some point the increases in for example and mainly energy costs will have an effect on consumer behaviour eventually. At the same time activity in the Newbuilding market is steaming on as only very few 2028 berths are available and 2029 slots are disappearing fast. We defintely are living in interesting times...stay safe everybody.</p>	

New ConTex 2026 Development											
Vessel type	Evaluated Period	Today	Week-on-Week		Month-on-Month		Year-on-Year				
		05.03.26	26.02.26	Change	Change	03.02.26	Change	Change	06.03.25	Change	Change
New ConTex 2026		1491	1489	2	⇒ 0,1%	1491	0	⇒ 0,0%	1428	63	↑ 4,4%
1100 TEU	6 mos	\$17.136	\$17.064	\$72	⇒ 0,4%	\$17.136	\$0	⇒ 0,0%	\$15.405	\$1.731	↑ 11,2%
	12 mos	\$16.143	\$15.948	\$195	↗ 1,2%	\$15.957	\$186	↗ 1,2%	\$14.541	\$1.602	↑ 11,0%
1800 TEU	6 mos	\$33.293	\$33.273	\$20	⇒ 0,1%	\$33.505	-\$212	⇒ -0,6%	\$30.500	\$2.793	↑ 9,2%
	12 mos	\$30.423	\$30.482	-\$59	⇒ -0,2%	\$30.386	\$37	⇒ 0,1%	-	-	-
2500 TEU	12 mos	\$34.200	\$34.105	\$95	⇒ 0,3%	\$33.932	\$268	⇒ 0,8%	\$31.491	\$2.709	↑ 8,6%
	24 mos	\$27.450	\$27.518	-\$68	⇒ -0,2%	\$27.693	-\$243	⇒ -0,9%	\$25.575	\$1.875	↑ 7,3%
2700 TEU	12 mos	\$35.973	\$35.786	\$187	⇒ 0,5%	\$35.684	\$289	⇒ 0,8%	\$33.666	\$2.307	↑ 6,9%
	24 mos	\$28.932	\$28.916	\$16	⇒ 0,1%	\$29.043	-\$111	⇒ -0,4%	\$27.386	\$1.546	↑ 5,6%
3500 TEU	12 mos	\$40.555	\$40.595	-\$40	⇒ -0,1%	\$40.825	-\$270	⇒ -0,7%	\$40.793	-\$238	⇒ -0,6%
	24 mos	\$34.323	\$34.255	\$68	⇒ 0,2%	\$34.345	-\$22	⇒ -0,1%	\$32.683	\$1.640	↑ 5,0%
4250 TEU	12 mos	\$49.460	\$49.575	-\$115	⇒ -0,2%	\$49.980	-\$520	⇒ -1,0%	\$52.375	-\$2.915	↓ -5,6%
	24 mos	\$41.165	\$40.770	\$395	⇒ 1,0%	\$40.630	\$535	↗ 1,3%	\$40.485	\$680	↗ 1,7%
5700 TEU	12 mos	\$60.622	\$60.478	\$144	⇒ 0,2%	\$60.622	\$0	⇒ 0,0%	\$60.522	\$100	⇒ 0,2%
	24 mos	\$48.828	\$48.983	-\$155	⇒ -0,3%	\$49.222	-\$394	⇒ -0,8%	-	-	-
6500 TEU	12 mos	\$66.561	\$66.572	-\$11	⇒ 0,0%	\$66.633	-\$72	⇒ -0,1%	\$67.783	-\$1.222	↓ -1,8%
	24 mos	\$54.200	\$54.322	-\$122	⇒ -0,2%	\$54.367	-\$167	⇒ -0,3%	-	-	-

