## **Weekly Market Report**

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### Market insight

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Last year crude tankers' newbuilding contracting activity was devastated by the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cloud of uncertainty regarding eco-friendly technology adoption which amplified concerns over the technology and fuelling choices on the newbuilding units. Covid-19 restrictions significantly impacted owners' appetite for new orders, which coupled with the divided view on the long-term technology implementation caused a severe blow on the shipbuilding industry. At the time of writing, both concerns are still present.

Despite worldwide vaccination, the pandemic remains with lockdown restrictions being imposed around the world. In addition, there is no clear view on which type of fuel will be the next generation one, yet with LNG retrofits gaining a bigger market share week by week. However, today the shipbuilding tanker market activity witness a completely different outlook, with the volume of newbuilding contracts emerging w-o-w being significantly strong and the NB values at levels that we last observed back in 2015. With respect to the latter fact, we could agree that the recent spike in steel prices has supported a large part of newbuilding value increases; nevertheless, with the cost for new investments burdening the owner's capital, it is evident that the appetite for new vessels is strong.

According to our preliminary data, YTD crude carriers contracting activity in dwt terms is estimated at around 9.6 million which is about +47.7% when compared to the same period last year (6.5 million dwt). The majority of orders that have materialized so far this year referred to VLCC units which account for 71% of the total orders (27 of the total tanker contracting activity of 38 units). If buying interest for crude carrier tonnage continues at the same pace it would not be a surprise to see 2021 contracting activity doubling the previous year volumes (around 15.4 million in dwt terms during 2020). Solely for the purpose of comparison, 2019 total contracting activity is estimated at around 19.6 million dwt with January-May 2019 newbuilding volume at 7.45 million dwt, a time period where the Coronavirus pandemic would stand as a science fiction theory.

As far as the asset values are concerned, average prices for VLCC, Suezmax and Aframax units to be constructed at top tier yards are estimated at \$95.0M, \$63.M, and \$50.5 million respectively. A picture is worth a thousand words and that can be evident if we take a closer look at *page 6 Indicative Newbuilding Prices table* where a comparison with average values of the past 3 years can easily be made. Average prices of all sectors are hovering well below today's values. Again, for the sake of clarity, 2021 average VLCC, Suezmax and Aframax newbuilding prices stand at \$90.0M, \$59.5M, and \$49.0 million. It remains to be seen, whether Chinese authorities will manage to curb iron ore prices and subsequently steel values. Such a depreciation on the respective commodities will be reflected on newbuilding values as well; however, if China's exertion in containing steel prices remains unsuccessful newbuilding prices will appreciate further according to the underlying steel inflationary trend.

### Chartering (Wet: Stable- / Dry: Stable-)

A mixed picture emerged in the dry bulk market, with the bigger sizes losing ground and geared sectors enjoying improvements last week. The BDI today (25/05/2021) closed at 2,809 up by 14 points compared to previous Tuesday's (18/05/2021) levels. Despite a spurt in Middle East VLCC activity, the crude carrier sectors are still facing a number of challenges with the market unable to build positive momentum. The BDTI today (25/05/2021) closed at 614, an increase of 3 points, and the BCTI at 526, a decrease of 7 points compared to previous Tuesday's (18/05/2021) levels.

### Sale & Purchase (Wet: Stable+ / Dry: Firmer)

The Secondhand market continues to witness significantly healthy activity with almost equal volumes of dry bulk and tanker deals materializing in the past days. In the tanker sector, we had the sale of the "MOGRA" (150,709dwt-blt '00, Japan), which was sold to Chinese buyers, for a price in the region of \$16.0m. On the dry bulker side sector, we had the sale of the "AUSTRALIA MARU" (181,415dwt-blt '12, Japan), which was sold to Greek owner, Seanergy, for a price in the region of \$33.7m

### Newbuilding (Wet: Firmer / Dry: Firmer)

The newbuilding market has been particularly busy last week with a strong volume of new orders referring to the non-conventional type of units. In the tanker sector, Finnish owner Lundqvist AB inked a deal for one conventionally fuelled 112,000dwt Aframax unit at Sumitomo in Japan. Hengyi Petrochemical made its debut in ship owning with an order of eight 49,600 chemical/product carriers at GSI in China. In addition, Wuhu Xinlian secured an order for one dual-fuelled, battery power bitumen tanker from Mc Asphalt Marine Transporation at a price just above \$40.0 million. Lastly, German owner John T. Essberger ordered four firm plus four optional stainless-steel chemical units at CMJL Dingheng. All vessels will be able to use LNG as fuel and will have ice class 1A certification. On the bulk carrier front, Qingdao Beihai secured a pair of Newcastlemax (followed the one by U-Ming) from CMT. Each unit will cost around \$58.5 million, will have LNG engines propulsion and will comply with Tier III standards. Furthermore, U-Ming concluded a pair of Post-Panamax units at Oshima for \$37.0m each. Ordering activity in the Container sector has been also present last week, with owners interest exclusively focusing on the feeder sizes. Lastly, Greek owner Tsakos Shipmanagement inked a deal for one 84,000cbm LPG unit at Hyundai Mipo.

#### Demolition (Wet: Stable+ / Dry: Stable+)

The post-Eid holiday days found the demolition market enjoying significantly high offered scrap prices for another week. The improvements on both the dry bulk and container freight markets left cash buyers with no choice but to increase their bids with an admittedly restricted supply of demo candidates circulating in the market. However, with scrap levels at mid \$500/ldt, it will be no surprise to see more and more owners toward the scrapping option for their vintage units. Having said that, the competition among Bangladeshi and Pakistani breakers has strengthened with the latter easing Covid-19 restrictions allowing scrap industry participants to resume their operations. On the other hand, India seems unable to follow suit, with the local community still fighting with its most severe Covid-19 wave. In Turkey, demolition market activity improved while both import and local steel prices rose last week.

