

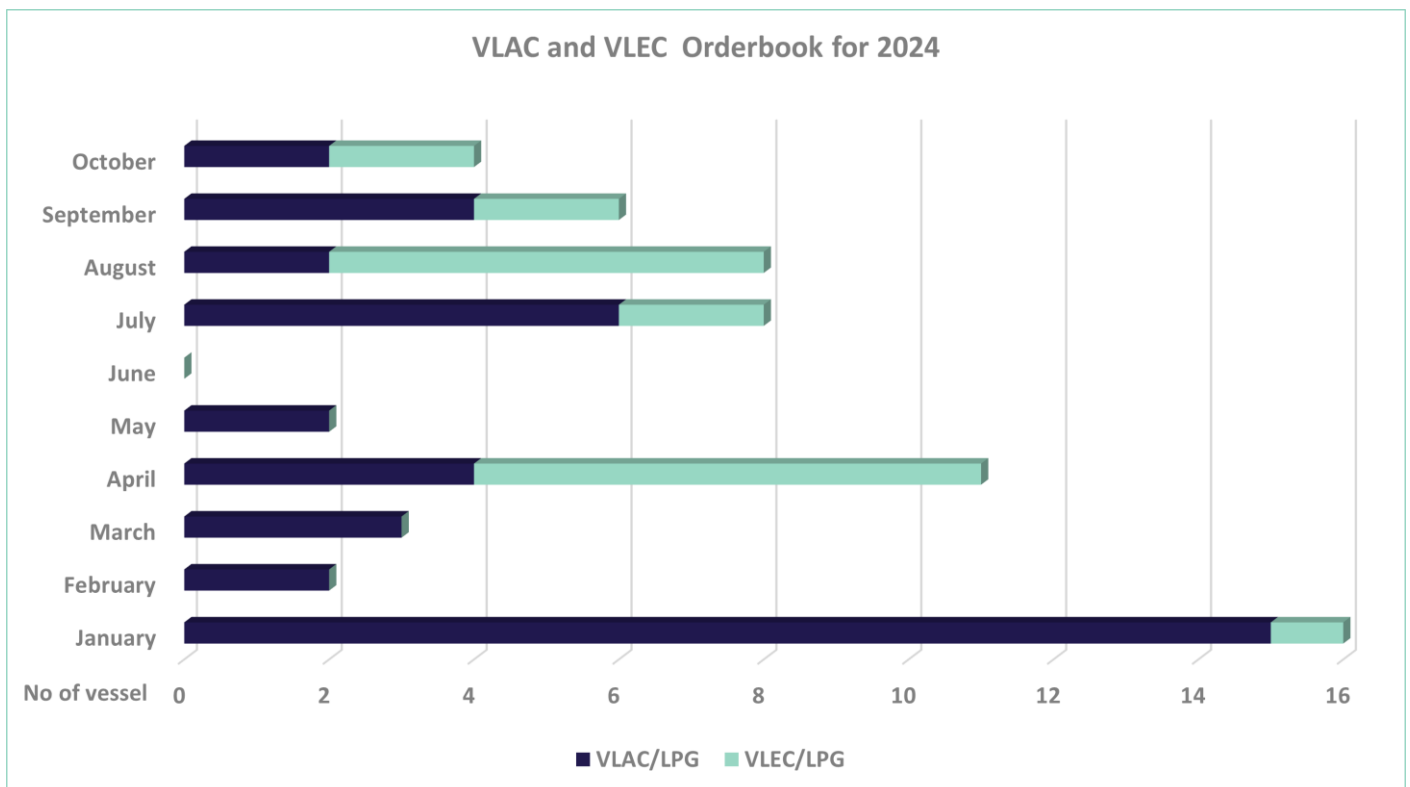


## RLA Weekly LPG Report – Friday, 25 October 2024

### VLAC and VLEC Orderbook for 2024

- Over the past 10 months, there has been a significant rise in ammonia carrier orders, with 34 Very Large Ammonia Carriers (VLACs) contracted, compared to 21 in 2023. This reflects the expected growth in the ammonia market. Additionally, 16 Very Large Ethane Carriers (VLECs) were ordered, representing 14% of this year's order book till date, Over the two years the contracted vessels have reached 47 indicating the strong demand outlook for ethane.
- The rising demand for VLACs is driven by the anticipated growth in the ammonia market as companies position themselves to capitalize on future opportunities. Meanwhile, the increasing need for VLECs is fuelled by growing ethane demand, especially in Asia, where it is used as a petrochemical feedstock. This demand surge is primarily supported by the U.S. shale gas boom, enabling larger shipments to global markets.
- Initially, these vessels will operate in the LPG market until other commodity trades become strong and sustainable for full-time trading. However, this influx could lead to vessel oversupply in the coming years, potentially impacting freight rates and taking market share from the VLGC segment, depending on market conditions.

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