

# WEBER WEEKLY TANKER REPORT



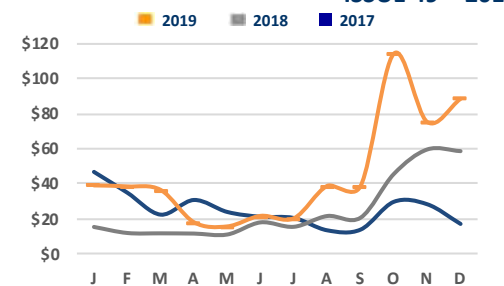
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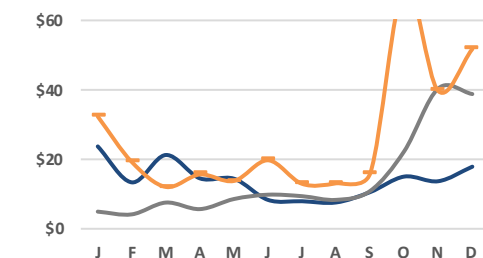
| Spot Market                   | WS/LS  | TCE       | WS/LS  | TCE       |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| <b>VLCC (13.0 Kts L/B)</b>    |        |           |        |           |
| AG>USG 280k                   | 51.80  | --        | 58.00  | --        |
| AG>SPORE 270k                 | 95.80  | \$84,680  | 95.70  | \$84,914  |
| AG>JPN 265k                   | 92.80  | \$85,053  | 93.40  | \$86,078  |
| AG>CHINA 270k                 | 96.30  | \$82,861  | 95.70  | \$82,508  |
| WAFR>CHINA 260k               | 98.70  | \$84,837  | 95.30  | \$81,617  |
| USG>SPORE 275k                | 9.54m  | \$83,088  | 9.95m  | \$87,872  |
| AG>USG/USG>SPORE/AG           | --     | \$116,387 | --     | \$126,451 |
| VLCC Average Earnings         |        | \$86,979  |        | \$88,346  |
| <b>SUEZMAX (13.0 Kts L/B)</b> |        |           |        |           |
| WAFR>USG 130k                 | 116.00 | \$48,841  | 126.00 | \$54,672  |
| WAFR>UKC 130k                 | 121.00 | \$45,188  | 131.00 | \$50,672  |
| BSEA>MED 140k                 | 132.00 | \$63,969  | 141.00 | \$70,692  |
| CBS>USG 150k                  | 128.00 | \$67,600  | 144.00 | \$79,493  |
| USG>UKC 150k                  | 90.50  | \$39,272  | 107.50 | \$50,893  |
| CBS>USG/USG>UKC/WAFR          | --     | \$55,235  | --     | \$68,640  |
| AG>USG 140k                   | 52.00  | \$24,805  | 63.00  | \$30,745  |
| USG>SPORE 130k                | 5.88m  | --        | 6.74m  | --        |
| AG>USG/USG>SPORE/AG           | --     | \$63,964  | --     | \$75,722  |
| Suezmax Average Earnings      |        | \$45,748  |        | \$51,970  |
| <b>AFRAMAX (13.0 Kts L/B)</b> |        |           |        |           |
| N.SEA>UKC 80k                 | 190.00 | \$84,054  | 167.00 | \$67,155  |
| BALT>UKC 100k                 | 159.33 | \$70,432  | 129.00 | \$50,976  |
| CBS>USG 70k                   | 165.50 | \$36,802  | 192.00 | \$46,404  |
| USG>UKC 70k                   | 163.20 | \$36,495  | 167.00 | \$37,911  |
| CBS>USG/USG>UKC/NSEA          | --     | \$62,215  | --     | \$67,848  |
| MED>MED 80k                   | 191.00 | \$62,127  | 185.50 | \$59,849  |
| AG>SPORE 70k                  | 162.00 | \$39,280  | 173.00 | \$42,975  |
| Aframax Average Earnings      |        | \$56,508  |        | \$55,385  |
| <b>PANAMAX (13.0 Kts L/B)</b> |        |           |        |           |
| CBS>USG 50k                   | 143.00 | \$17,289  | 153.50 | \$19,945  |
| CONT>USG 55k                  | 121.70 | \$18,304  | 154.00 | \$27,407  |
| ECU>USWC 50k                  | 239.00 | \$36,149  | 244.00 | \$36,753  |
| Panamax Average Earnings      |        | \$18,761  |        | \$24,092  |
| <b>LR2 (13.0 Kts L/B)</b>     |        |           |        |           |
| AG>JPN 75k                    | 135.70 | \$31,553  | 151.90 | \$36,849  |
| AG>UKC 80k                    | 2.47m  | \$26,801  | 2.90m  | \$35,301  |
| MED>JPN 80k                   | 2.26m  | \$22,221  | 3.07m  | \$36,401  |
| AG>UKC/MED>JPN/AG             | --     | \$30,230  | --     | \$43,055  |
| LR2 Average Earnings          |        | \$31,113  |        | \$38,916  |
| <b>LR1 (13.0 Kts L/B)</b>     |        |           |        |           |
| AG>JPN 55k                    | 154.00 | \$26,183  | 150.50 | \$25,524  |
| AG>UKC 65k                    | 2.08m  | \$22,840  | 1.96m  | \$20,721  |
| UKC>WAFR 60k                  | 166.50 | \$31,045  | 187.00 | \$36,703  |
| AG>UKC/UKC>WAFR/AG            | --     | \$32,528  | --     | \$33,511  |
| LR1 Average Earnings          |        | \$29,355  |        | \$29,517  |
| <b>MR (13.0 Kts L/B)</b>      |        |           |        |           |
| UKC>USAC 37k                  | 164.38 | \$17,944  | 163.75 | \$17,872  |
| USG>UKC 38k                   | 121.88 | \$11,375  | 115.00 | \$10,155  |
| USG>UKC/UKC>USAC/USG          | --     | \$28,027  | --     | \$26,776  |
| USG>CBS (Pozos Colorados) 38k | 562k   | \$21,152  | 531k   | \$19,180  |
| USG>CHILE (Coronel) 38k       | 1.59m  | \$27,807  | 1.58m  | \$27,590  |
| CBS>USAC 38k                  | 165.00 | \$20,910  | 152.50 | \$18,482  |
| WCIND>JPN/ROK>SPORE/WCIND     | --     | \$25,373  | --     | \$26,073  |
| MR Average Earnings           |        | \$23,265  |        | \$22,765  |
| <b>Handy (13.0 Kts L/B)</b>   |        |           |        |           |
| MED>EMED 30k                  | 233.00 | \$40,118  | 258.20 | \$47,151  |
| SPORE>JPN 30K                 | 165.50 | \$15,206  | 174.00 | \$16,517  |
| Handy Average Earnings        |        | \$24,174  |        | \$27,545  |