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|         |               |            |              | Spot           | Rates        |         |        |        |        |
|---------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
|         |               |            | 21-M         | ay-21          | 14-M         | ay-21   | \$/day | 2020   | 2019   |
| Ves     | ssel          | Routes     | WS<br>points | \$/day         | WS<br>points | \$/day  | ±%     | \$/day | \$/day |
| U       | 265k          | MEG-SPORE  | 37           | 6,959          | 33           | 1,151   | 504.6% | 52,119 | 45,517 |
| VLCC    | 280k          | MEG-USG    | 19           | -12,016        | 19           | -14,684 | 18.2%  | 41,904 | 35,659 |
| -       | 260k          | WAF-CHINA  | 37           | 6,020          | 35           | 2,544   | 136.6% | 50,446 | 41,077 |
| ах      | 130k          | MED-MED    | 55           | 2,247          | 55           | 1,603   | 40.2%  | 28,185 | 30,857 |
| Suezmax | 130k          | WAF-UKC    | 49           | 613            | 51           | 873     | -29.8% | 25,082 | 11,031 |
| Su      | 140k BSEA-MED |            | 58           | -3,768         | 58           | -4,262  | 11.6%  | 28,185 | 30,857 |
| 5       | 80k           | MEG-EAST   | 95           | 5,514          | 90           | 2,630   | 109.7% | 17,211 | 24,248 |
| Aframax | 80k           | MED-MED    | 87           | 3,308          | 85           | 2,018   | 63.9%  | 15,843 | 25,771 |
| Afra    | 100k          | BALTIC/UKC | 68           | 1,884          | 74           | 4,884   | -61.4% | 19,322 | 25,842 |
|         | 70k           | CARIBS-USG | 97           | 5,062          | 102          | 5,962   | -15.1% | 22,707 | 20,886 |
|         | 75k           | MEG-JAPAN  | 93           | 8,052          | 78           | 2,557   | 214.9% | 28,160 | 22,050 |
| Clean   | 55k           | MEG-JAPAN  | 93           | 5,229          | 93           | 4,566   | 14.5%  | 19,809 | 15,071 |
| ő       | 37K           | UKC-USAC   | 135          | 7,132          | 136          | 6,984   | 2.1%   | 12,977 | 12,367 |
|         | 30K           | MED-MED    | 167          | 13,641         | 164          | 12,696  | 7.4%   | 12,235 | 14,008 |
| >       | 55K           | UKC-USG    | 106          | 6,130          | 105          | 5,091   | 20.4%  | 12,120 | 15,960 |
| Dirty   | 55K           | MED-USG    | 106          | 6 <i>,</i> 035 | 105          | 5,187   | 16.3%  | 12,965 | 15,327 |
|         | 50k           | CARIBS-USG | 122          | 7,137          | 142          | 11,167  | -36.1% | 17,651 | 18,781 |

|            |             |           | TC Rates  |      |      |        |        |
|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Ş          | 5/day       | 21-May-21 | 14-May-21 | ±%   | Diff | 2020   | 2019   |
| VLCC       | 300k 1yr TC | 27,000    | 26,000    | 3.8% | 1000 | 42,038 | 37,462 |
| VLCC       | 300k 3yr TC | 28,500    | 27,500    | 3.6% | 1000 | 34,772 | 35,777 |
| Suezmax    | 150k 1yr TC | 17,500    | 17,500    | 0.0% | 0    | 29,543 | 26,808 |
| Suezillax  | 150k 3yr TC | 22,500    | 22,500    | 0.0% | 0    | 27,481 | 25,988 |
| Aframax    | 110k 1yr TC | 16,000    | 16,000    | 0.0% | 0    | 23,380 | 21,990 |
| All dilldX | 110k 3yr TC | 19,500    | 19,500    | 0.0% | 0    | 21,854 | 22,426 |
| Panamax    | 75k 1yr TC  | 14,500    | 14,500    | 0.0% | 0    | 17,322 | 16,635 |
| Fallallia  | 75k 3yr TC  | 15,750    | 15,750    | 0.0% | 0    | 16,296 | 16,916 |
| MR         | 52k 1yr TC  | 12,750    | 12,750    | 0.0% | 0    | 15,505 | 15,269 |
| IVIN       | 52k 3yr TC  | 13,500    | 13,500    | 0.0% | 0    | 15,916 | 16,181 |
| Handy      | 36k 1yr TC  | 11,500    | 11,500    | 0.0% | 0    | 13,966 | 13,856 |
| Handy      | 36k 3yr TC  | 13,250    | 13,250    | 0.0% | 0    | 14,051 | 13,753 |

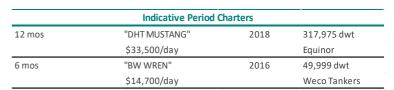
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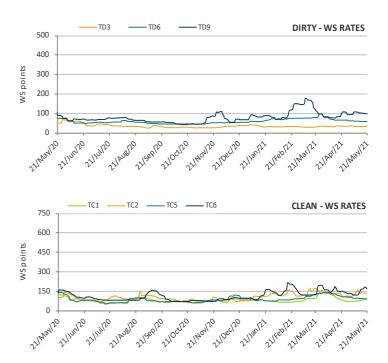
The crude carrier markets remain in search of silver linings for another week. Despite an increase in VLCC tonnage demand on the back of a busier Middle East market activity, sentiment remains uninspiring with average levels of all business routes at low levels and even decreasing in some cases. Suezmax sector activity was overall quiet while a mixed picture emerged on the Aframax market.

