

New ConTex 2026 Container Ship Time Charter Assessment Index

New ConTex 2026		1502	
09.04.26	6 mos	12 mos	24 mos
1100 TEU*	\$17.273	\$16.305	
1800 TEU	\$33.734	\$30.907	
2500 TEU*		\$34.000	\$27.386
2700 TEU		\$35.843	\$28.682
3500 TEU		\$41.623	\$35.295
4250 TEU		\$49.395	\$41.788
5700 TEU		\$61.261	\$48.825
6500 TEU		\$67.433	\$54.608

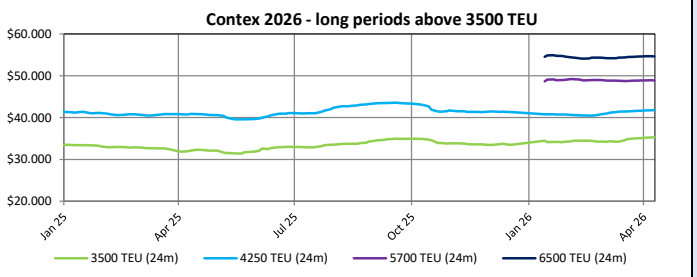
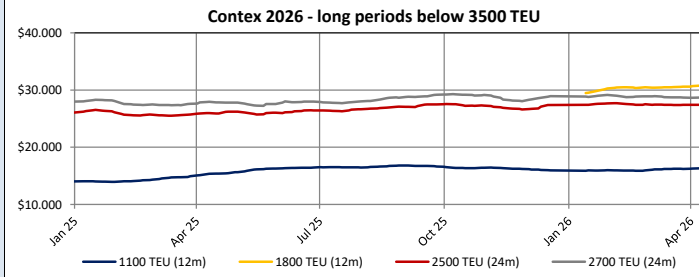
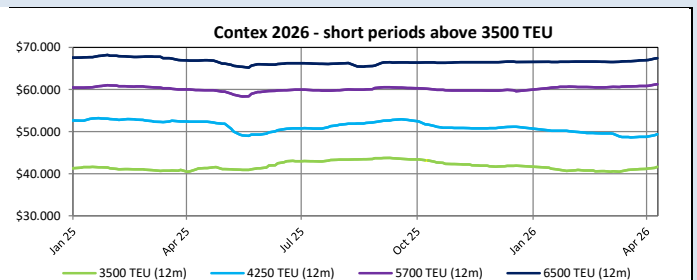
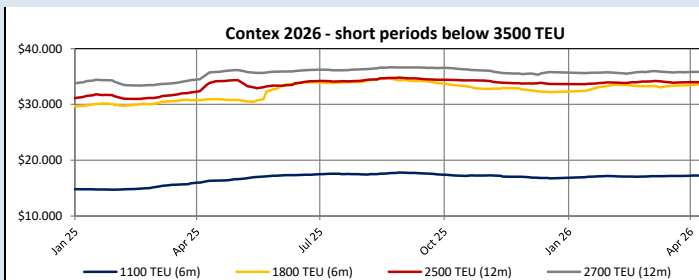
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Legend		
↑	up	+ 2% or more
↗	steady up	from +1% to +1,9%
→	steady	+/- 1%
↘	steady down	from -1% to -1,9%
↓	down	- 2% or less

New ConTex-Commentary - issued:	09.04.26
<p>The container charter market continues its slow, but steady upward movement, with the New ConTex increasing by 5 points to 1502, representing a gain of roughly 0.3% week-on-week. While not a particularly pronounced rise, it once again highlights the market's underlying resilience, with the index maintaining its firm trajectory within a relatively narrow range.</p> <p>Fixing activity remains primarily concentrated in the smaller and mid-size segments, where demand continues to exceed the limited availability of prompt tonnage. Larger vessels, on the other hand, remain scarce and accordingly see only limited visible activity. Across most size classes, Owners continue to operate from a position of strength, particularly when negotiating forward employment.</p> <p>Geopolitical developments remain a key driver. Whether the recently announced temporary ceasefire will last longer remains to be seen, and it should be considered somewhat fragile. The exact status of the Strait of Hormuz is also unclear, as is the question of whether the 'trapped' vessels will finally be able to leave the Persian Gulf. Therefore, trading patterns in the Persian Gulf area are still being affected and greater clarity and stability are required. The same applies to the Red Sea passage.</p> <p>The elevated bunker prices and broader cost pressures are increasingly weighing on liner operators. The German container shipping line Hapag-Lloyd AG, for example, estimates the additional weekly costs at USD 50–60 million. It is hard to predict how much of the higher cost base can be absorbed by higher earnings due to increasing freight rates. The only known fact is that the SCFI has increased from 1,333.11 (27/02/2026) to 1,854.96 (03/04/2026) since the start of the Iran War, i.e. a 39.1% increase.</p> <p>In summary, the New ConTex continues to reflect a market that is firm and well balanced, with a slight upward bias, while broader geopolitical developments are likely to determine the next directional move.</p>	

