



Fearnleys Weekly Report

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01 Tankers

VLCC

"No" is also a complete sentence and with WS 50 give/take having been repeated MEG/East a few times it seems the owning community has finally drawn a line in the sand as daily earnings have been falling dramatically in the last few days, close to OPEX in some cases. However, even if the rot has stopped there's still a bit of cleaning up to do before we can see some meaningful rate gains from the MEG, although early third decade January requirements might have to tempt with an extra point or two to get across the line, not to mention the likes India's state owned IOC having quoted a replacement job off the 11th of January. The Atlantic, however, should have some legs with VLCC looking to cannibalise on still healthy-ish Suezmax rates.

Suezmax



at higher lump-sum levels compared to VLCCs, Suezmaxes have finally corrected down to a level where taking a VLCC with a part cargo is no longer viable in the West. During this period of irrational pricing differences, VLCCs have taken a greater share of West Africa cargoes compared to normal conditions.

In the MEG, VLCCs also continue to absorb cargoes both long and short. Although VLCCs show some stability and possible upside, Suezmax owners will still need to adjust ideas downward to claw back cargoes. Pure fundamentals aside, geopolitics will certainly have a positive effect on sentiment - we shall see what transpires.

Aframax

North Sea

A slow start to the new year so far with only a couple of enquiries in the first half of the week. Natural window pushing to 16-18 window with relets and Suez taking a lot of the available stems prior to mid month. US markets remain steady which is encouraging owners to ballast especially for those that have missed the dates and are looking at waiting time. Softer market sentiment but will steady out with vessels leaving the area.

Mediterranean

Despite the massive tonnage list a week ago and still a couple of ppt vessels, rates in the Mediterranean seem to have find a floor or be near there. 2026 flats have been tested and established now with owners happily fixing around last-dones. Balance of 2nd decade isn't expected to be that busy so a small correction is on the cards however US market will play its role attracting ballasters.

Rates

Dirty (Spot WS 2026, Daily Change)

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MEG/WEST

280'

40

-2.5▼



200

562[▲]**MEG/Singapore**

280'

573[▲]**WAF/FEAST**

260'

58.51[▲]**WAF/USAC**

130'

112.5-17.5[▼]**Sidi Kerir/W Med**

135'

130-15[▼]**N. Afr/Euromed**

80'

160-15[▼]**UK/Cont**

80'

147.5-10[▼]**Caribs/USG**

70'



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

Click rate to view graph

VLCC

\$52,500

Modern

-\$2,500▼

Suezmax

\$45,500

Modern

-\$1,500▼

Aframax

\$34,000

Modern

\$0 >

VLCCs

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Fixed in all areas last week

