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New ConTex 2026
Container Ship Time Charter Assessment Index

New ConTex 2026		1629	
27.08.26	6 mos	12 mos	24 mos
1100 TEU*	$18.223	$17.245	
1800 TEU	$36.943	$33.877	
2500 TEU*		$37.227	$28.714
2700 TEU		$40.052	$31.307
3500 TEU		$44.415	$37.153
4250 TEU		$58.825	$44.625
5700 TEU		$65.175	$51.414
6500 TEU		$71.094	$56.561

*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: 27.08.26

The New ConTex continues its upward trend, gaining another 7 points this week and reaching 1,629 points, an increase of 0.4% week-on-week and bringing the index to its highest level since October 2022.

Fixing activity remains somewhat limited, which is not surprising given that the holiday season is not yet over, but is also surely caused by the extremely tight supply situation, with 2026 almost sold out in various segments.

Charterers are looking further ahead to secure suitable tonnage in 2027, as some segments are already showing signs of limited availability.

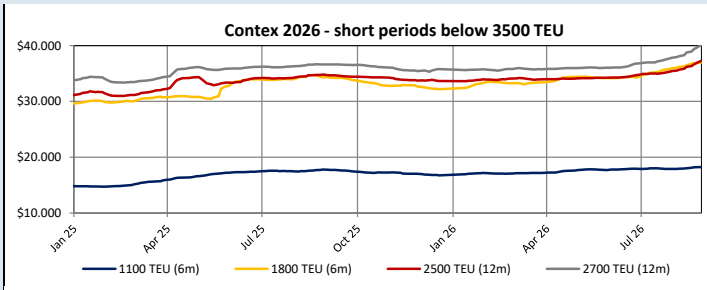
Part of the global container market is still affected by the Street of Hormuz closure and therefore various capacity remains stuck in the Persian Gulf. The Red Sea diversion also still in place with the exception of a marginal amount of vessels passing through from some of the big liner companies. Another big factor of disruption right now is the very high levels of port congestion, with more than 4 million TEU currently tied up in various ports worldwide. This figure exceeds levels seen during the pandemic.

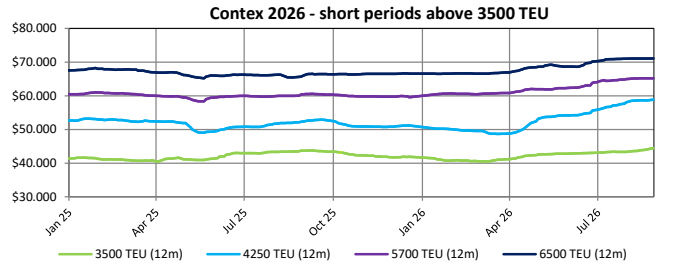
These factors have also had a very positive effect on liner companies with container freight levels constantly increasing in recent months. For example, the SCFI increased from 1.333,11 on 27.02.2026 (just before the Iran war started) to 3.409,63 on 21.08.2026. The subsequent good earnings of various liner companies can be seen in their latest published reports.

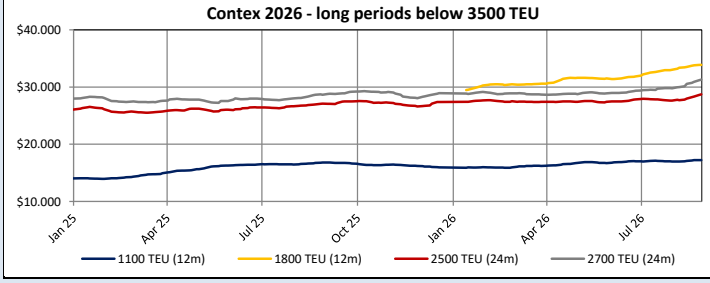
No significant changes are expected in the near future due to the combination of limited tonnage availability, strong demand, geopolitical issues and ongoing operational inefficiencies.

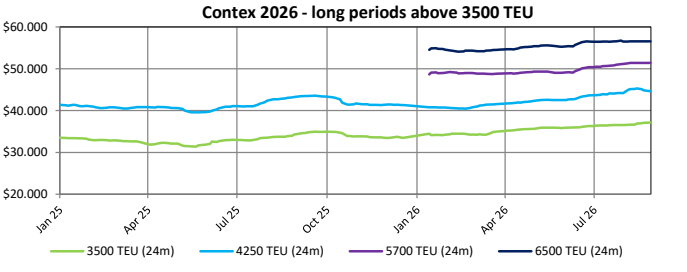
New ConTex 2026 Development

Vessel type	Evaluated Period	Today 27.08.26	Week-on-Week 20.08.26	Change	Change	Month-on-Month 28.07.26	Change	Change	Year-on-Year 28.08.25	Change	Change
New ConTex 2026		**1629**	1622	7	0,4%	1593	36	2,3%	1548	81	5,2%
1100 TEU	6 mos	**$18.223**	$18.184	$39	0,2%	$17.893	$330	1,8%	$17.783	$440	2,5%
	12 mos	**$17.245**	$17.218	$27	0,2%	$17.002	$243	1,4%	$16.823	$422	2,5%
1800 TEU	6 mos	**$36.943**	$36.848	$95	0,3%	$35.802	$1.141	3,2%	$34.314	$2.629	7,7%
	12 mos	**$33.877**	$33.811	$66	0,2%	$32.939	$938	2,8%	-	-	-
2500 TEU	12 mos	**$37.227**	$36.636	$591	1,6%	$35.327	$1.900	5,4%	$34.840	$2.387	6,9%
	24 mos	**$28.714**	$28.332	$382	1,3%	$27.645	$1.069	3,9%	$27.094	$1.620	6,0%
2700 TEU	12 mos	**$40.052**	$39.330	$722	1,8%	$37.705	$2.347	6,2%	$36.642	$3.410	9,3%
	24 mos	**$31.307**	$30.898	$409	1,3%	$29.818	$1.489	5,0%	$28.651	$2.656	9,3%
3500 TEU	12 mos	**$44.415**	$44.053	$362	0,8%	$43.335	$1.080	2,5%	$43.694	$721	1,7%
	24 mos	**$37.153**	$37.060	$93	0,3%	$36.543	$610	1,7%	$34.270	$2.883	8,4%
4250 TEU	12 mos	**$58.825**	$58.595	$230	0,4%	$57.660	$1.165	2,0%	$52.268	$6.557	12,5%
	24 mos	**$44.625**	$44.825	-$200	-0,4%	$44.203	$422	1,0%	$43.255	$1.370	3,2%
5700 TEU	12 mos	**$65.175**	$65.164	$11	0,0%	$64.839	$336	0,5%	$60.356	$4.819	8,0%
	24 mos	**$51.414**	$51.406	$8	0,0%	$51.094	$320	0,6%	-	-	-
6500 TEU	12 mos	**$71.094**	$71.083	$11	0,0%	$70.989	$105	0,1%	$65.678	$5.416	8,2%
	24 mos	**$56.561**	$56.556	$5	0,0%	$56.739	-$178	-0,3%	-	-	-









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