

## Fearnleys Weekly Report

Activity level								
VLCC Suezn	nax Afran	nax P.	E. of Suez	P.W.	of Suez			
Stable Stab	le Mixe	ed	Soft	A	ctive			
Last week Prev.week								
VLCCs fixed all areas last week: 43 43								
VLCCs avail. in I	MEG next 30	days:		125	111			
Rates								
DIRTY (Spot WS)	Т	his week	Last week	Low 2018	High 2018			
MEG / West	VLCC	18.00	19.00	16.00	23.50			
MEG / Japan	VLCC	39.00	41.00	35.00	50.00			
MEG / Singapore	VLCC	39.00	42.00	35.50	51.00			
WAF / FEAST WAF / USAC	260,000 130,000	40.00 52.50	41.00 52.50	37.50 50.00	48.50 67.50			
Sidi Kerir / W Me	135,000	65.00	72.50	55.00	72.50			
N. Afr / Euromed	80,000	77.50	75.00	75.00	110.0			
UK / Cont	80,000	92.50	90.00	90.00	107.5			
Caribs / USG	70,000	97.50	95.00	80.00	132.5			
CLEAN (Spot WS)	TI	his week	Last week	Low 2018	High 2018			
MEG / Japan	75,000	87.50	92.50	80.00	120.0			
MEG / Japan	55,000	110.0	110.0	90.00	115.0			
MEG / Japan	30,000	130.0	132.5	110.0	140.0			
Singapore / Japan	30,000	145.0	145.0	130.0	147.5			
Baltic T/A	60,000	90.00	80.00	80.00	145.0			
UKC-Med / States USG / UKC-Med	37,000	145.0	125.0	112.5	165.0			
1 YEAR T/C (usd/day	38,000 (theoretical)	95.00 This week	82.50 Last week	80.00 Low 2018	135.0 High 2018			
VLCC	(modern)	22 500	22 500	22 500	27 500			
Suezmax	(modern)	16 000	16 000	16 000	17 000			
Aframax	(modern)	13 500	13 500	13 500	15 000			
LR2	105,000	14 500	14 500	14 250	15 000			
LR1	80,000	13 750	13 750	13 750	13 750			
MR	47,000	13 750	13 750	13 550	14 000			
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12.2013	12.2014	12.2015	12.2016	12.2017	12.201			

■ LR2 ■ LR1 ■ MR

#### **TANKERS**

#### Crude

Despite relatively healthy volumes for both Meg and Wafr/East for April, it has not been sufficient to aid the struggling rate levels for VLCC's. To the contrary, they have even softened a tad. Earnings around \$5-7k/day (for non eco types) is hardly sustainable over time but ships remain more than ample for now. It is desperate now and the market would need increased volumes for all the major VLCC routes, over time, to lift the dismal earnings we see now. The Wafr Suezmax market had a quiet week whilst east of Suez in the Meg there continued to be a steady stream of cargoes, particularly out of Basrah where suezmaxes were the preference instead of VLCC's. Finally after a short delay 1st decade Wafr cargoes began to show earlier this week and have continued to flow, cargoes have become destination sensitive with owners preferring longer voyage with better flat rates . The Bsea and Med have been fairly quiet so far this week, there is a particularly big CPC programme for May and when the activity does pick up and if Wafr continues to remain busy then this could be a catalyst for some pressure on rates. Bunkers are becoming increasingly expensive on the back of the oil price breaching \$70 further pressuring owners earning potential. Aframaxes in the Nsea and Baltic experienced an awaited upswing in rates last week, due to a rush of Baltic cargoes in the 18-20 window. Rates topped out on Monday, and rates are once again coming off as this "years" ice season is coming to an end. Hopefully the upcoming summer market will deliver, as the ice season has been rather disappointing. The Med and Bsea-market has been boiling this week. Charterers have reached out trying to secure a cheap, safe ship at these low levels. Especially the activity from Libya has helped the owners and now we at least see numbers starting with an eight. Going forward we expect rates to stabilize around current levels