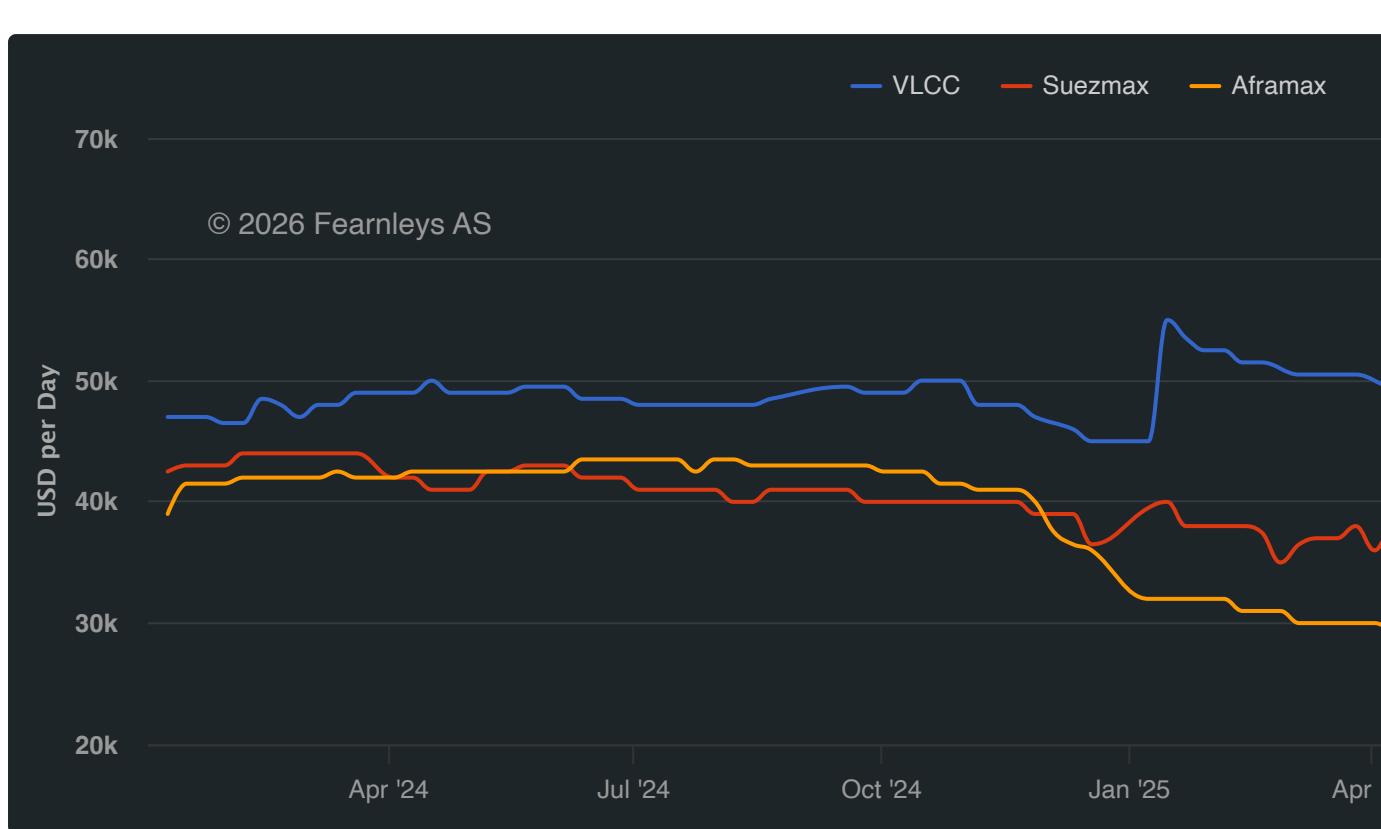
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Available in MEG next 30 days

155

-10▼



02 Dry Bulk

Capesize

On the C5 front, we see enquiries from miners and operators for end January dates. Volumes out of East Australia and other fronts of the pacific have been flat since last week. Spot tonnage opening Far East is abundant. Fixtures concluded at around USD 8 mark by midweek. On C3 and ex West Africa, market is in backwardation corresponding to the number of ballasters on dates. End Jan - low to low-mid 22s C3 done. 1-10 Feb - low-mid 21s C3 done. 10-20 Feb - general offers are at low-mid to mid 21s C3. Ballasting tonnage generally heavy for Feb dates.



The Panamax market has shown a clear improvement in tone this week after a subdued post-holiday start. In the Atlantic, activity remains uneven but sentiment is more constructive, with the transatlantic appearing to have found a floor and ECSA showing early signs of firming as tonnage gradually tightens. In the Pacific, last year's owner sell-off has largely cleared, fixing activity has absorbed much of the prompt supply, and owners are now holding firmer ideas amid a slowly improving cargo count. Overall sentiment is cautiously positive, with near-term support likely as long as fresh demand continues to emerge.

Supramax

The Handy and Supra markets have experienced a subdued start to the year, broadly in line with expectations. Vessel supply continues to outweigh cargo demand, maintaining a charterer-driven environment. In the Handy segment, activity remains focused on completing carryover business from late last year, with limited spot cargoes being fixed at levels favorable to charterers. Charterers interest is gradually extending into mid-January positions, reflecting continued opportunistic coverage. While charterers retain the upper hand, owners are showing some resistance in their rate ideas.

A similar dynamic is evident in the Supra/Ultramax segment, where market sentiment remains soft. Owners are attempting to defend rate levels, while charterers continue to push for more competitive terms. A small number of tenders and spot enquiries have surfaced, particularly on routes from the ECSA, West Africa, and India to the Mediterranean, mainly for mid- to late-January laycans. Overall, sentiment across both segments remains cautious and largely flat, with limited signs of near-term improvement.