Average Earnings weighted proportionally to regional activity share of each size class' worldwide market (including routes not necessarily shown above).

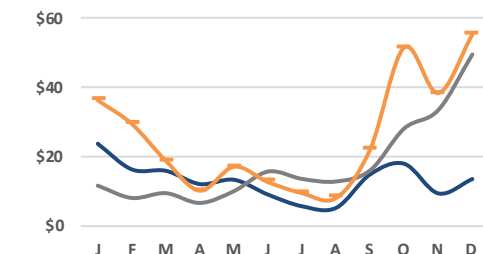
| Time Charter Market<br>\$/day (theoretical) | 1 Year   | 3 Years  |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| VLCC                                        | \$48,000 | \$35,000 |
| Suezmax                                     | \$38,000 | \$30,000 |
| Aframax                                     | \$27,000 | \$22,000 |
| LR 1                                        | \$17,500 | \$17,000 |
| MR                                          | \$17,000 | \$17,000 |
| Handy                                       | \$15,000 | \$14,000 |



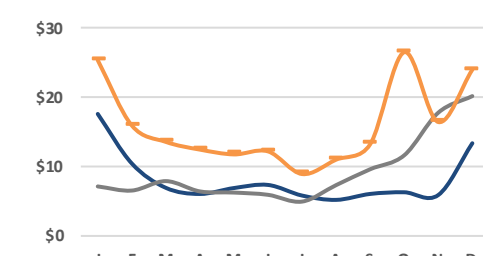
VLCC Average Earnings MTD Average ~\$88,346/Day Month y/y ▲ +50%



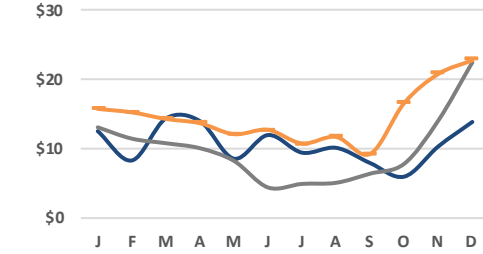
Suezmax Average Earnings MTD Average ~\$51,970/Day Month y/y ▲ +33%



Aframax Average Earnings MTD Average ~\$55,385/Day Month y/y ▲ +12%



Panamax Average Earnings MTD Average ~\$24,092/Day Month y/y ▲ +19%



MR Average Earnings MTD Average ~\$22,765/Day Month y/y ▲ +1%

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## SPOT MARKET SUMMARIES

### VLCC

#### Arabian Gulf Dec 2 – 6

Despite the holiday party weeks in New York and London having many out of the office, expectations were for a busier period, especially as Charterers have maintained a slow progression into the December cargo program. The anticipated inquiry took some time to develop however, and we initially saw some giveback in rates following a couple of quiet days. Owners, did maintain resistance and when the inquiry did appear, eastbound rates pushed back towards triple digits.

