

The Week Oil Triggered a Hyperliquid Liquidation Cascade

March 21–27, 2026 · Hyperliquid liquidation analysis

On March 23, 2026, a rapid macro repricing triggered a **\$3.56M liquidation cascade in 60 minutes.**

Brent crude had climbed above \$114 as Iran threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz. Then, at 11:05 UTC, Trump posted that the US and Iran were in "productive conversations." Energy and metals markets repriced sharply.

This is a forensic breakdown of every liquidation, every wallet, and every signal the data showed before and after the crash — across all 710,000 tracked wallets on Hyperliquid.

Hyperliquid is the world's largest on-chain perpetuals exchange. Every position, liquidation, and trade is publicly verifiable — giving Coinversa complete visibility across 710K+ wallets and \$4.87T in cumulative volume.

All times UTC. Liquidation figures are based on Hyperliquid liquidation events recorded in Coinversa's database.

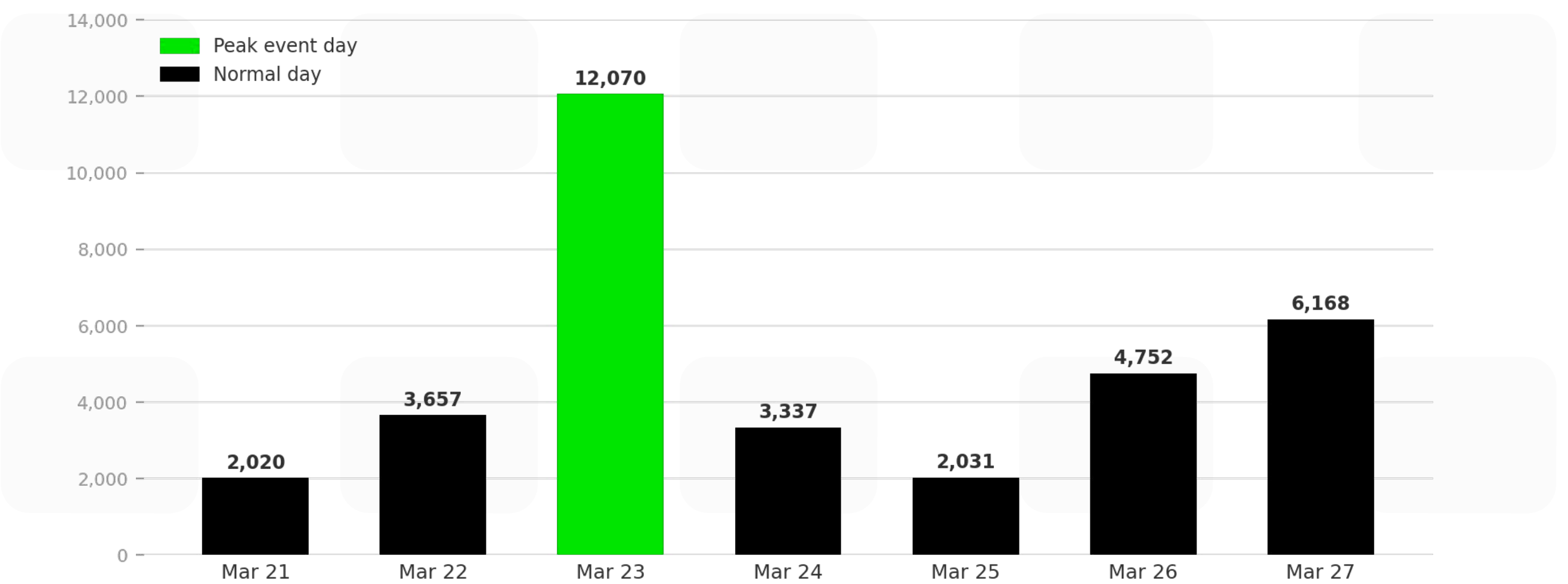
01 The Week in Numbers

Key metrics · Mar 21–27, 2026 (UTC)

LIQUIDATION EVENTS 34,035 <small>262 different coins</small>	LIQUIDATED WALLETS 17,614 <small>across all DEXes on Hyperliquid</small>	FORCED-LOSS PNL -\$5.87M <small>avg -\$172 per event</small>	PENALTY FEES \$45,219 <small>protocol revenue</small>
PEAK DAY Mar 23 <small>12,070 events · -\$3.56M</small>	QUIETEST DAY Mar 25 <small>2,031 events · -\$116K</small>	Share of weekly forced-loss PnL 61% <small>of all weekly PnL destruction</small>	OIL + GOLD SHARE 52% <small>of total week losses (\$3.04M)</small>

Daily liquidation events

March 23 generated 3.5× more liquidations than any other day – the peak bar highlighted in green.