Rates

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

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TCE Cont/Far East



Australia/China

\$7.99

-\$0.14▼

Pacific RV

\$19,982

-\$600▼

Panamax

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

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Transatlantic RV

\$12,059

-\$127▼

TCE Cont/Far East

\$17,641

\$155▲

TCE Far East/Cont

\$7,421

\$68▲

TCE Far East RV

\$10,757

\$293▲



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Transatlantic RV

\$15,336

-\$273▼

US Gulf - China/South Japan

\$20,261

-\$403▼

South China - Indonesia RV

\$7,981

-\$207▼

1 Year T/C (USD/Day, Weekly Change)

Click rate to view graph

Newcastlemax

208'

\$31,327

\$3,827▲

Kamsarmax

82'

\$14,750

\$0>

Ultramax

64'

\$14,850

\$350▲



Capesize

180'

\$27,327

\$3,827▲

Panamax

75'

\$13,250

\$0 ▷

Supramax

58'

\$13,250

\$250▲

Handysize

38'

\$11,750

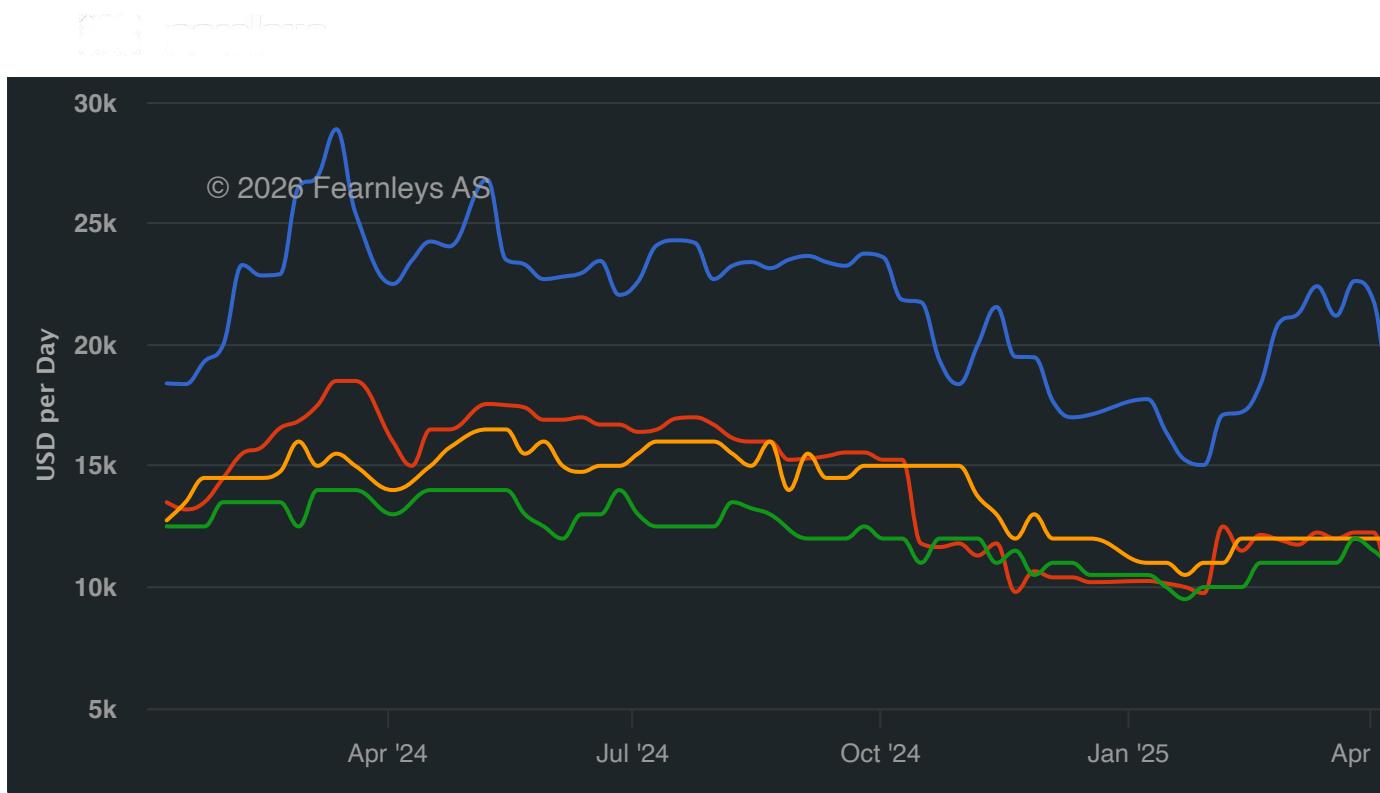
\$250▲

Baltic Dry Index (BDI)

\$1,776

-\$54▼

1 Year T/C Dry Bulk



03 Gas

Chartering

EAST

Although most of the activity so far this week have been focused in the West, the positions list in the East is also slimming due to the active West market. Spot count for January currently stands at 17 (4/11/2 by decade) compared to a monthly average of 22 for 2025. At the time of writing there are two active spot cargos being worked in the last decade of January. A third cargo is also being worked at the very end of January out from Australia.

WEST

The West market kicked off the week on a strong note, with nine spot fixtures



USD 130s earlier in the week to the mid/high USD 140s today. The current February spot count stands at 19 fixtures (split 9/8/2 by decade), compared to a monthly average of 29 in 2025. At present, at least 2-3 cargoes are actively being worked. On the tonnage side, we see 2-3 open ships in the 1-10 February window and 5-6 vessels available in the 10-20 February window.

