# Fearnleys Weekly Report

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## VLCC

The VLCC market is trudging along with variations over last done in USD/day terms for MEG/eastbound cargoes. There's no overabundance of modern ships in the fixing window although for those charterers having more flexibility there is a good choice of older ships, ex dry docks and its ilk with corresponding discounts. The USG continues to give, and the position list there is bordering on tight. Charterers with West Africa and Brazil exposure can be slightly more relaxed, however, as tonnage supply is more closely linked to the MEG. Summed up: "steady as she goes".

### Suezmax

With impetus from the USG market and underlying support both sides of the Atlantic from Aframaxes we have a firm Suezmax outlook in the very near term, but factors contrive to muddy the waters next week. USG levels spiked to 145kt x 92.5, with Afra

runs, other ships either having uncertain itheraries or in the case of Aframaxes, smaller lifts. This gives a USD 6k PDPR differential to TD20 earnings basis last done 97.5 (for a Rotterdam opener), and justifies owners ideas to finally break WS 100, something that should have been achieved last week. That is still leaving a TCE differential in favor of ballasting transatlantic for those non-Chinese built UKC-GIB-W.Mediterranean openers, but charterers have been diligently hoovering up the numerous West Africa/South Africa openers that plague the list on the front end, whilst a couple of the Eastern ballasters bound for COGH have been poached off the forward window. That might be all that is needed to kill impetus frankly, and does also have ramifications for the USG market in the long term. The supply side dynamic could ease on the far side of the weekend.

## Aframax

Market has remained subdued over the last week with dates pushing into the first 5 days of April. With both the US and Mediterranean markets firming significantly pressure should come to North Sea rates and available tonnage, with vessels ballasting out too much better markets. If there is some consistent activity in the North Sea this market should also firm.

April stems are swiftly being covered in the Mediterranean with rates surging in response to increased activity. Employed tonnage is leaving lists short and with support coming from the USG, charterers seeking out ballasters to stem freight increases might be harder to find. Positive sentiment is strong with owners though on paper there is parity with Suezmaxes which should come into play sooner or later. CPC output still quiet for Aframaxes with rates there needing a test.

### Rates

**Dirty** (Spot WS 2025, Daily Change)

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MEG/WEST

35

280'

MEG/Japan	280'
61	-6❤
MEG/Singapore	280'
62.5	-6.5⋎
WAF/FEAST	260'
62	-4∨
WAF/USAC	130'
97.5	-2.5❤
Sidi Kerir/W Med	135'
112.5	7.5∧
N. Afr/Euromed	80'
190	77.5∧
UK/Cont	80'
110	2.5∧

Caribs/USG

#### **1 Year T/C - ECO / SCRUBBER** (USD/Day, Weekly Change)

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VLCC	Modern
\$51,500	\$0 >
Suezmax	Modern
\$38,000	\$1,000
Aframax	Modern
\$30,000	\$0 >

#### **VLCCs**

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Fixed in all areas last week