Eastbound rates started the week in the high ws90's for modern tonnage on TD3, dipped to a low of ws91.5 before rebounding back towards triple digits; the latest fixture at ws99.5 which yields a tce of about \$87,000 per day. The older, distressed tonnage traded at the usual 5 to 7.5 point discount. At week's end, Owners of modern tonnage were holding out for triple digits. Westbound rates were largely untested, the last fixture at ws60 via the USG, done over a week ago, but is arguably around that level now. Triangulated business still shows the highest possible return as AG to the USG followed by USG to Singapore yields a tce of \$110,000 per day over the two voyages.

#### Position list and Cargo Avails

There were 22 fresh fixtures to report this week, bringing the December cargo tally to 97, leaving another 45 to 50 cargoes to go through the remainder of the month. This compares to a position list with some 62 vessels available over that same period.

### Suezmax

West Africa rates witnessed a modest uptick this week despite intraweek demand being relatively flat. The TD20 route rallied to an increase +17.5 pts off the back of improved market fundamentals and rising rates in alternative markets. TD20 TCE levels also showed a moderate increase on the week improving to just over ~\$55,000/day (IFO 380) / ~\$45,900/day (0.5%). The BSEA – MED route also added +7.5 points on the week, which elevated TD6 up to 140k mt x ws145 and yielding a TCE of around ~\$73,300/day (IFO 380) / ~\$63,400/day (0.5%). In the USG/CBS region, weaker demand for East allowed charterers to test last done levels down to the mid to high \$5's M (depending on load region) to Spore. The preferred USG-TA route was held in check this week as rates flat lined holding at ws107.5 basis 145k MT cargo size. BDTI - TD20 ended the week settling at 138.86 which is up (+18.86) from this time last week.

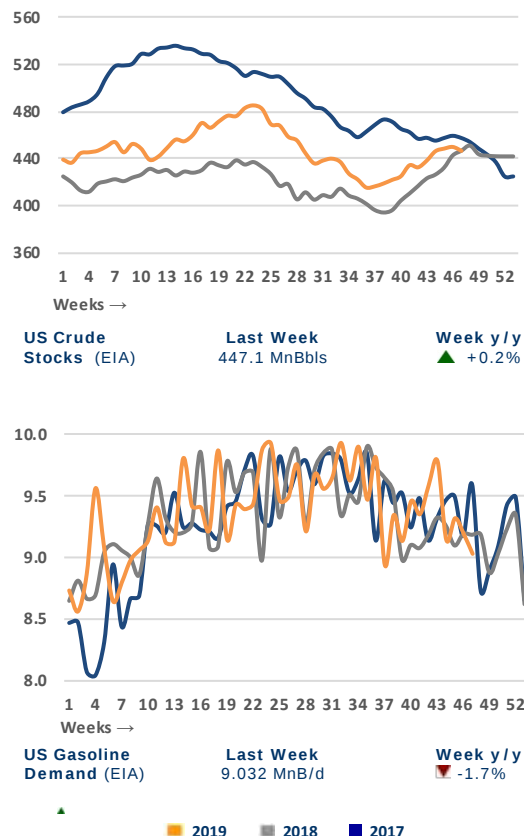
### Aframax

Despite the list not as tight as previous weeks, rates continued to trade strong through the week with TD9 at ws195+ and TD25 at 162.5 with TCE returns around 45k p/d and 64k p/d respectively. Attempts by charterers to test the market downward were met with heavy resistance from owners who succeeded at keeping the previous weeks' momentum rolling, and with Houston party week around the corner, many are optimistic the momentum will continue through the next week.

The European markets, although hovering in some areas, are trading strong as well. The Cross UKC market finished strong at ws180, up from ws160 earlier in the week, as enquiry picked up and started chipping away at available tonnage. The Balt/Cont routes were up 25 points from ws125 to ws150 with owners resisting last done levels with each fixture. Cross Med finished down from ws205 to ws 177.5 largely due to the list being in charterers favor however, the market did stabilize by the end of the week.

