



Fearnleys Weekly Report

Activity level

VLCC	Suezmax	Aframax	P.E. of Suez	P.W. of Suez
Soft	Soft	Mixed	-	-

Last week Prev. week

VLCCs fixed all areas last week: 52

VLCCs avail. in MEG next 30 days: 34

Rates

DIRTY (Spot WS)		This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
MEG / West	VLCC	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
MEG / Japan	VLCC	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
MEG / Singapore	VLCC	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50
WAF / FEAST	260,000	73.50	73.50	73.50	73.50
WAF / USAC	130,000	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0
Sidi Kerir / W Me	135,000	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
N. Afr / Euromed	80,000	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
UK / Cont	80,000	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0
Caribs / USG	70,000	240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0

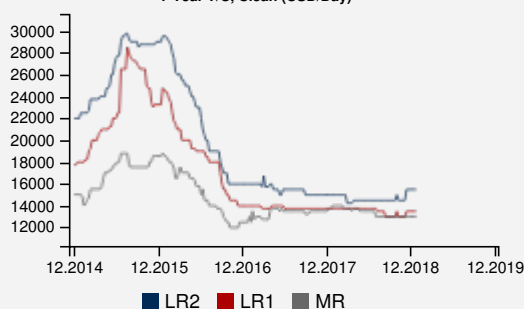
CLEAN (Spot WS)		This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
MEG / Japan	75,000	0.00	0.00		
MEG / Japan	55,000	0.00	0.00		
MEG / Japan	30,000	0.00	0.00		
Singapore / Japan	30,000	0.00	0.00		
Baltic T/A	60,000	0.00	0.00		
UKC-Med / States	37,000	0.00	0.00		
USG / UKC-Med	38,000	0.00	0.00		

1 YEAR T/C (USD/day) (theoretical)		This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
VLCC	(modern)	34 000	34 000	34 000	34 000
Suezmax	(modern)	24 000	24 000	24 000	24 000
Aframax	(modern)	18 000	18 000	18 000	18 000
LR2		105,000	0.00	0.00	
LR1		80,000	0.00	0.00	
MR		47,000	0.00	0.00	

1-Year T/C, Crude (USD/Day)



1-Year T/C, Clean (USD/Day)



TANKERS

Crude

Despite the end year holidays, ships have quietly been fixed off, particularly in the Meg. Rates have corrected down over the last couple weeks and the question is whether rates have found support at present levels. Some 60 done ex Meg for Jan but volumes are still lagging both in Wafra and ex Americas to where we have seen an increasing number of ships are ballasting on spec. Therefore rates likely to remain under pressure for now. Tonnage has been building over the past two weeks as activity has slowed due to the holiday season, rates have gradually eroded and the owners recent hard earned gains have dissipated. Td20 is currently at ws 110 and is expected to erode further in the coming days, however owners tce is being assisted by falling bunker prices on the back of weaker oil prices. The delays in the Turkish Straits have been steadily increasing, currently the Canakkale cancelling is 21 days, this will likely have a steadying effect on black sea business as ship availability on forward dates will be thinner and uncertain. Many vessels are currently in ballast from the Far East, this excess tonnage has to be cleared out for wafra and the MEG. Aframax trading in the North Sea and Baltic faced softening rates the first working day of the new year. We are still fixing basis 2018 flat rates and expect rates to soften a bit more despite surrounding markets like the Caribs and the Mediterranean offering a better alternative as these markets still look firm. Moving into 3rd decade fixing window ex Baltic ports as the weather will get colder and we could see ice restrictions valid for all Russian Baltic load ports, we expect a bit more upward pressure on rates. At the time of writing, the Black Sea/Mediterranean route is achieving ws 207.5 (2018). With the festive season now behind us, we have to wait and see who the first one will be to test the market using Worldscale 2019 rates. With the potential of further delays transiting to and from the Black Sea, owners will make every effort to maintain pressure on rates in the coming week.



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Capesize	Panamax	Supramax
Moderate	Slow	Slow

Rates	This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
CAPESIZE (usd/day, usd/tonne)				
TCT Cont/Far East (180' dwt)	28 500	28 500	28 500	28 500
Tubarao / R.dam (Iron ore)	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20
Richards Bay/R.dam	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
PANAMAX (usd/day, usd/tonne)				
Transatlantic RV	11 500	11 500	11 500	11 500
TCT Cont / F. East	19 000	19 000	19 000	19 000
TCT F. East / Cont	4 000	4 000	4 000	4 000
TCT F. East RV	10 000	10 000	10 000	10 000
Murmansk b.13-ARA 15/25,000 sc	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35
SUPRAMAX (usd/day)				
Atlantic RV	15 500	15 500	15 500	15 500
Pacific RV	9 000	9 000	9 000	9 000
TCT Cont / F. East	18 000	18 000	18 000	18 000
1 YEAR T/C (usd/day)				
Capesize 180,000 dwt	17 500	17 500	17 500	17 500
Capesize 170,000 dwt	15 500	15 500	15 500	15 500
Panamax 75,000 dwt	11 750	11 750	11 750	11 750
Supramax 58,000 dwt	12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000
Baltic Dry Index (BDI):	1282		n/a	n/a