#### Product

EAST OF SUEZ For the LR2's in the Middle East Gulf rates have slowly but surely been tumbling downward this week and rates today for east destination is at ws87,5 down from ws92,5 last week. For LR1's rates have been flat and owners are still able to secure ws110 for their services. Same tendency for these two sizes also for west destination where LR1 are still at USD 1,325 mill whilst LR2 rate have dropped to USD 1,6 mill. Not much change for the MR's trading to the Far East either as the rate for west coast India to Japan is unchanged from last week at ws130 level. A rather uneventful week in the Far East where rates have been relatively flat with the short haul voyage from south Korea to Japan still at USD 370' level and Singapore to Japan still paying ws145. WEST OF SUEZ Whilst the market in the East has shown different directions for owners, all segment in the Atlantic has shown improvement this week. The trans-Atlantic voyage for an mr has gained ws20 points this week and is today at ws145 level and the back haul cargo from U.S gulf has gained almost ws10 points this week and is at ws95 level today. This has improved daily earnings for MR owners triangulating from USD 8.500 per day to USD 12.500 per day. Rates for LR1's trading to west Africa have also improved this week and is today at ws90 level. After weeks of slowly climbing rates the LR2's fixing from the Mediterranean to Far East have now been forced to accept slightly lower rates and rate is today at about USD 1,67 mill. Last week handies trading in the Mediterranean and on the Continent did both fix at ws135 but this week owners on the Continent have been able to secure higher rates and are fixing at ws145 level whilst owners in the Mediterranean is still at ws135.



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Capesize	Panamax		Supran	nax		
Stronger	Mixed		Mixed			
Rates	This week	Last week	Low 2018	High 2018		
CAPESIZE (usd/day, usd/tonne	e)					
TCT Cont/Far East (180' dwt)	24 000	18 200	18 000	37 000		
Tubarao / R.dam (Iron ore)	6.40	5.30	5.30	10.00		
Richards Bay/R.dam	6.00	5.50	5.40	10.00		
PANAMAX (usd/day, usd/tonne	e)					
Transatlantic RV	10 250	10 250	9 500	13 750		
TCT Cont / F. East	17 500	17 500	16 500	19 500		
TCT F. East / Cont	4 600	4 500	4 300	5 20		
TCT F. East RV	9 750	10 250	9 000	13 75		
Murmansk b.13-ARA 15/25,000 sc	7.50	7.80	7.35	8.5		
SUPRAMAX (usd/day)						
Atlantic RV	11 750	11 500	11 500	16 00		
Pacific RV	10 750	10 500	8 000	11 25		
TCT Cont / F. East	18 000	18 000	16 000	20 50		
1 YEAR T/C (usd/day)						
Capesize 180,000 dwt	18 750	18 000	17 000	19 50		
Capesize 170,000 dwt	17 250	16 500	16 000	17 25		
Panamax 75,000 dwt	11 750	11 750	11 250	14 000		
Supramax 58,000 dwt	12 000	12 250	10 000	13 00		
Baltic Dry Index (BDI):	1124	979	n/a	n/a		
1-Year	Γ/C, Dry bulk	(USD/Day)				
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Activity level					
COASTER	15-23,000	cbm	82,000 cbm		
Slow	Moderat	е	Low		
LPG Rates		* E	xcl. waiting	time, if any	
SPOT MARKET (usd/month)*	This week	Last week	Low 2018	High 2018	
VLGC / 84,000	105 000	185 000	105 000	535 000	
LGC / 60,000	400 000	400 000	400 000	550 000	
MGC / 38,000	470 000	470 000	450 000	470 000	
HDY SR / 20-22,000	450 000	450 000	395 000	450 000	
HDY ETH / 17-22,000	750 000	750 000	750 000	770 000	
ETH / 8-12,000	470 000	450 000	440 000	480 000	
SR / 6,500	430 000	430 000	370 000	430 000	
COASTER Asia	290 000	290 000	250 000	290 000	
COASTER Europe	320 000	320 000	280 000	385 000	
LPG/FOB prices (usd/tonne)		Propan	e Butan	e ISO	
FOB North Sea / ANSI		444.	5 454.	5	
Saudi Arabia / CP		475.	0 470.	0	
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)		425.	9 423.	6 439.5	
Sonatrach : Bethioua		435.	0 450.	0	
LNG					
SPOT MARKET (usd/day)	This week	Last week	Low 2018	High 2018	
East of Suez 155-165'cbm	35 000	36 000	35 000	80 000	
West of Suez 155-165'cbm	45 000	45 000	45 000	85 000	
1 yr TC 155-165'cbm	55 000	55 000	55 000	56 000	