### MR

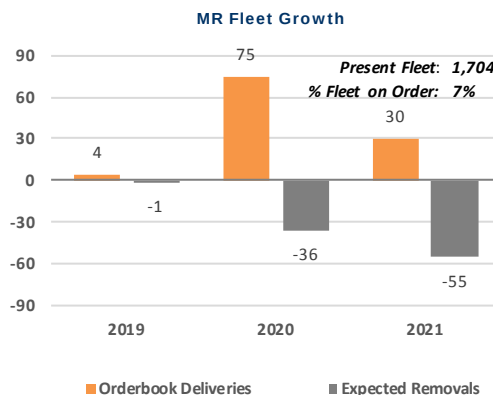
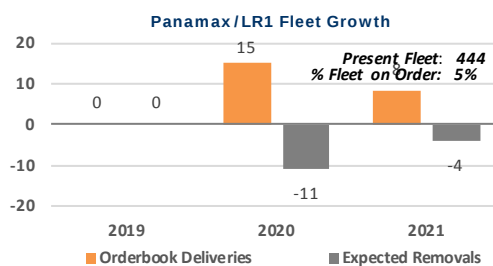
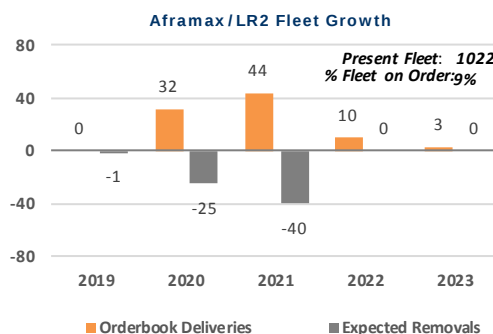
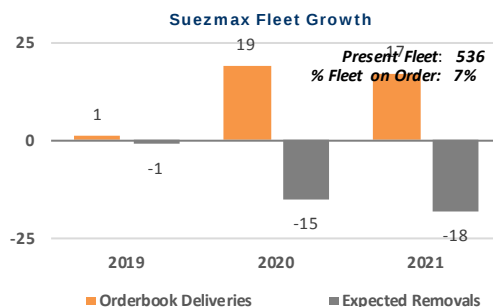
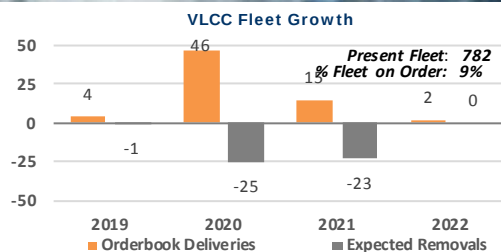
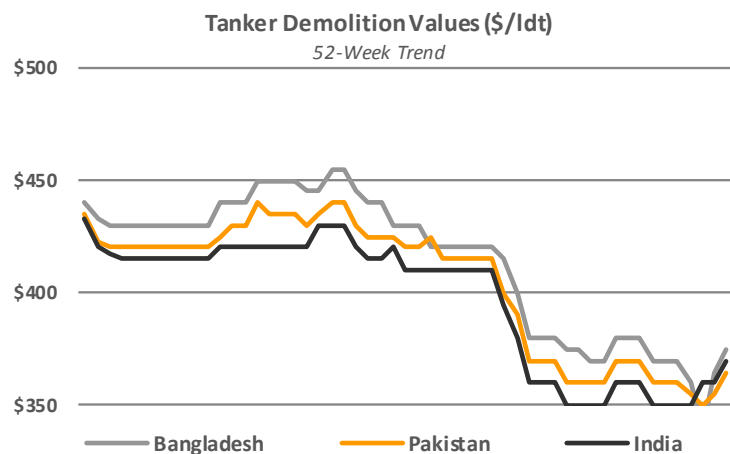
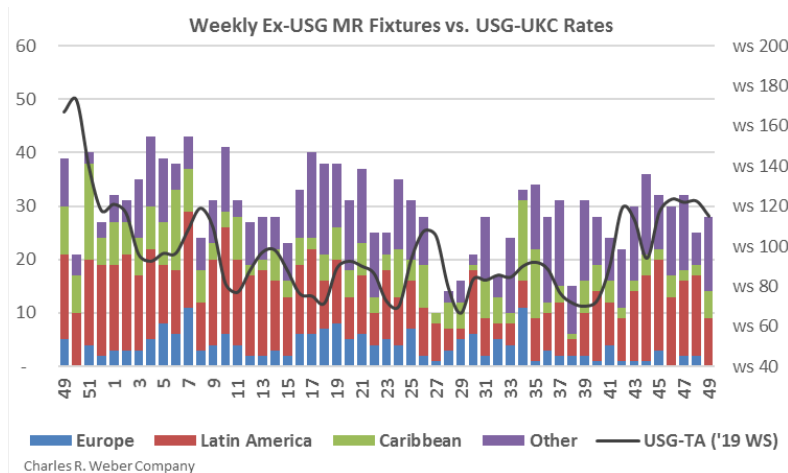
Ample tonnage combined with London party week had a dampening effect on both transatlantic and wafr destinations. Tc2 saw rates slide down to ws 160 while wafr was corrected to ws 190. Some believe we now have leveled off and market could be poised for an improvement early next week. Not much of a change in USG, as rates have held steady for the most part with long hauls rarely being tested. Shorter voyages



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took only a slight dip as owners looked to re-position prompter ships. All eyes on today's Petrobras market cargo for usg/brazil to determine the next direction.



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