



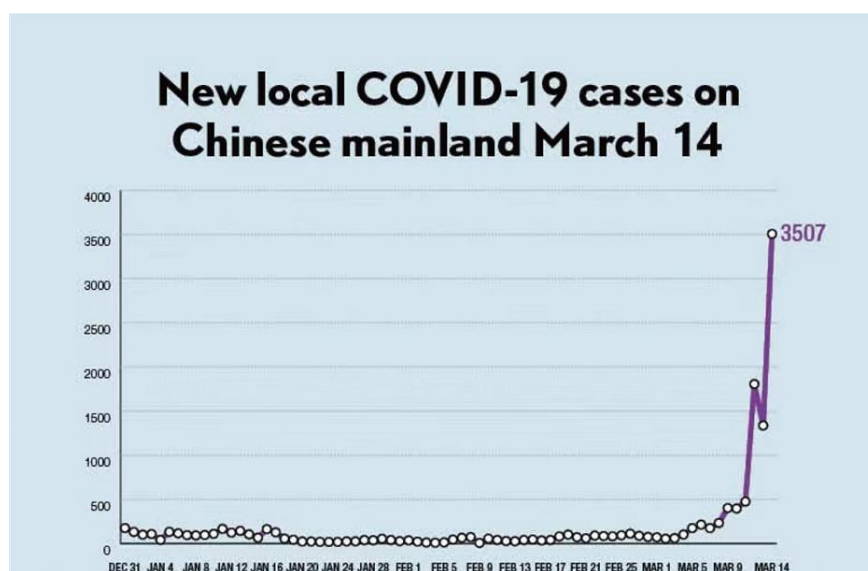
# International Monthly Market Update:

## April 2022

Five weeks into the war between Russia and Ukraine, new sanctions and fuel prices continue to increase. Shipping lines have suspended services to/from Russia and Ukraine. Reports say the price of ship fuel has spiked to historic pricing at \$1000/ton as the war worsens. Shipping lines have already announced increases for Q2 bunker adjustment factors (BAF).

### China:

- Shanghai announced its biggest lockdown since Covid began more than two years ago. An estimated 25 million people will be affected. The lockdown will happen in two stages, starting March 28 through April 4. Warehouses have stopped receiving cargo, and only containers loaded outside the Shanghai area will be able to return to the terminals. Severe workforce shortages hamper the port and terminal areas.
  - Both airports at Shanghai Pudong and Shanghai Hongqiao are running, however at a very limited capacity. Carriers such as Cargolux and China Airlines have canceled their flights. The backlog caused by the lack of trucking and people is estimated to take weeks to clear.
- Shenzhen has nearly recovered from going into lockdown in mid-March. Most of the factories are back up and running, and trucking is almost at 100% capacity.
- Vessel delays are still averaging 7-10 days at most China base ports.