A boost in Middle East VLCC activity managed to clear up some of the open vessels with owners managing to gain some points for business destined to China. West Africa TD15 route closed off the week at 37WS points up by 1.77WS points w-o-w. Overall, VLCC average T/C earnings increased by \$4160 per day w-o-w yet with earnings remaining at very unhealthy levels.

Rates were under pressure in the Suezmax market with the West Africa business route losing 2.13WS points w-o-w. TD23 enjoyed a small uptick albeit marginally with no substantial effect on average T/C earnings. Despite a spurt in activity mid-week, Aframax North Sea rates moved down as the week came to a close. Caribs market sentiment was also negative with TD9 losing 4.69WS points w-o-w. On the other hand, sentiment in Med firmed last week while Far East routes also noted improvements.

## **Tanker Market**





| Inc       | Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Tankers |               |               |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|---------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Vessel 5y | rs old  | May-21<br>avg | Apr-21<br>avg | ±%   | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| VLCC      | 300KT DH  | 69.7          | 69.0          | 1.0% | 71.5 | 72.4 | 65.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suezmax   | 150KT DH  | 47.0          | 45.2          | 4.0% | 49.9 | 51.3 | 44.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aframax   | 110KT DH  | 39.8          | 38.9          | 2.4% | 38.8 | 38.6 | 33.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| LR1       | 75KT DH   | 32.7          | 31.3          | 4.4% | 30.7 | 31.6 | 29.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| MR        | 52KT DH   | 27.0          | 27.0          | 0.0% | 27.5 | 28.8 | 26.2 |  |  |  |  |  |

### Sale & Purchase

In the Suezmax sector we had the sale of the "MOGRA" (150,709dwt-blt '00, Japan), which was sold to Chinese buyers, for a price in the region of \$16.0m.

In the MR sector we had the sale of the "ATLANTIC PISCES" (49,999dwt-blt '09, S. Korea), which was sold to Norwegian buyers, for a price in the region of \$15.0m.

|      |       |          | Ba         | ltic Indic | es    |        |       |       |
|------|-------|----------|------------|------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
|      | 21/05 | /2021    | 14/05/2021 |            | Point | \$/day | 2020  | 2019  |
|      | Index | \$/day   | Index      | \$/day     | Diff  | ±%     | Index | Index |
| BDI  | 2,869 |          | 2,939      |            | -70   |        | 1,066 | 1,344 |
| BCI  | 3,930 | \$32,593 | 4,165      | \$34,542   | -235  | -5.6%  | 1,742 | 2,239 |
| BPI  | 2,855 | \$25,693 | 2,961      | \$26,652   | -106  | -3.6%  | 1,103 | 1,382 |
| BSI  | 2,408 | \$26,493 | 2,297      | \$25,264   | 111   | 4.9%   | 746   | 877   |
| BHSI | 1,317 | \$23,706 | 1,269      | \$22,839   | 48    | 3.8%   | 447   | 490   |

|           |              | _          | Period     |       |       |        |        |
|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
|           | \$/day       | 21/05/2021 | 14/05/2021 | ±%    | Diff  | 2020   | 2019   |
| ize       | 180K 6mnt TC | 39,000     | 38,500     | 1.3%  | 500   | 15,561 | 18,839 |
| Capesize  | 180K 1yr TC  | 29,750     | 28,000     | 6.3%  | 1,750 | 14,594 | 17,397 |
| Ca        | 180K 3yr TC  | 22,750     | 21,750     | 4.6%  | 1,000 | 14,118 | 15,474 |
| лах       | 76K 6mnt TC  | 24,500     | 23,750     | 3.2%  | 750   | 10,585 | 12,147 |
| Panamax   | 76K 1yr TC   | 22,750     | 22,000     | 3.4%  | 750   | 10,613 | 12,080 |
| Ра        | 76K 3yr TC   | 14,500     | 14,250     | 1.8%  | 250   | 10,537 | 11,931 |
| лах       | 58K 6mnt TC  | 28,000     | 25,750     | 8.7%  | 2,250 | 10,296 | 11,493 |
| Supramax  | 58K 1yr TC   | 19,500     | 18,500     | 5.4%  | 1,000 | 10,248 | 11,344 |
| Sul       | 58K 3yr TC   | 13,750     | 13,250     | 3.8%  | 500   | 9,690  | 10,883 |
| size      | 32K 6mnt TC  | 21,500     | 18,500     | 16.2% | 3,000 | 8,498  | 9,152  |
| Handysize | 32K 1yr TC   | 16,250     | 15,500     | 4.8%  | 750   | 8,556  | 9,291  |
| На        | 32K 3yr TC   | 10,500     | 10,500     | 0.0%  | 0     | 8,686  | 9,291  |

#### Chartering

The Capesize market witnessed losses for the 2nd consecutive week, while sub-Capes remained resilient. The Pacific continued to outperform, diverging from the transatlantic earnings drop. The latter has been exacerbated by increased Capesize ballasters, as well as the Colombian coal export disruptions which have intensified into the current week. Iron ore prices continued to soften with China's announcements on reining on commodity prices escalating. The decline in steel prices has been more pronounced over the past few days impacting steel profit margins negatively, but we should expect steel prices to stabilize. We continue to see better fundamentals for the latter part of June, as we mentioned in last week's report, while the 2nd half of the year continues to look promising on increased iron ore supplies. As far as the smaller sizes are concerned, there is ongoing support from coal and grains cargoes, while weather forecasts in Asia point to increased demand for thermal power generation over the next weeks and coal as a result.