■ 180' dwt ■ 170' dwt ■ 75' dwt ■ 58' dwt

#### DRY BIILK

#### Capesize

After a few weeks with very low volume and sliding freight rates, the market is finally about to rebound. The big difference is the increased number of cargoes out of Brazil and Safr. Brazil seasonally have rainy and maintenance season in Q1, so the pick up in activity indicates the start of a more active period. Brazil to China route is now in the mid USD 16 pmt level, up from USD 13 pmt last week. A stronger Atlantic is putting more pressure on the Pacific as well, where the freight rates on west Australia to China route have moved from the very low USD 5 pmt level to USD 7 pmt mark. A general strong optimism in the market, where further increase in freight rates are expected going forward.

#### **Panamax**

It has been a slow week in both hemispheres with freight rates at roughly same levels compared to last week. Nevertheless, mid-week we saw a softer mood with owners asking less money for their vessels on prompt dates. Lack of fresh cargoes in both hemispheres and a growing tonnage list is putting pressure on the freight rates and again it is the pacific region which is most exposed. TA rates are ard low 10K's, while the FH rates is in the range of 17k's. A transpacific RV is priced at high 9k's and the expectations going forward being negative if we not see any fresh coal biz the next few days. The short-term outlook remains mixed and the softer trend the last couple of days questions the direction of the market.

#### Supramax

Another slow start to the week in both basins, however with some more activity by midweek in USG and Feast. Supras fixed around low USD 16k from USG to Emed and around USD 20k to Feast. From ECSA vessel have fixed around mid USD 16k to Med, while S.Afr to Spore/Japan are paying around mid USD 12k + USD 250k bb. Indo/China trips have fixed around low USD 9k with delivery S.China. Nopac rounds has been concluded in the high USD 10k, while Aussie rv del Seasia is paying Ultras around USD 12k. Backhaul orders to Cont/Med are paying owners in the high USD 6k for around 60 days and nickle ore rounds to China are getting fixed around USD 11k, while CIS coal rounds are improving and paying ows close to USD 10k.

#### GAS

#### Chartering

The West market still suffering from a lack of activity and only a couple ships fixed out this week. There is a large overhang of ships in the US Gulf and we will need to see extreme amount of activity to see anything close to a balanced market. That said, freight is now at sub opex levels and there is therefore a limit to how much lower freight can go. WAF is at least proving to be active for May loadings, but this will have limited impact on shipping. A handful of fixtures for both end April and early May have been concluded in the East, however, at depressed rates. The Saudi Aramco acceptances were also released this week with some delays, something which is seldom a positive sign for the short term shipping activity.