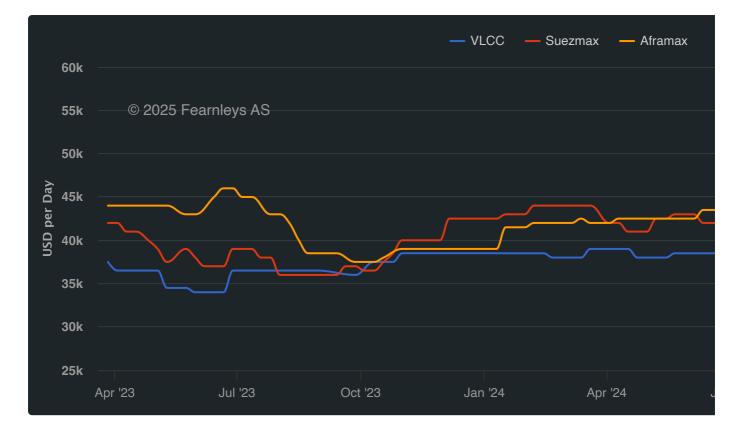
### **58**

-8~

Available in MEG next 30 days 132

15~







## Capesize

On the West Australia front, we see relatively limited cargoes and some enquiries for slightly forward end April dates. Periphery volumes on other fronts of the Pacific are reasonably healthy. On C3 ex Brazil and West Africa, we see enquiries mainly for late April. Spot tonnage in the Pacific is heavy. Number of ballasters are thinning for April dates while early May looks to be lengthening. The week started off with C5 concluding at low mid USD 9 pmt levels and retreated to mid high USD 8 pmt levels by midweek. On C3, offers are generally coming off to sub USD 25 pmt levels and

### Panamax

The Panamax market maintained its upward trajectory this week, aligning with our earlier expectations of strength driven by the second ECSA grain wave. Atlantic demand remained robust, particularly for front-haul voyages from the North and late-April stems out of ECSA, though the bid-offer spread there remains wide. In the Pacific, despite earlier concerns of weaker coal trades due to high Chinese inventories and softening Indian demand, the market strengthened notably, supported by solid cargo replenishment from Australia and Indonesia, especially on shorter Indo rounds and NoPac grain runs. With owners holding firm rate ideas and tightening prompt tonnage availability in both basins, the market continues to defy seasonal pressure, showing resilience as we move towards month-end.

### Supramax

The Supra/Ultra market saw limited movement with sentiment relatively unchanged across regions. In the Atlantic, the ECSA basin showed signs of imbalance, while the Continent-Mediterranean remained stable but required more demand. The US Gulf saw mixed views on freight rates. Market is tight in USEC & North Atlantic on Panamax, and we see some cargoes split in on Supra/Ultra sizes. The MEG-WC India market remains relatively quiet with limited cargo volumes. In Asia, downward pressure persisted with limited fresh enquiry and a buildup of tonnage. The 11TC average fluctuated slightly, reflecting overall market hesitation. Period market remains relatively quiet with very few fixtures reported.

## Rates

**Capesize** (USD/Day, USD/Tonne, Daily Change)

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### **TCE Cont/Far East**

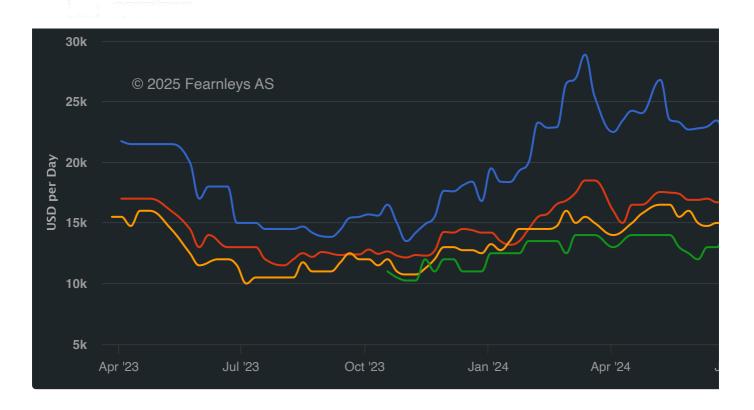
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Australia/China	
\$8.69	-\$0.34~
Pacific RV	
\$16,464	\$1,496 <b>^</b>
<b>anamax</b> JSD/Day, USD/Tonne, Daily Change)	
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Transatlantic RV	
\$10,743	\$443 <b>^</b>
TCE Cont/Far East	
\$17,817	\$312
TCE Far East/Cont	
\$8,525	\$278 <b>^</b>
TCE Far East RV	

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Atlantic RV	
\$15,209	-\$99~
Pacific RV	
\$12,575	\$19^
TCE Cont/Far East	
\$19,179	-\$259 <b>∨</b>
<b>1 Year T/C</b> (USD/Day, Weekly Change) 내 Click rate to view graph	
Newcastlemax	208'
\$26,620	\$1,430 <b>^</b>
Kamsarmax	82'
\$13,750	\$500 <b>^</b>
Ultramax	64'
\$13,800	-\$200~

