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New ConTex 2026
Container Ship Time Charter Assessment Index

New ConTex 2026		1607	
06.08.26	6 mos	12 mos	24 mos
1100 TEU*	$17.925	$16.998	
1800 TEU	$36.193	$33.366	
2500 TEU*		$35.677	$27.700
2700 TEU		$38.123	$30.011
3500 TEU		$43.570	$36.638
4250 TEU		$58.560	$45.150
5700 TEU		$65.122	$51.389
6500 TEU		$71.078	$56.550

*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

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Charter rates continue to firm after several weeks of relative stability, with new fixtures—particularly for shorter periods—consistently establishing fresh benchmarks at progressively higher levels. The market remains supported by a limited supply of prompt tonnage across most size segments, while demand for modern, fuel-efficient vessels continues to outpace availability.

This positive momentum is also reflected in the latest New ConTex Index, which continues to indicate firm charter levels across most vessel classes, underscoring the resilience of the containership charter market despite increasing macroeconomic uncertainty.

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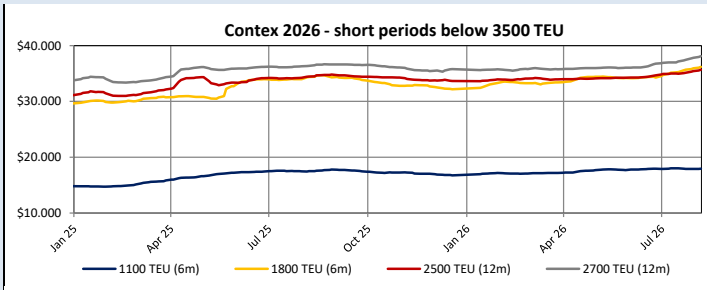
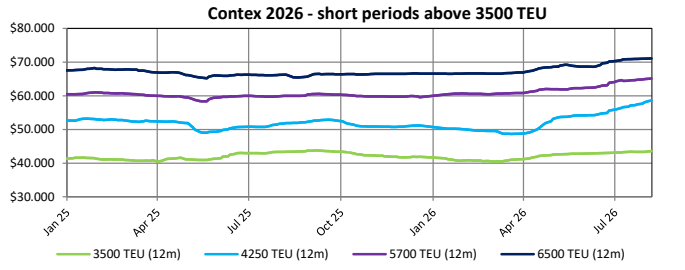
The recent softening in box freight markets, with the Shanghai Containerized Freight Index (SCFI) retreat following a twelve-weeks rally, together with ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and rising bunker prices, has so far had little impact on owners' and operators' appetite for tonnage. Carriers remain focused on securing high-quality, fuel-efficient vessels whenever opportunities arise, suggesting continued confidence in the medium-term fundamentals of the market.

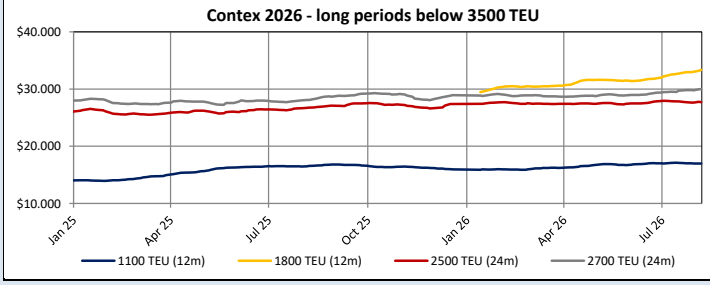
Despite the industry's awareness of the substantial containership orderbook scheduled for delivery from 2027 onwards, sentiment remains constructive. The prevailing view is that robust cargo demand—particularly on North–South trades and intra-regional services—will continue to underpin vessel employment. Many of these trades have recently recorded double-digit volume growth, providing carriers with the confidence to maintain an active chartering strategy despite the longer-term supply outlook.

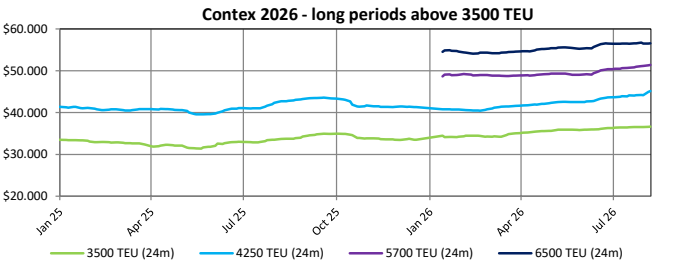
New ConTex 2026 Development

Vessel type	Evaluated Period	Today 06.08.26	Week-on-Week 30.07.26	Change	Change	Month-on-Month 07.07.26	Change	Change	Year-on-Year 07.08.25	Change	Change
New ConTex 2026		**1607**	1595	12	→ 0,8%	1576	31	↗ 2,0%	1536	71	↑ 4,6%
1100 TEU	6 mos	**$17.925**	$17.889	$36	→ 0,2%	$17.945	-$20	→ -0,1%	$17.505	$420	↑ 2,4%
	12 mos	**$16.998**	$16.984	$14	→ 0,1%	$17.043	-$45	→ -0,3%	$16.561	$437	↑ 2,6%
1800 TEU	6 mos	**$36.193**	$35.932	$261	→ 0,7%	$34.965	$1.228	↑ 3,5%	$34.400	$1.793	↑ 5,2%
	12 mos	**$33.366**	$33.025	$341	↗ 1,0%	$32.439	$927	↑ 2,9%	-	-	-
2500 TEU	12 mos	**$35.677**	$35.423	$254	→ 0,7%	$34.930	$747	↑ 2,1%	$34.448	$1.229	↑ 3,6%
	24 mos	**$27.700**	$27.625	$75	→ 0,3%	$27.903	-$203	→ -0,7%	$26.743	$957	↑ 3,6%
2700 TEU	12 mos	**$38.123**	$37.818	$305	→ 0,8%	$36.993	$1.130	↑ 3,1%	$36.377	$1.746	↑ 4,8%
	24 mos	**$30.011**	$29.789	$222	→ 0,7%	$29.514	$497	↗ 1,7%	$28.100	$1.911	↑ 6,8%
3500 TEU	12 mos	**$43.570**	$43.340	$230	→ 0,5%	$43.161	$409	→ 0,9%	$43.360	$210	→ 0,5%
	24 mos	**$36.638**	$36.558	$80	→ 0,2%	$36.433	$205	→ 0,6%	$33.720	$2.918	↑ 8,7%
4250 TEU	12 mos	**$58.560**	$58.050	$510	→ 0,9%	$56.369	$2.191	↑ 3,9%	$51.865	$6.695	↑ 12,9%
	24 mos	**$45.150**	$44.185	$965	↑ 2,2%	$43.758	$1.392	↑ 3,2%	$42.713	$2.437	↑ 5,7%
5700 TEU	12 mos	**$65.122**	$64.978	$144	→ 0,2%	$64.644	$478	→ 0,7%	$59.997	$5.125	↑ 8,5%
	24 mos	**$51.389**	$51.142	$247	→ 0,5%	$50.494	$895	↗ 1,8%	-	-	-
6500 TEU	12 mos	**$71.078**	$71.011	$67	→ 0,1%	$70.600	$478	→ 0,7%	$66.289	$4.789	↑ 7,2%
	24 mos	**$56.550**	$56.528	$22	→ 0,0%	$56.469	$81	→ 0,1%	-	-	-









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