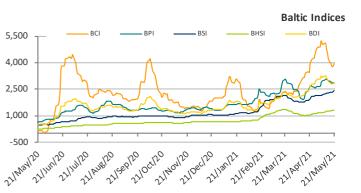
Cape 5TC averaged \$31,950/day down -18.4% w-o-w, with the Atlantic dropping at a faster pace. The weekly average Cape transpacific RV premium to the TA RV averaged +\$5,017/day up from a +\$4,200/day the week before.

Panamax 4TC averaged \$24,483/day down -5.5% w-o-w with the TA RV leading the declines. The Panamax transpacific premium widened at +\$7,095/day up from +\$6,114/day the week before.

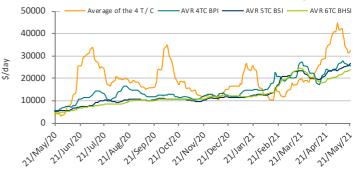
Supramax 10TC averaged \$25,874/day, up +4.0% w-o-w, rising for 6 consecutive weeks. The Pacific market continues to outperform supported by a vessels supply airpocket as Supramax congestion for grains in ECSA continues to persist and delays vessels from flowing back into the Pacific, while coal activity into China has been steady despite coastal coal freight reversing downwards.

## **Dry Bulk Market**

|                 | Indicative Period C | harters |            |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|------------|
| 5 to 7 mos      | "ASTARTE"           | 2013    | 81,513 dwt |
| Yeosu 19/29 May | \$25,000/day        |         | MOL        |
| 4 to 6 mos      | "FOUR RIGOLETTO"    | 2011    | 34,438 dwt |
| Tuzla prompt    | \$19,500/day        |         | Lighthouse |







### Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Bulk Carriers

| Vessel 5 yr  | s old | May-21 avg | Apr-21 avg | ±%   | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|--------------|-------|------------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| Capesize     | 180k  | 36.3       | 35.3       | 2.9% | 27.6 | 31.1 | 36.1 |
| Capesize Eco | 180k  | 42.0       | 40.9       | 2.7% | 36.1 | 39.0 | 42.3 |
| Kamsarmax    | 82K   | 28.3       | 27.7       | 2.3% | 23.2 | 24.7 | 24.2 |
| Ultramax     | 63k   | 24.7       | 23.2       | 6.3% | 19.4 | 23.1 | -    |
| Handysize    | 37K   | 20.0       | 19.6       | 2.0% | 16.1 | 17.9 | 16.1 |

#### Sale & Purchase

In the Capesize sector we had the sale of the "AUSTRALIA MARU" (181,415dwt-blt '12, Japan), which was sold to Greek owner, Seanergy, for a price in the region of \$33.7m.

In the Kamsarmax sector we had the sale of the "IOANNA L" (81,837dwt-blt '17, China), which was sold to Greek buyers, for a price in the region of \$29.5m.

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## Secondhand Sales

|       |                       |         |       | •                              | Tanke   | ers    |      |                |  |   |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|------|----------------|--|---|
| Size  | Name                  | Dwt     | Built | Yard                           | M/E     | SS due | Hull | Price          | Buyers                                 | Comments  |
| VLCC  | HYUNDAI ULSAN<br>3240 | 299,240 | 2022  | HYUNDAI ULSAN, S.<br>Korea     | MAN-B&W |        | DH   |                |  |   |
| VLCC  | HYUNDAI ULSAN<br>3241 | 299,240 | 2022  | HYUNDAI ULSAN, S.<br>Korea     | MAN-B&W |        | DH   | 80             |  |   |
| VLCC  | HYUNDAI ULSAN<br>3283 | 299,240 | 2022  | HYUNDAI ULSAN, S.<br>Korea     | MAN-B&W |        | DH   | ~<br>ف ۵ د د م | Norwegian                              | incl.around<br>\$25.7m in<br>additions and                        |
| VLCC  | HYUNDAI ULSAN<br>3284 | 299,240 | 2022  | HYUNDAI ULSAN, S.<br>Korea     | MAN-B&W |        | DH   | ~ \$ 565.8m    | (Frontline)                            | upgrades to the<br>standard<br>specifications,<br>scrubber fitted |
| VLCC  | HYUNDAI ULSAN<br>3285 | 299,240 | 2022  | HYUNDAI ULSAN, S.<br>Korea     | MAN-B&W |        | DH   | 2              |  |   |
| VLCC  | HYUNDAI ULSAN<br>3286 | 299,240 | 2023  | HYUNDAI ULSAN, S.<br>Korea     | MAN-B&W |        | DH   |                |  |   |
| SUEZ  | MOGRA                 | 150,709 | 2000  | NKK CORP, Japan                | Sulzer  | Jun-25 | DH   | \$ 16.0m       | Chinese                                |   |
| LR1   | DONG TING HU          | 74,032  | 2007  | NEW TIMES, China               | MAN-B&W | May-22 | DH   | \$ 9.65m       | undisclosed                            | bank sale   |
| LR1   | HONG ZE HU            | 73,976  | 2007  | NEW TIMES, China               | MAN-B&W | Sep-22 | DH   | \$ 9.65m       | unaisciosea                            | Danksale  |
| MR    | MAERSK<br>MIYAJIMA    | 48,020  | 2011  | IWAGI ZOSEN,<br>Japan          | MAN-B&W | Jul-24 | DH   | \$ 16.4m       | Vietnamese<br>(Vietnam<br>Tankers Co.) | BWTS fitted,<br>uncoiled  |
| MR    | ATLANTIC PISCES       | 49,999  | 2009  | HYUNDAI MIPO, S.<br>Korea      | MAN-B&W | Jul-24 | DH   | rgn\$ 15.0m    | Norwegian                              |   |
| MR    | SALAMINIA             | 47,407  | 2007  | ONOMICHI, Japan                | MAN-B&W | Apr-22 | DH   | \$ 9.6m        | undisclosed                            |   |
| SMALL | GLOBAL MARS           | 12,898  | 2010  | HIGAKI, Japan                  | MAN-B&W | Aug-25 | DH   | undisclosed    | undisclosed                            |   |
| SMALL | TIGER<br>HONGKONG     | 13,034  | 2009  | 21ST CENTURY, S.<br>Korea      | MAN-B&W | Feb-24 | DH   | \$ 6.0m        | undisclosed                            |   |
| SMALL | MENTOR                | 13,013  | 2007  | SEKWANG, S. Korea              | MAN-B&W | Jul-22 | DH   | \$ 5.5m        | Indian                                 |   |
| SMALL | DARA<br>DESGAGNES     | 10,511  | 1992  | MTW<br>SCHIFFSWERF,<br>Germany | B&W     | Jan-23 | DH   | undisclosed    | Dominican                              |   |