Methodology: counts and PnL reflect liquidation events recorded on Hyperliquid. All times UTC.

02 What Drove the Cascade

GEOPOLITICAL TRIGGER · MARCH 23, 2026

Macro catalyst · March 23, 2026 (UTC)

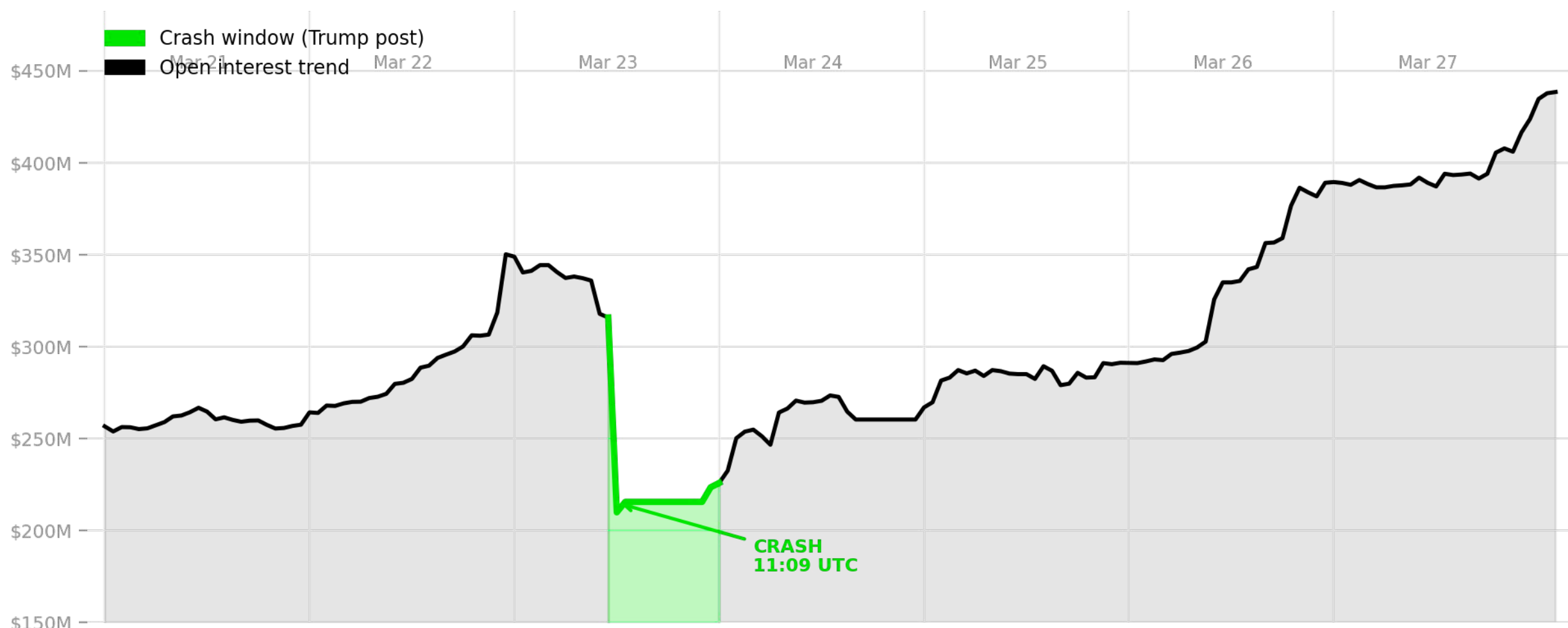
The week's largest liquidation wave occurred on March 23, 2026 UTC, when geopolitical risk pricing reversed sharply. Energy and metals markets sold off as expectations for sustained war-premium weakened, triggering a concentrated unwind in oil- and gold-linked leveraged longs on Hyperliquid.

