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New ConTex 2026
Container Ship Time Charter Assessment Index

New ConTex 2026		1622	
20/08/26	6 mos	12 mos	24 mos
1100 TEU*	$18.184	$17.218	
1800 TEU	$36.848	$33.811	
2500 TEU*		$36.636	$28.332
2700 TEU		$39.330	$30.898
3500 TEU		$44.053	$37.060
4250 TEU		$58.595	$44.825
5700 TEU		$65.164	$51.406
6500 TEU		$71.083	$56.556

*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: 21/08/26

The container charter market continued its positive trend last week. The New ConTex rose from 1,615 to 1,622 points, or by 0.4%, reaching its highest level since October 2022. Market sentiment thus remains fundamentally strong, even though the momentum in the overall index remains moderate.The strengthening was once again particularly pronounced in the feeder and midrange segments. For 1,100-TEU vessels, 6-month rates rose by 0.9%, while 1,800-TEU rates increased by 1.1%. The 2,500- and 2,700-TEU classes also performed above average in the short-haul segment, rising by 1.2% and 1.4%, respectively. This continues to reflect strong demand for modern, flexible vessels in the traditional feeder/sub-Panamax segment. The positive trend also continued in the 3,500-TEU segment, albeit at a slower pace. It is noteworthy that shorter charter periods, particularly for smaller vessels, continue to grow more strongly than longer-term periods. This points to a market in which the short-term tonnage shortage is currently priced in more heavily than a correspondingly high long-term rate base. A slightly different picture emerges for 4,250-TEU vessels. Here, both charter period segments declined marginally. For Post-Panamax vessels the market remained in a sideways trend. The charter market remains firm, and the underlying trend is still upward. Recent developments, however, point less toward a broad-based rate boom than toward a further tightening of available tonnage.

New ConTex 2026 Development

Vessel type	Evaluated Period	Today	Week-on-Week			Month-on-Month			Year-on-Year		
		20/08/26	13/08/26	Change	Change	21/07/26	Change	Change	21/08/25	Change	Change
New ConTex 2026		**1622**	1615	7	→ 0,4%	1588	34	↑ 2,1%	1545	77	↑ 5,0%
1100 TEU	6 mos	**$18.184**	$18.025	$159	→ 0,9%	$17.959	$225	↗ 1,3%	$17.682	$502	↑ 2,8%
	12 mos	**$17.218**	$17.073	$145	→ 0,8%	$17.068	$150	→ 0,9%	$16.727	$491	↑ 2,9%
1800 TEU	6 mos	**$36.848**	$36.439	$409	↗ 1,1%	$35.575	$1.273	↑ 3,6%	$34.670	$2.178	↑ 6,3%
	12 mos	**$33.811**	$33.527	$284	→ 0,8%	$32.873	$938	↑ 2,9%	-	-	-
2500 TEU	12 mos	**$36.636**	$36.184	$452	↗ 1,2%	$35.068	$1.568	↑ 4,5%	$34.750	$1.886	↑ 5,4%
	24 mos	**$28.332**	$28.000	$332	↗ 1,2%	$27.741	$591	↑ 2,1%	$26.973	$1.359	↑ 5,0%
2700 TEU	12 mos	**$39.330**	$38.770	$560	↗ 1,4%	$37.341	$1.989	↑ 5,3%	$36.664	$2.666	↑ 7,3%
	24 mos	**$30.898**	$30.548	$350	↗ 1,1%	$29.782	$1.116	↑ 3,7%	$28.652	$2.246	↑ 7,8%
3500 TEU	12 mos	**$44.053**	$43.835	$218	→ 0,5%	$43.329	$724	↗ 1,7%	$43.440	$613	↗ 1,4%
	24 mos	**$37.060**	$36.858	$202	→ 0,5%	$36.533	$527	↗ 1,4%	$33.903	$3.157	↑ 9,3%
4250 TEU	12 mos	**$58.595**	$58.660	-$65	→ -0,1%	$57.220	$1.375	↑ 2,4%	$52.055	$6.540	↑ 12,6%
	24 mos	**$44.825**	$45.300	-$475	↘ -1,0%	$44.078	$747	↗ 1,7%	$43.060	$1.765	↑ 4,1%
5700 TEU	12 mos	**$65.164**	$65.161	$3	→ 0,0%	$64.672	$492	→ 0,8%	$60.000	$5.164	↑ 8,6%
	24 mos	**$51.406**	$51.394	$12	→ 0,0%	$50.806	$600	↗ 1,2%	-	-	-
6500 TEU	12 mos	**$71.083**	$71.083	$0	→ 0,0%	$70.911	$172	→ 0,2%	$65.517	$5.566	↑ 8,5%
	24 mos	**$56.556**	$56.556	$0	→ 0,0%	$56.558	-$2	→ 0,0%	-	-	-