Capesize	180'
\$22,620	\$1,430 <b>^</b>
Panamax	75'
\$12,250	\$250^
Supramax	58'
\$12,000	\$0>
Handysize	38'
\$12,000	\$1,000 <b>^</b>
Baltic Dry Index (BDI)	
\$1,634	-\$8∨

# **1 Year T/C Dry Bulk**





# Chartering

#### EAST

After two weeks with an almost uninterrupted bull run the market is starting to feel peak'ish. Spot demand is so far nowhere to be found in the East and there are reports saying Indian PSUs are not in need for any early April spot tonnage as of now. With freight dropping in the West and East benchmark valued at a decent premium to its peer we think next deal in the Middle East could be below current Baltic.

#### WEST

May vessel fixing has yet to kick off properly in the US basin, however, we do expect activity to resume once the arb finds its feet. In the meantime it is likely that we will the USG up till 10th way is controlled by trader relets.

### **LPG Rates**

Spot Market (USD/Month, Weekly Change)

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VLGC	84'
\$1,100,000	\$100,000
LGC	60'
\$875,000	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
MGC	38'
\$775,000	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
HDY SR	20-22'
\$890,000	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
HDY ETH	17-22'
\$1,100,000	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
ETH	8-12'
\$600,000	-\$10,000❤

SR	6.5'
\$480,000	-\$10,000~
COASTER Asia	
\$280,000	\$0>
COASTER Europe (3 500-5 000 cbm)	
\$400,000	\$0 >
<b>PG/FOB Prices (Propane)</b> JSD/Tonne, Weekly Change)	
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FOB North Sea/Ansi	
\$538.5	\$0>
Saudi Arabia/CP	
\$615	\$0>
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	

### Sonatrach/Bethioua

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LPG/FOB Prices (Butane) (USD/Tonne, Weekly Change)	
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FOB North Sea/Ansi	
\$549	\$0>
Saudi Arabia/CP	
\$605	\$0>
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	
\$430.35	\$6.80
Sonatrach/Bethioua	
\$585	\$0>

### **LNG Rates**

Spot Market (USD/Day, Weekly Change)

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East of Suez 155-165k CBM

\$18,000

\$0>

West of Suez 100-100K CBIVI

\$15,000

1 Year T/C 155-165k TFDE

### \$18,000

\$1,000~

\$2,000



# **Activity Levels**

**Tank Activity** 

Slow

**Dry Bulk Activity** 

Slow

**Other Activity** 

Moderate

VLCC	300'
\$124	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
Suezmax	150'
\$83	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
Aframax	110'
\$70	\$0 >
Product	50'
\$48.5	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>
Newcastlemax	210'
\$73	\$0 >
Kamsarmax	82'
\$37.5	\$0 >
Ultramax	64'
\$35.5	\$0 >





# **Prices**

Dry	5 yr old	10 yr old
Capesize	\$62.0	\$44.5
Kamsarmax	\$31.0	\$24.0
Ultramax	\$31.5	\$24.0
Handysize	\$26.5	\$19.5
Wet	5 yr old	10 yr old
Wet	<b>5 yr old</b> \$108.0	<b>10 yr old</b> \$82.0



# Market Brief

### **Exchange Rates**

USD/JPY 149.95	0.14
USD/NOK 10.45	-0.06~
USD/KRW 1,235.5	-7.3~
EUR/USD 0.92	0 >

### **Interest Rates**

SOFR USD (6 month)

4.57%

0>

**Brent Spot** 

\$72.5

\$0>

Bunker Prices Singapore	
380 CST	
\$470	\$3^
MGO	
\$649.5	\$2.5 <b>^</b>
Spread MGO/380 CST	
\$179.5	-\$0.5∨
Rotterdam	
380 CST	
\$453.5	-\$2∨
MGO	

### Spread MGO/380 CST \$194 \$9~ - MGO - 380 CST 900 © 2025 Fearnleys AS 800 **USD** per MT 700 600 500 400 Apr '24 May '24 Jun '24 Jul '24 Aug '24 Sep '24 Oct '24 Nov '24

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