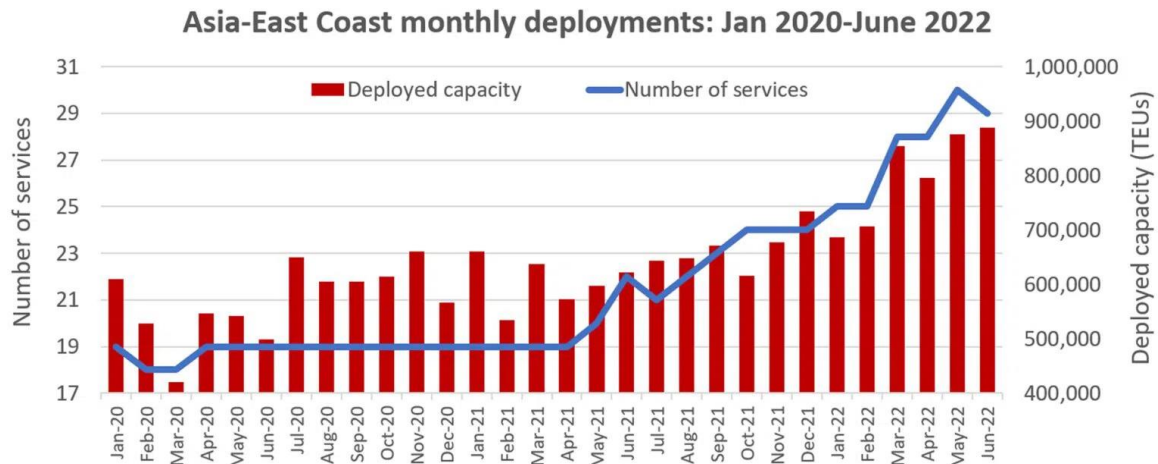


(Source: [Shine/Shanghai Daily](#))



## East and Gulf Coast Ports:

- 64 vessels are currently waiting off the East and Gulf Ports as more cargo is diverted away from the Pacific Coast. Current estimates show the Asia-East Coast services are up over 40% from 2021 and 56% from 2020.



Based on date of first arrival in U.S.; deployed capacity accounts for canceled sailings and delayed arrivals.

(Source: [American Shipper](#) based on data provided by eeSea)

- Wait times are averaging 9 to 12 days
- Norfolk International Terminal (NIT) is getting ready to install a pair of new container cranes. This will enable the terminal to accommodate multiple large container vessels. The cranes are the final pieces of their optimization project and are expected to be in service in late May. The port continues to struggle as volumes increase over 19% from this time last year. The cranes' reach will allow them to service vessels up to 26 containers wide.



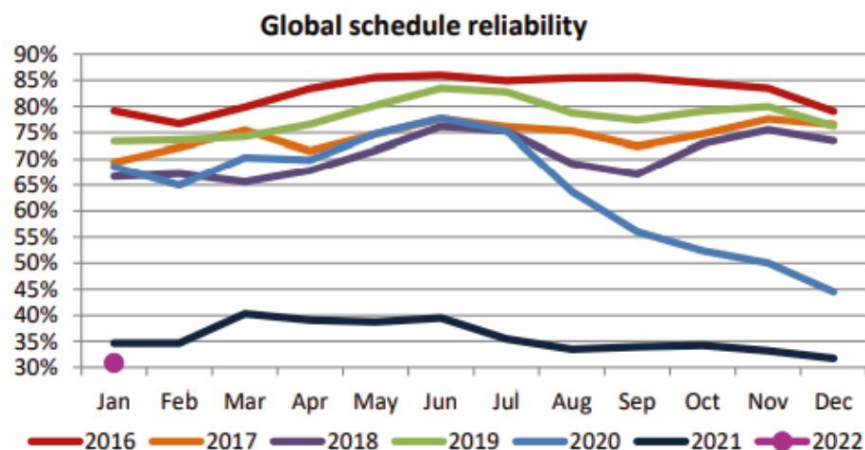


## Europe:

- Northern European ports are heavily congested, causing vessel delays and affecting space availability on the Trans-Atlantic trade.

## Carrier Announcements:

- ECU Lines continues with GRI's for all U.S. exports to Central and South America, Far East and Indian Sub-Continent, N. Europe, and the Mediterranean.
- Vanguard announces Peak Season Surcharge (PSS) from North Europe and the West Mediterranean to the USA.
- Mid-month, ocean carrier Hapag Lloyd faced a cyber threat after discovering criminals had created a fake website. As a result, the carrier advised customers to change logins and use extra vigilance with incoming emails and when entering their website.
- Maersk announced a new service launching in April for USEC from Vung Tau/Yantian to Charleston, Savannah, and Newark.
- ZIM is launching a new service with the vessel ZIM Baltimore Express from Yantian and Vietnam to Baltimore starting mid-April.
- Data shared from Sea-Intelligence continue to show a decline in schedule reliability. It has now dropped to the lowest percentage of 30.9%, lower than December 2021.



(Source: Savino Del Bene / Global Ocean Market Review March 2022)

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