Timeline of the March 23 cascade

Time (UTC)	Event	Signal
~00:00 UTC	Build-up: Brent OI surpasses \$318M. IRGC warns "strike electricity" if US attacks Iranian power plants. OI grew \$256M → \$318M in 72 hours.	Building
~07:00 UTC	Peak: Brent mark price reaches \$111.44 on xyz:BRENT OIL. OI at all-time platform high ~\$350M. Gold liquidations begin — wallet 0xd507... loses \$87K.	Warning
11:05–11:09	CASCADE: Trump post triggers 13% flash crash. Brent drops \$111 → \$99 in minutes. Top 5 single liquidations all occur in this 4-minute window.	CRITICAL
12:00 UTC	OI collapse: Brent OI drops to \$209M — a \$141M wipe in one hour. Price freezes at \$99.61 for 11 consecutive hours.	Red
23:00 UTC	Recovery begins: OI resumes at \$223M. Iran denies talks — some war premium returns overnight.	Green

Open interest recovery · xyz:BRENT OIL

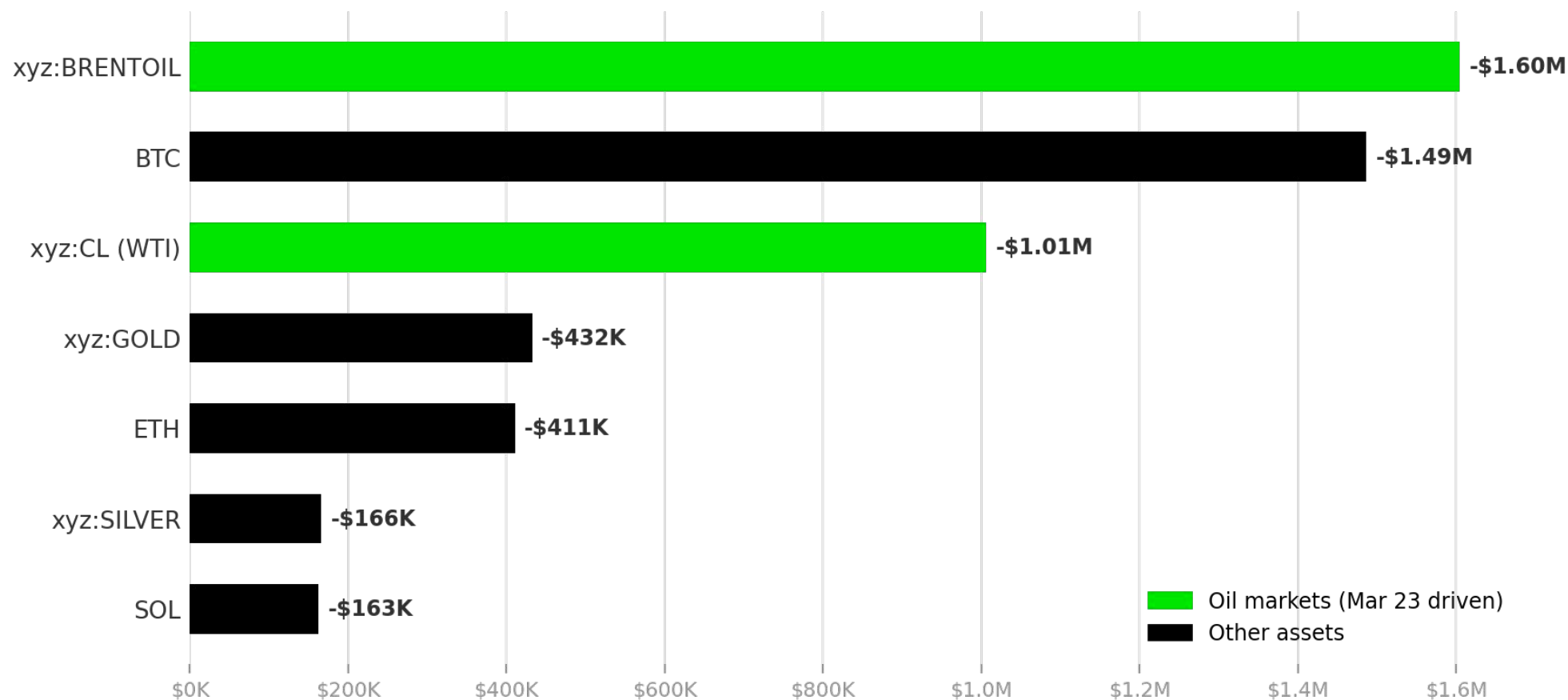
Brent open interest recovered quickly after the March 23 washout, rebuilding above pre-cascade levels by week-end.



Macro context based on public market reporting from March 23, 2026.