## **Secondhand Sales**

|              |                             |         |       |                              | Bulk Ca | arriers |                     |            |  | -                         |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|------------|--|---------------------------|
| Size         | Name                        | Dwt     | Built | Yard                         | M/E     | SS due  | Gear                | Price      | Buyers                                 | Comments                  |
| CAPE         | AUSTRALIA<br>MARU           | 181,415 | 2012  | KOYO MIHARA,<br>Japan        | MAN-B&W | Aug-21  |                     | \$ 33.7m   | Greek (Seanergy)                       | BWTS & scrubber<br>fitted |
| CAPE         | PHOENIX BEAUTY              | 169,150 | 2010  | SUNGDONG, S.<br>Korea        | MAN-B&W | Feb-25  |                     | \$ 23.5m   | Greek (Minerva)                        | BWTS fitted, old sale     |
| CAPE         | MINERAL KYOTO               | 180,310 | 2004  | KOYO MIHARA,<br>Japan        | MAN-B&W | Sep-24  |                     | \$ 15.5m   | undisclosed                            | scrubber fitted           |
| POST<br>PMAX | BOTTIGLIERI<br>SOPHIE GREEN | 93,283  | 2011  | JIANGSU<br>NEWYANGZI, China  | MAN-B&W | Jan-26  |                     | \$ 16.5m   | undisclosed                            |                           |
| KMAX         | IOANNA L                    | 81,837  | 2017  | TSUNEISHI<br>ZHOUSHAN, China | MAN-B&W | Sep-22  |                     | \$ 29.5m   | Greek                                  |                           |
| KMAX         | COUNTESS I                  | 79,235  | 2013  | JIANGSU EASTERN,<br>China    | MAN-B&W | Nov-23  |                     | \$ 18.85m  | Chinese                                | ICE Class 1C              |
| KMAX         | TWINKLE ISLAND              | 82,265  | 2012  | TSUNEISHI, Japan             | MAN-B&W | Apr-22  |                     | \$ 21.0m   | Japanese                               |                           |
| PMAX         | SOROCO                      | 78,888  | 2008  | SANOYAS, Japan               | MAN-B&W | Mar-23  |                     | \$ 15.5m   | undisclosed                            |                           |
| UMAX         | DALIAN COSCO<br>KHI DE107   | 61,000  | 2022  | DACKS, China                 | MAN-B&W |         | 4 X 30t<br>CRANES   | \$ 29.2m   | U.S. based (Genco                      |                           |
| UMAX         | DALIAN COSCO<br>KHI DE108   | 61,000  | 2022  | DACKS, China                 | MAN-B&W |         | 4 X 30t<br>CRANES   | \$ 29.2m   | Shipping & Trading)                    |                           |
| SMAX         | DARYA LAKSHMI               | 55,469  | 2009  | MITSUI, Japan                | MAN-B&W | Jul-24  | 4 X 30t<br>CRANES   | \$ 14.50m  | undisclosed                            |                           |
| SMAX         | ARCHAGELOS<br>MICHAEL       | 53,460  | 2007  | HA LONG, Vietnam             | MAN-B&W | Oct-21  | 4 X 36t<br>CRANES   | \$ 8.2m    | undisclosed                            |                           |
| SMAX         | TAI HAWK                    | 52,686  | 2004  | OSHIMA, Japan                | MAN-B&W | Dec-24  | 4 X 30t<br>CRANES   | \$ 10.813m | Chinese (Jinhui<br>Shipping & Trading) | BWTS fitted               |
| SMALL        | MAGNATE                     | 18,828  | 2004  | YAMANISHI, Japan             | B&W     | Nov-24  | 3 X 30,5t<br>CRANES | \$ 4.6m    | Chinese                                |                           |

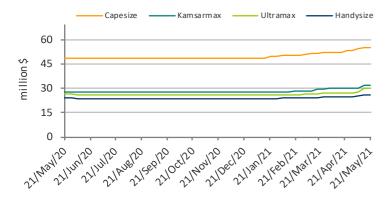
|        |           |       |       |                       | Conta   | iners  |                   | •            |                   |          |
|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| Size   | Name      | Teu   | Built | Yard                  | M/E     | SS due | Gear              | Price        | Buyers            | Comments |
| PMAX   | VENETIKO  | 5,928 | 2003  | KOYO MIHARA,<br>Japan | MAN-B&W | Jan-23 |                   |              | European          |          |
| FEEDER | NORDMAPLE | 2,506 | 2018  | AVIC WEIHAI,<br>China | MAN-B&W | Jul-23 | 3 X 45t<br>CRANES | rgn \$ 32,5m | Spanish (Marflet) |          |