1-Year T/C, Dry bulk (USD/Day)



Activity level

COASTER	15-23,000 cbm	82,000 cbm
Slow	Moderate	Low

LPG Rates

* Excl. waiting time, if any

SPOT MARKET (usd/month)*	This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
VLGC / 84,000	660 000	660 000	660 000	660 000
LGC / 60,000	550 000	550 000	550 000	550 000
MGC / 38,000	570 000	570 000	570 000	570 000
HDY SR / 20-22,000	500 000	500 000	500 000	500 000
HDY ETH / 17-22,000	750 000	750 000	750 000	750 000
ETH / 8-12,000	470 000	470 000	470 000	470 000
SR / 6,500	550 000	550 000	550 000	550 000
COASTER Asia	275 000	275 000	275 000	275 000
COASTER Europe	400 000	400 000	400 000	400 000

LPG/FOB prices (usd/tonne)

	Propane	Butane	ISO
FOB North Sea / ANSI	391.5	353.0	
Saudi Arabia / CP	430.0	420.0	
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	329.5	338.1	
Sonatrach : Bethioua	385.0	375.0	

LNG

SPOT MARKET (usd/day)	This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
East of Suez 155-165'cbm	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000
West of Suez 155-165'cbm	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000
1 yr TC 155-165'cbm	92 500	92 500	92 500	92 500

DRY BULK

Capesize

A more positive start of the new year than expected for the big ships, with average gains of usd 500/day posted on the first trading day. Seen over the holiday period, however, overall spot values have softened by 10 pct during the last 2 weeks, to come in at some usd 15500/day. Fronthaul activity has been negligible and partly to blame for the drop, but signals are of volumes about to pick up and values to follow. The west australia/china iron ore base trade has been and remains steady although moderate in volume, values presently hovering around usd 14500/day, which represents a 23 pct-discount to pre-Christmas levels. Period activity limited to committed units, but expected to pick up moving further into month.

Panamax

After a quiet holiday-period, the market starts the year in red, as both hemispheres show declining rates. Most of the reduction is perceived to be linked with owners trying to cover their vessels before years end. The Atlantic has taken the bigger hit, as a transatlantic round voyage down almost USD 500 from Christmas Eve, currently paying around USD 11.500. A short fronthaul from the continent yield about USD 19,000. In the Pacific basin, a transpacific round voyage pays shipowners around USD 10,000. The 4TC BPI Index is down 30 points since December 24th, currently at 1391 points.

Supramax

Rates in Atl are sliding in most of the areas, specially USG. Majority of the spot tonnage seems to be covered more or less in Cont/Baltic. Also with Russians starting their holidays there are lack of fresh cargoes from Baltic/ B Sea now. Tick more activity from Pacific basin. Pacific round voyage have been fixed at ca 9000 usd. On period front a 56 dwt vessel was fixed at ca 11k for 3-6 mos.

GAS

Chartering

The market have taken a bit of a breather over the festive season, with very little activity to report. In the East, a few trader relets, that did not manage to fix prior to the break, have been marketed widely. At least one of them got fixed in the end, and at levels bringing the Baltic index further down from its last quote last year, with Time charter equivalent rates in the low USD 20,000s per day. In the West one LPG major's market quote was concluded at a level more-or-less wiping out the rather established "west premium" for the Transatlantic route. A couple of fixtures for the Transpacific route has also been concluded. A slow and somewhat negative start to the year, was balanced out by news from the states, on the more positive side, that the Mariner East 2 pipeline is finally up and running.