03 Most Liquidated Markets

Forced-loss PnL by asset · Mar 21–27, 2026



OIL + GOLD DOMINATED THE DESTRUCTION

Oil- and gold-linked markets dominated weekly forced losses. xyz:BRENT OIL, xyz:CL, and xyz:GOLD together accounted for \$3.04M, or 52% of weekly liquidation PnL, despite being materially smaller than BTC and ETH by open interest.

Full breakdown by coin

Asset	Events	Unique wallets	Total PnL lost	Avg loss/event
xyz:BRENT OIL	3,379	1,963	-\$1,604,027	-\$474.70
BTC	10,372	5,845	-\$1,485,944	-\$143.26
xyz:CL (WTI)	3,872	2,468	-\$1,005,675	-\$259.73
xyz:GOLD	1,540	1,288	-\$432,457	-\$280.82
ETH	2,037	1,508	-\$410,785	-\$201.66
xyz:SILVER	1,806	1,298	-\$165,725	-\$91.76
SOL	1,769	1,322	-\$162,937	-\$92.11
HYPE	590	550	-\$50,277	-\$85.22
ZEC	225	203	-\$46,412	-\$206.28
cash:USA500	53	45	-\$34,428	-\$649.59

04 Largest Liquidation Events

Largest individual events · Cascade window: Mar 23, 11:05–11:09 UTC

0xec4a6f59960fb55a7fa49262e2628687b322cf62

-\$159,296

xyz:BRENTOIL long · Mar 23 11:09 UTC · Entry ~\$97.73, 20x isolated · Note: re-entered longs Mar 24 and made \$11K+

0xeb3648865b1471996e5f65ae845f9eb9226b9a02

-\$120,822

xyz:CL long · Mar 23 11:08 UTC · Repeatedly accumulated oil-linked longs from March 11 onward as war-premium built.

0x837e6bb7571a7af95348a45c0b7c6e98b404e311

-\$94,437

xyz:BRENTOIL long · Mar 23 11:08 UTC

0xd507eeef2152d54b8c00cba499340f7b7a59c948

-\$87,921

xyz:GOLD long · Mar 23 06:47 UTC · Early casualty of the broader war-risk unwind in metals.

0x020ca66c30bec2c4fe3861a94e4db4a498a35872 [AT RISK NOW]

-\$60,681 (15 separate liquidation events)

Repeat rekt · Still holds 56 BTC long (entry \$66,720, liq \$61,625) + 5,425 ETH long (entry \$2,041, liq \$1,950) · Combined unrealized: -\$248K · Position still open as of Mar 29 UTC

Repeat liquidation wallets (15+ events during the week)

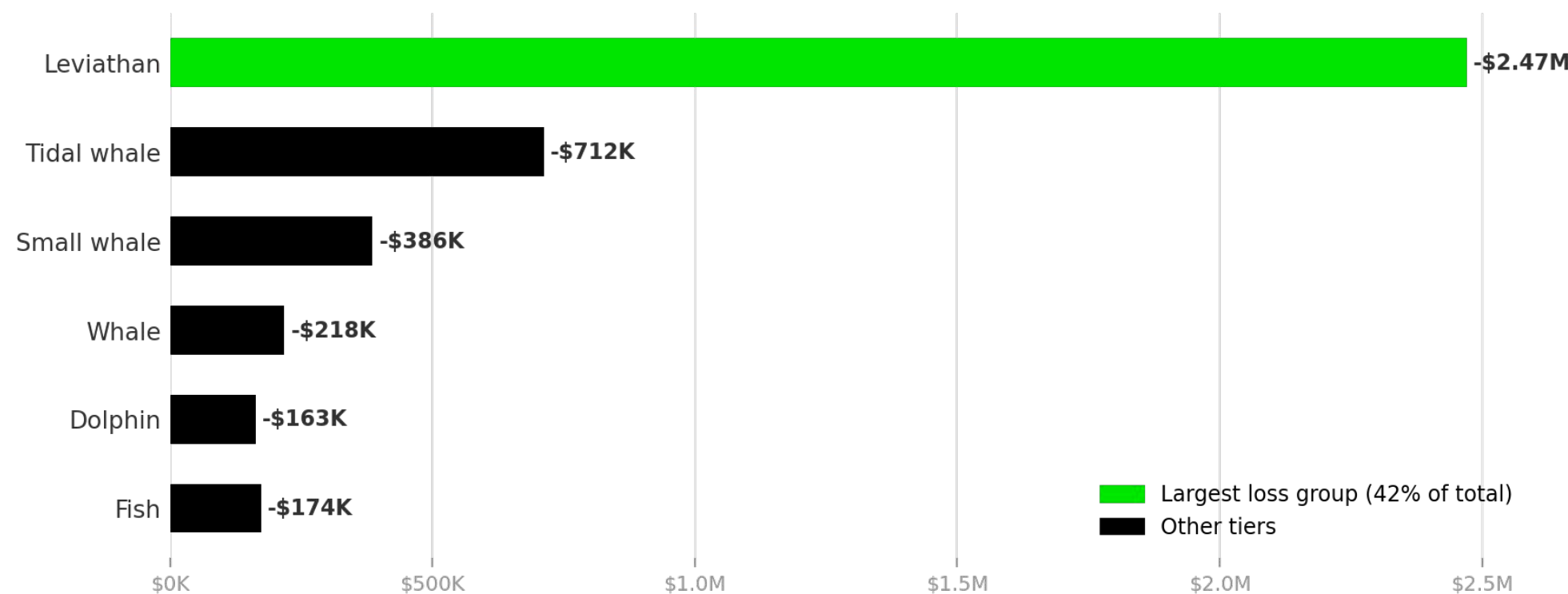
Wallet (truncated)	Events	Total PnL	Last event	Status
0x020ca6...872	15	-\$60,681	Mar 26 09:31	STILL OPEN
0x2025137a...40e	24	-\$22,617	Mar 27 10:45	Active
0xd45ddb...422	23	-\$31,795	Mar 27 08:35	Active
0x21ed86...995	27	-\$20,173	Mar 27 08:28	Active
0x96a27a...cc0	60	-\$3,150	Mar 22 21:05	High freq