## **Newbuilding Market**

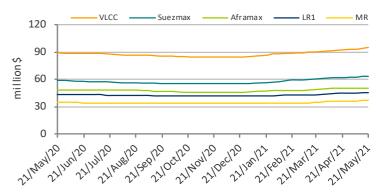
|         | Indicative Newbuilding Prices (million\$) |      |            |            |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |
|---------|---|------|------------|------------|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|
|         | Vessel                                    |      | 21/05/2021 | 14/05/2021 | ±%   | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |  |  |  |
|         | Newcastlemax                              | 205k | 59.5       | 59.5       | 0.0% | 51   | 54   | 51   |  |  |  |
| s       | Capesize                                  | 180k | 55.5       | 55.5       | 0.0% | 49   | 52   | 49   |  |  |  |
| Bulkers | Kamsarmax                                 | 82k  | 32.0       | 32.0       | 0.0% | 28   | 30   | 29   |  |  |  |
| Bull    | Ultramax                                  | 63k  | 30.0       | 30.0       | 0.0% | 26   | 28   | 27   |  |  |  |
| _       | Handysize                                 | 38k  | 26.0       | 26.0       | 0.0% | 24   | 24   | 24   |  |  |  |
| s       | VLCC                                      | 300k | 95.0       | 94.0       | 1.1% | 88   | 92   | 88   |  |  |  |
| Tankers | Suezmax                                   | 160k | 63.0       | 63.0       | 0.0% | 58   | 60   | 58   |  |  |  |
| Tan     | Aframax                                   | 115k | 50.5       | 50.5       | 0.0% | 48   | 49   | 47   |  |  |  |
| -       | MR  | 50k  | 36.5       | 36.5       | 0.0% | 35   | 36   | 36   |  |  |  |
|         | LNG 174k cbm                              |      | 189.0      | 189.0      | 0.0% | 187  | 186  | 181  |  |  |  |
| Gas     | LGC LPG 80k cbm                           |      | 73.5       | 73.5       | 0.0% | 73   | 73   | 71   |  |  |  |
| G       | MGC LPG 55k cbm                           |      | 64.5       | 64.5       | 0.0% | 63   | 65   | 63   |  |  |  |
|         | SGC LPG 25k cbm                           |      | 43.0       | 43.0       | 0.0% | 42   | 44   | 43   |  |  |  |

The newbuilding market has been particularly busy last week with a strong volume of new orders referring to the non-conventional type of units. In the tanker sector, Finnish owner Lundqvist AB inked a deal for one conventionally fuelled 112,000dwt Aframax unit at Sumitomo in Japan. Hengyi Petrochemical made its debut in ship owning with an order of eight 49,600 chemical/product carriers at GSI in China. In addition, Wuhu Xinlian secured an order for one dual-fuelled, battery power bitumen tanker from Mc Asphalt Marine Transporation at a price just above \$40.0 million. Lastly, German owner John T. Essberger ordered four firm plus four optional stainless-steel chemical units at CMJL Dingheng. All vessels will be able to use LNG as fuel and will have ice class 1A certification. On the bulk carrier front, Qingdao Beihai secured a pair of Newcastlemax (followed the one by U-Ming) from CMT. Each unit will cost around \$58.5 million, will have LNG engines propulsion and will comply with Tier III standards. Furthermore, U-Ming concluded a pair of Post-Panamax units at Oshima for \$37.0m each. Ordering activity in the Container sector has been also present last week, with owners interest exclusively focusing on the feeder sizes. Lastly, Greek owner Tsakos Shipmanagement inked a deal for one 84,000cbm LPG unit at Hyundai Mipo.

Bulk Carriers Newbuilding Prices (m\$)



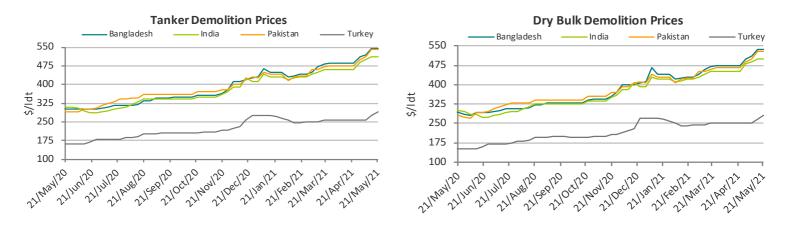
Tankers Newbuilding Prices (m\$)