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#### **Activity level** Tankers Dry Bulkers Moderate Moderate Low **Prices** Average Far Eastern Prices PRICES (mill usd) This week Last week Low 2018 High 2018 VLCC 300'dwt 87.00 86.00 82.00 87.00 Suezmax 150'dwt 59.00 58.00 55.00 59.00 Aframax 110'dwt 48.00 47.50 44.50 48.00 Product 50'dwt 35.50 35.00 35.50 180'dwt 47.00 47.00 45.00 47.00 Capesize 82'dwt 27.00 27.00 26.00 27.00 Ultramax 64'dwt 25.00 25.00 24.00 25.00 LNGC 170'cbm - MEGI 185.0 185.0 184.5 185.0 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 -12.2014 12.2015 12.2016 12.2017 12.2018 12.2013 ■ Product ■ Aframax ■ Suezmax ■ VLCC 60 = 55 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 12.2018 12.2014 12.2015 12.2016 12.2017 ■ Ultramax ■ Kamsarmax ■ Capesize

#### Market brief

		This week	Last week	Low 2018	High 2018
Rate of exc	hange				
USD/JPY		107.1	106.9	105.8	112.2
USD/KRW		1 063	1 066	1 061	1 086
USD/NOK		7.75	7.76	7.68	8.10
EUR/USD		1.24	1.24	1.20	1.25
Interest rate	е				
LIBOR USD	6 mnths	2.50	2.47	1.84	2.50
NIBOR NO	C 6 mnths	1.24	1.21	0.89	1.24
Commodity	prices				
Brent spot (	USD)	73.30	72.10	62.46	73.30
Bunker price	ces				
Singapore	380 CST	396.0	388.0	360.0	396.0
	180 CST	428.0	420.0	366.0	428.0
	Gasoil	625.0	620.0	554.0	625.0
Rotterdam	380 HSFO	375.0	369.0		375.0
	180 CST	402.0	396.0	368.0	402.0
	Diesel	605.0	605.0	527.0	605.0
	Diesei	605.0	605.0	527.0	605.0

### **NEWBUILDING**

Moderate newbuilding activity this week. Continued interest for VLCCs from investors as Guggenheim Capital booked two firm VLCCs at DSME. In the bulker segment Tianyuan Logistics firmed up ten 120,000 dwt vessels at the three CSIC yards Shanhaiguan, Xingang and Beihai.

#### **NEWBUILDING CONTRACTS**

Туре	No	Size	Yard	Buyer	Del	Price	Comm
BC	1	81,500 dwt	Penglai Jinglu	Lavinia	2020	\$ 25.0 m	Option declared
BC	10	120,000 dwt	CSIC (Three yards)	Tianyuan Logistics	2019 / 2020	abt. \$ 38 m	
VLCC	2	300,000 dwt	DSME	Guggenheim Capital	2020	\$ 88.4 m	

#### **SALE AND PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS**

Туре	Vessel	Size	Built	Buyer	Price	Comm.
MT	Rosita	38 140	2004	Nigerian	High 9's	
MT	Baltic Champion	37 333	2003	Indisclosed	7,50	
MT	Sinar Emas	18 010	2000	Indian	6,90	
BC	Vogerunner	176 834	2008	Greek	23,00	
BC	Requiem	58 000	2010	White Seas	12,10	
BC	Azurit	57 000	2012	Chinese	12,40	
BC	Daxia	56 811	2011	Briese Schiffahrt	11,30	Incl TC to WECO
BC	Blue Diamond	53 538	2008	Chinese	9,80	
BC	White Diamond	53 538	2008		9,80	
BC	Aquarius Ocean	53 478	2005	Undisclosed	10,30	
BC	Astra	47 777	2002	Chinese	8,40	

#### **DEMOLITIONS**

Sold for demolition					
Vessel name	Size	Ldt	Built	Buyer	Price
GAS Isis Gas	49 998	19 562	1985	Indian	442
MT Yves Jacob	71 562	15 338	2000	Bangladeshi	440
REEF Baltic Pilgrim	10 621	6 337	1992	Indian	415
REEF Baltic Moon	11 022	6 006	1987	Indian	421
GC White Nile	12 905	5 025	1979	Undisclosed	259
GC Pontica	17 069	4 510	1983	Undisclosed	440
GC Mikhail Lukonin	6 221	1 919	1981	Bangladeshi	440