05 Who Absorbed the Losses

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By wallet size tier

Leviathan wallets absorbed the largest share of forced-loss PnL, accounting for roughly 42% of weekly liquidation losses despite representing a much smaller share of liquidated wallet count.



Size tier	Events	Wallets	Total PnL destroyed	Avg loss/event
Leviathan	4,093	1,557	-\$2,471,527	-\$604
Tidal whale	3,342	1,529	-\$712,225	-\$213
Small whale	3,830	1,976	-\$386,134	-\$101
Whale	1,454	770	-\$218,070	-\$150
Dolphin	2,677	1,549	-\$163,063	-\$61
Fish	3,411	1,968	-\$173,936	-\$51
Shrimp	636	384	-\$16,546	-\$26

By PnL performance tier

PnL tier	Events	Wallets	Total PnL	Avg loss/event	Key insight
Exit liquidity	12,379	6,450	-\$928,100	-\$75	Largest group, smallest avg
Humble earner	5,334	2,853	-\$618,714	-\$116	Profitable traders still hit
Semi rekt	1,653	672	-\$850,667	-\$514	Disproportionate damage
Full rekt	416	147	-\$531,821	-\$1,278	
Giga rekt	124	35	-\$443,517	-\$3,577	35 wallets, highest avg loss
Smart money	239	82	-\$377,101	-\$1,578	Not immune to black swans
Money printer	129	21	-\$108,132	-\$838	Even elites got caught

06 Current Exposure and Forward Risk

Current liquidation heatmap snapshot · Mar 29, 2026 (UTC)

xyz:BRENTOIL · Current price \$107.02



xyz:CL (WTI) · Current price \$100.71



Risk Signal: Crowded Long Exposure Has Rebuilt

Risk rebuilt quickly after the March 23 flush. Brent and WTI long-side liquidation clusters have re-accumulated to levels comparable to those seen before the cascade. If macro headlines turn risk-off again, these markets remain vulnerable to a second forced deleveraging wave.

As of March 29 UTC, long exposure in Brent and WTI remains materially larger than short exposure. That asymmetry leaves commodity-linked longs especially sensitive to negative geopolitical or macro headlines.

Three things to take away.

01**Oil is currently the most fragile leveraged market on Hyperliquid.**

52% of the week's forced-loss PnL came from oil- and gold-linked markets, where relatively small macro moves translated into outsized liquidation damage.

02**The same long-heavy structure has rebuilt.**

\$207.9M in combined oil long exposure now sits below current prices, close to the structure that was flushed on March 23. A negative macro headline could trigger another liquidation wave.

03**Large wallets absorbed the biggest losses, but no cohort was immune.**

Leviathans accounted for \$2.47M, or 42% of weekly forced-loss PnL. But Smart Money and Money Printer cohorts were liquidated too, showing that even stronger wallets were caught in the unwind.

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