|       |           |             |                            | Newbu    | ilding Orders                                | Newbuilding Orders |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Units | Туре      | Size        | Yard                       | Delivery | Buyer  | Price              | Comments                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1     | Tanker    | 112,000 dwt | Sumitomo, Japan            | 2022     | Finnish (Lundqvist AB)                       | undisclosed        | conventioanlly fuelled          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8     | Tanker    | 49,600 dwt  | GSI, China                 | 2024     | Chinese (Hengyi<br>Petrochemical)            | \$ 35.0m           | chemical/product tanker         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1+1   | Tanker    | 12,000 dwt  | Wuhu Xinlian, China        | 2023     | Canadian (McAsphalt<br>Marine Transporation) | excess<br>\$40.0m  | dual fuelled, battery powered   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4+4   | Tanker    | 6,600 dwt   | CMJL Dingheng , China      | 2023     | German (John T. Essberger)                   | undisclosed        | StSt, ice class 1A, LNG fuelled |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2     | Bulker    | 210,000 dwt | Qingdao Beihai, China      | 2023     | Chinese (CMT)                                | \$ 58.5m           | LNG fuelled, Tier III           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2     | Bulker    | 100,000 dwt | Oshima, Japan              | 2023     | Taiwanese (U-Ming)                           | \$ 37.0m           |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1     | Bulker    | 49,800 dwt  | CMJL Nanjing, China        | 2022     | Chinese (Ningbo Marine)                      | undisclosed        | option declared                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4     | Bulker    | 40,000 dwt  | Zhejiang Yangfan,<br>China | 2022     | German (Reederei H.<br>Vogemann)             | undisclosed        |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1     | LPG       | 84,000 cbm  | Kawasaki, Japan            | 2023     | Greek (Dorian LPG)                           | undisclosed        | dual fuelled                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2     | Container | 2,800 teu   | Hyundai Mipo, S.<br>Korea  | 2023     | Greek (Tsakos)                               | undisclosed        |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4     | Container | 1,868 teu   | Zhejiang Yangfan,<br>China | 2022     | German (Vega Reederei)                       | \$ 24.0m           |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| No Single | Indicative Demolition Prices (\$/ldt) |            |            |            |      |      |      |      |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------|------|------|------|--|
| India 510 510 0.0% 348 400 43   Pakistan 540 540 0.0% 352 395 43   Turkey 290 290 0.0% 207 259 28   Bangladesh 535 535 0.0% 336 400 43   Pakistan 500 500 0.0% 335 390 42   Pakistan 530 530 0.0% 338 385 42   |                                       | Markets    | 21/05/2021 | 14/05/2021 | ±%   | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |  |
| Turkey 290 290 0.0% 207 259 28   Bangladesh 535 535 0.0% 336 400 43   India 500 500 0.0% 335 390 42   Pakistan 530 530 0.0% 338 385 42   |                                       | Bangladesh | 545        | 545        | 0.0% | 348  | 410  | 442  |  |
| Turkey 290 290 0.0% 207 259 28   Bangladesh 535 535 0.0% 336 400 43   India 500 500 0.0% 335 390 42   Pakistan 530 530 0.0% 338 385 42   | ker                                   | India      | 510        | 510        | 0.0% | 348  | 400  | 438  |  |
| Bangladesh 535 535 0.0% 336 400 433   India 500 500 0.0% 335 390 42   Pakistan 530 530 0.0% 338 385 42   | Tan                                   | Pakistan   | 540        | 540        | 0.0% | 352  | 395  | 437  |  |
| India 500 500 0.0% 335 390 42   Pakistan 530 530 0.0% 338 385 42   | -                                     | Turkey     | 290        | 290        | 0.0% | 207  | 259  | 280  |  |
| Pakistan 530 530 0.0% 338 385 42   | ×                                     | Bangladesh | 535        | 535        | 0.0% | 336  | 400  | 431  |  |
|  | Bul                                   | India      | 500        | 500        | 0.0% | 335  | 390  | 428  |  |
|  |                                       | Pakistan   | 530        | 530        | 0.0% | 338  | 385  | 427  |  |
| <b>Turkey</b> 280 280 0.0% 198 249 27  |                                       | Turkey     | 280        | 280        | 0.0% | 198  | 249  | 270  |  |

The post-Eid holiday days found the demolition market enjoying significantly high offered scrap prices for another week. The improvements on both the dry bulk and container freight markets left cash buyers with no choice but to increase their bids with an admittedly restricted supply of demo candidates circulating in the market. However, with scrap levels at mid \$500/ldt, it will be no surprise to see more and more owners toward the scrapping option for their vintage units. Having said that, the competition among Bangladeshi and Pakistani breakers has strengthened with the latter easing Covid-19 restrictions allowing scrap industry participants to resume their operations. On the other hand, India seems unable to follow suit, with the local community still fighting with its most severe Covid-19 wave. In Turkey, demolition market activity improved while both import and local steel prices rose last week. Average scrap prices in the different markets this week for tankers ranged between 290-545/ldt and those for dry bulk units between \$280-435/ldt.

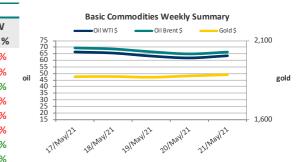


| Demolition Sales |        |       |       |                    |        |            |             |                  |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|--------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Name             | Size   | Ldt   | Built | Yard               | Туре   | \$/ldt     | Breakers    | Comments         |
| CAVALIER         | 47,629 | 9,606 | 1995  | ONOMICHI, Japan    | TANKER | \$ 570/Ldt | undisclosed | India subcont    |
| TAIHUA GLORY     | 11,533 | 3,258 | 1995  | HAYASHIKANE, Japan | TANKER | \$ 738/Ldt | undisclosed | as-is UAE, St-St |

## **Commodities & Ship Finance**

|                | •                 | •         | Mar       | ket Data  |           | •         |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
|                |                   | 21-May-21 | 20-May-21 | 19-May-21 | 18-May-21 | 17-May-21 | W-O-W<br>Change % |
|                | 10year US Bond    | 1.632     | 1.634     | 1.683     | 1.642     | 1.640     | -0.2%             |
|                | S&P 500           | 4,155.86  | 4,159.12  | 4,115.68  | 4,127.83  | 4,173.85  | -0.4%             |
| Data           | Nasdaq            | 13,470.99 | 13,535.74 | 13,299.74 | 13,303.64 | 13,379.05 | 0.3%              |
| Ő              | Dow Jones         | 34,207.84 | 34,084.15 | 33,896.04 | 34,060.66 | 34,327.79 | -0.5%             |
| Stock Exchange | FTSE 100          | 7,018.05  | 7,019.79  | 6,950.20  | 7,034.24  | 7,032.85  | -0.4%             |
| cha            | FTSE All-Share UK | 4,002.61  | 4,003.09  | 3,966.17  | 4,007.57  | 4,002.90  | -0.2%             |
| Ē              | CAC40             | 6,386.41  | 6,343.58  | 6,262.55  | 6,353.67  | 6,367.35  | 0.0%              |
| Š              | Xetra Dax         | 15,437.51 | 15,370.26 | 15,113.56 | 15,386.58 | 15,396.62 | 0.3%              |
| St             | Nikkei            | 28,317.83 | 28,098.25 | 28,044.45 | 28,406.84 | 27,824.83 | 1.8%              |
|                | Hang Seng         | 28,458.44 | 28,458.44 | 28,450.29 | 28,593.81 | 28,194.09 | 2.7%              |
|                | DJ US Maritime    | 216.12    | 214.02    | 218.16    | 222.03    | 229.65    | -5.3%             |
|                | €/\$              | 1.22      | 1.22      | 1.22      | 1.22      | 1.22      | 0.3%              |
| s              | £/\$              | 1.42      | 1.42      | 1.41      | 1.42      | 1.41      | 0.4%              |
| Icie           | \$/¥              | 108.93    | 108.85    | 109.30    | 108.88    | 109.22    | -0.4%             |
| Currencies     | \$ / NoK          | 0.12      | 0.12      | 0.12      | 0.12      | 0.12      | -1.9%             |
| Cur            | Yuan / \$         | 6.43      | 6.43      | 6.44      | 6.43      | 6.44      | 0.0%              |
|                | Won / \$          | 1,127.79  | 1,127.61  | 1,131.29  | 1,128.21  | 1,136.34  | 0.1%              |
|                | \$ INDEX          | 90.02     | 89.81     | 90.19     | 89.75     | 90.16     | -0.3%             |