New ConTex 2026 Development

Vessel type	Evaluated Period	Today	Week-on-Week		Month-on-Month		Year-on-Year				
		09.04.26	02.04.26	Change	Change	10.03.26	Change	Change	10.04.25	Change	Change
New ConTex 2026		1502	1497	5	⇒ 0,3%	1488	14	⇒ 0,9%	1480	22	↗ 1,5%
1100 TEU	6 mos	\$17.273	\$17.252	\$21	⇒ 0,1%	\$17.132	\$141	⇒ 0,8%	\$16.320	\$953	↗ 5,8%
	12 mos	\$16.305	\$16.275	\$30	⇒ 0,2%	\$16.143	\$162	↗ 1,0%	\$15.377	\$928	↗ 6,0%
1800 TEU	6 mos	\$33.734	\$33.523	\$211	⇒ 0,6%	\$33.041	\$693	↗ 2,1%	\$30.927	\$2.807	↗ 9,1%
	12 mos	\$30.907	\$30.698	\$209	⇒ 0,7%	\$30.464	\$443	↗ 1,5%	-	-	-
2500 TEU	12 mos	\$34.000	\$33.998	\$2	⇒ 0,0%	\$34.123	-\$123	⇒ -0,4%	\$33.855	\$145	↗ 0,4%
	24 mos	\$27.386	\$27.414	-\$28	⇒ -0,1%	\$27.445	-\$59	⇒ -0,2%	\$25.986	\$1.400	↗ 5,4%
2700 TEU	12 mos	\$35.843	\$35.818	\$25	⇒ 0,1%	\$35.884	-\$41	⇒ -0,1%	\$35.709	\$134	↗ 0,4%
	24 mos	\$28.682	\$28.664	\$18	⇒ 0,1%	\$28.855	-\$173	⇒ -0,6%	\$27.943	\$739	↗ 2,6%
3500 TEU	12 mos	\$41.623	\$41.235	\$388	⇒ 0,9%	\$40.478	\$1.145	↗ 2,8%	\$41.250	\$373	↗ 0,9%
	24 mos	\$35.295	\$35.183	\$112	⇒ 0,3%	\$34.245	\$1.050	↗ 3,1%	\$32.100	\$3.195	↗ 10,0%
4250 TEU	12 mos	\$49.395	\$48.845	\$550	↗ 1,1%	\$48.845	\$550	↗ 1,1%	\$52.340	-\$2.945	↘ -5,6%
	24 mos	\$41.788	\$41.725	\$63	↗ 0,2%	\$41.313	\$475	↗ 1,1%	\$40.872	\$916	↗ 2,2%
5700 TEU	12 mos	\$61.261	\$60.894	\$367	↗ 0,6%	\$60.617	\$644	↗ 1,1%	\$59.872	\$1.389	↗ 2,3%
	24 mos	\$48.825	\$48.908	-\$83	⇒ -0,2%	\$48.839	-\$14	⇒ 0,0%	-	-	-
6500 TEU	12 mos	\$67.433	\$67.039	\$394	↗ 0,6%	\$66.567	\$866	↗ 1,3%	\$66.872	\$561	↗ 0,8%
	24 mos	\$54.608	\$54.683	-\$75	⇒ -0,1%	\$54.206	\$402	↗ 0,7%	-	-	-



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