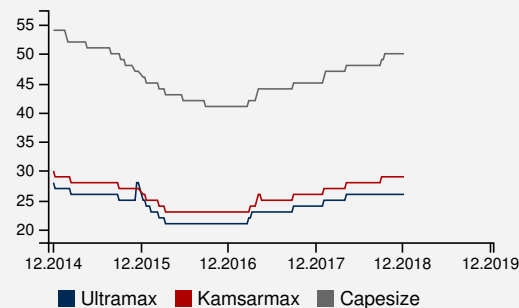
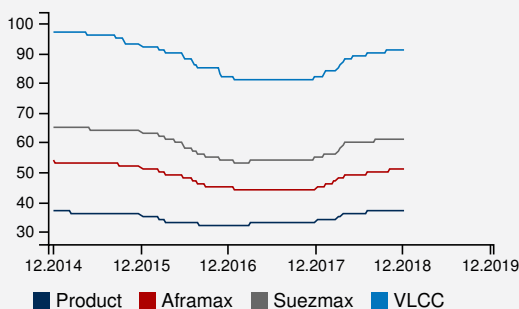
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Tankers	Dry Bulk	Others
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

Prices

Average Far Eastern Prices					
PRICES (mill usd)		This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
VLCC	300'dwt	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.50
Suezmax	150'dwt	61.00	61.00	61.00	61.00
Aframax	110'dwt	50.50	50.50	50.50	50.50
Product	50'dwt	36.50	36.50	36.50	36.50
Capesize	180'dwt	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Kamsarmax	82'dwt	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50
Ultramax	64'dwt	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
LNGC	170'cbm - MEG	187.5	187.5	187.5	187.5



Market brief

	This week	Last week	Low 2019	High 2019
Rate of exchange				
USD/JPY	109.3		109.3	109.3
USD/KRW	1 121		1 121	1 121
USD/NOK	8.72		8.72	8.72
EUR/USD	1.14		1.14	1.14

Interest rate

LIBOR USD 6 mnths	2.87		2.87	2.87
NIBOR NOK 6 mnths	1.51		1.51	1.51

Commodity prices

Brent spot (USD)	52.70		52.70	52.70
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Bunker prices

Singapore	380 CST	344.0		344.0	344.0
	180 CST	376.0		376.0	376.0
	Gasoil	480.0		480.0	480.0
Rotterdam	380 HSFO	302.0		302.0	302.0
	180 CST	327.0		327.0	327.0
	Diesel	472.0		472.0	472.0

NEWBUILDING

High Newbuilding activity at the turn of the year with 30 firm orders reported all larger segments represented. In the LNG segment Samsung revealed on New Year's eve that they clinched another order from a European owner for a large carrier. In the tanker segment Navios have booked four firm VLCCs at Imabari Shipbuilding, reported with scrubbers installed.

NEWBUILDING CONTRACTS

Type	No	Size	Yard	Buyer	Del	Price	Comm
BC	4	12,500 dwt	Jiangdong Shipyard	Anhui Conch Group	2020		
BC	2	56,000 dwt	Taizhou Kouan Shipbuilding	Shanghai Ganglu Navigation	2020		
BC	4	180,000 dwt	Qingdao Beihai	CSIC Leasing	2020 / 2021	\$ 53.5 m	
Chem	4	7,000 dwt	AVIC Dingheng	GEFO	2021		+ 2 options
CONT	3	2,300 teu	Zhoushan Changhong	Gerchicon	2020		+ 6 options
CONT	4	2,500 teu	Jiangnan Shipyard	Evergreen	2021		
TANK	2	113,000 dwt	Hanjin Subic	Unisea	2020	\$ 47 m	
TANK	2	158,000 dwt	Daehan Shipbuilding	Enesel SA	2020		+ 2 options
VLCC	4	310,000 dwt	Imabari	Navios	2020 / 2021		Scrubbers installes
VLGC	1	86,000 cbm	Jiangnan Shipyard	Tianjin Southwest Maritime	2021		+ 1 option

SALE AND PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

Type	Vessel	Size	Built	Buyer	Price	Comm.
MT	Nord Inspiration	47 000	2010	Foyo Kaiun	16,80	
MT	Ardmore Seamaste	45 000	2004	Undisclosed	8,20	
BC	Xing Xiang Ha	82 000	2017	CDBL	Undisclosed	
BC	Xing De Hai	82 000	2017	CDBL	Undisclosed	
BC	Jiangssu New YZJ 2131	81 000	2019	Mingsheng FL	27,50	
BC	Jiangssu New YZJ 2122	81 000	2019	Mingsheng FL	27,50	
BC	Ocean Pankaj	64 000	2019	Singaporean	24,20	
BC	Conti Lapislazuli	57 000	2011	Undisclosed	10,40	
BC	Merlin	50 000	2001	Greek	6,80	
BC	Condor	50 000	2000	Greek	6,75	
BC	Bonnie Venture	50 000	2012	European	9,50	
BC	Amsel	27 000	1994	Undisclosed	2,20	Auction Sale
BC	Chang Heng Hai	23 000	2009	CSC Phoenix	5,60	
BC	Chang Ling Hai	23 000	2012	CSC Phoenix	5,60	