| Maritime Stock Data             |                   |       |           |           |                   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Company                         | Stock<br>Exchange | Curr. | 21-May-21 | 14-May-21 | W-O-W<br>Change % |  |  |  |
| CAPITAL PRODUCT PARTNERS LP     | NASDAQ            | USD   | 12.62     | 12.40     | 1.8%              |  |  |  |
| COSTAMARE INC                   | NYSE              | USD   | 10.44     | 10.32     | 1.2%              |  |  |  |
| DANAOS CORPORATION              | NYSE              | USD   | 62.49     | 58.17     | 7.4%              |  |  |  |
| DIANA SHIPPING                  | NYSE              | USD   | 4.39      | 3.74      | 17.4%             |  |  |  |
| EAGLE BULK SHIPPING             | NASDAQ            | USD   | 48.17     | 44.07     | 9.3%              |  |  |  |
| EUROSEAS LTD.                   | NASDAQ            | USD   | 15.58     | 15.07     | 3.4%              |  |  |  |
| GLOBUS MARITIME LIMITED         | NASDAQ            | USD   | 4.36      | 4.33      | 0.7%              |  |  |  |
| NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITIONS    | NYSE              | USD   | 4.01      | 3.39      | 18.3%             |  |  |  |
| NAVIOS MARITIME HOLDINGS        | NYSE              | USD   | 8.99      | 8.20      | 9.6%              |  |  |  |
| NAVIOS MARITIME PARTNERS LP     | NYSE              | USD   | 32.96     | 30.20     | 9.1%              |  |  |  |
| SAFE BULKERS INC                | NYSE              | USD   | 4.10      | 4.00      | 2.5%              |  |  |  |
| SEANERGY MARITIME HOLDINGS CORP | NASDAQ            | USD   | 1.05      | 0.98      | 7.1%              |  |  |  |
| STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP         | NASDAQ            | USD   | 21.59     | 21.29     | 1.4%              |  |  |  |
| STEALTHGAS INC                  | NASDAQ            | USD   | 3.22      | 3.05      | 5.6%              |  |  |  |
| TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION        | NYSE              | USD   | 9.30      | 9.27      | 0.3%              |  |  |  |
| TOP SHIPS INC                   | NASDAQ            | USD   | 1.53      | 1.47      | 4.1%              |  |  |  |



| Bunker Prices |           |           |           |          |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
|               |           | 21-May-21 | 14-May-21 | Change % |  |  |  |  |
| 0             | Rotterdam | 532.5     | 551.0     | -3.4%    |  |  |  |  |
| MGO           | Houston   | 568.0     | 595.0     | -4.5%    |  |  |  |  |
| 2             | Singapore | 559.0     | 558.0     | 0.2%     |  |  |  |  |
| st            | Rotterdam | 365.5     | 381.5     | -4.2%    |  |  |  |  |
| 380cst        | Houston   | 376.0     | 386.0     | -2.6%    |  |  |  |  |
| m             | Singapore | 367.0     | 386.0     | -4.9%    |  |  |  |  |
| VLSFO         | Rotterdam | 473.0     | 488.5     | -3.2%    |  |  |  |  |
|               | Houston   | 481.5     | 496.0     | -2.9%    |  |  |  |  |
|               | Singapore | 471.0     | 496.5     | -5.1%    |  |  |  |  |

### Market News

## "No dividend for Jinhui Shipping shareholders, despite juicy profit

Shareholders in Jinhui Shipping and Transportation look set to miss out on the hot bulker market, after the company decided against paying a first quarter dividend.

The lack of a payout comes despite the Oslo-listed shipowner reporting a juicy first quarter net profit of \$5.2m, or almost \$0.05 per share.

This is the third consecutive quarter the company has been in the black following profits of \$766,000 in the third quarter of last year and \$7.55m in the fourth fourth.

In contrast, US bulker rivals Star Bulk Carriers and Golden Ocean have opted to reinstate healthy dividends on the back of the strong freight market.

Star revived the payout at \$0.30 per share for the first quarter, while John Fredriksen-backed Golden Ocean restarted its dividend at \$0.25 per share.

Jinhui's revenue for the first quarter of 2021 increased 76% to \$16.2m against the \$9.2m achieved this time last year, figures released Friday show.

The shipowner said it benefited from the rebound of market dry bulk freight rates and the average daily time charter equivalent rates (TCE) earned by its vessels increased 92% to..."(TradeWinds)

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