LPG Rates

Spot Market (USD/Month, Weekly Change)

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VLGC 84'

\$2,150,000 \$150,000

LGC 60'

\$1,100,000 \$0

MGC 38'

\$975,000 \$0

HDY SR 20-22'

\$950,000 \$0

HDY ETH 17-22'

\$1,050,000 \$0



U-12

\$550,000

-\$10,000▼

SR

6.5'

\$520,000

\$0 >

COASTER Europe (3 500-5 000 cbm)

\$470,000

\$10,000▲

LPG/FOB Prices (Propane)
(USD/Tonne, Weekly Change)

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FOB North Sea/Ansí

\$451.5

\$14.5▲

Saudi Arabia/CP

\$525

\$30▲

MT Belvieu (US Gulf)

\$314.55

-\$3.91▼

Sonatrach/Bethioua

\$475

\$5▲



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FOB North Sea/Ansí

\$455.5

-\$6▼

Saudi Arabia/CP

\$520

\$35▲

MT Belvieu (US Gulf)

\$327.57

-\$28.60▼

Sonatrach/Bethioua

\$485

\$0 >

LNG Rates

Spot Market
(USD/Day, Weekly Change)

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East of Suez MEGI / XDF

\$47,000

-\$13,000▼

West of Suez MEGI / XDF



1 Year T/C MEGI / XDF

\$42,500

\$0 >

04 Newbuilding

Activity Levels

Tank Activity

Increasing

Dry Bulk Activity

Moderate

Other Activity

Moderate



VLCC 300'
\$124 **\$0 >**

Suezmax 150'
\$84 **\$0 >**

Aframax 110'
\$69.5 **\$0 >**

Product 50'
\$48 **\$0 >**

Newcastlemax 210'
\$77.5 **\$0 >**

Kamsarmax 82'
\$36 **\$0 >**

Ultramax 64'
\$34 **\$0 >**



1 / 1

\$250

\$0 >

05 Sale & Purchase

Prices

Dry	5 yr old	10 yr old
Capesize	\$65.0	\$47.5
Kamsarmax	\$32.5	\$26.0
Ultramax	\$32.5	\$24.5
Handysize	\$27.0	\$19.0
Wet	5 yr old	10 yr old
VLCC	\$117.0	\$88.0
Suezmax	\$80.0	\$62.5
Aframax / LR2	\$66.0	\$54.0





Market Brief

Exchange Rates

USD/JPY

156.44

-0.39▼

USD/NOK

10.02

-0.08▼

USD/KRW

1,235.5

-7.3▼

EUR/USD

1.18

0.02▲

Interest Rates

SOFR USD (6 month)

4.18%

0 >

**Brent Spot****\$60.5****-\$1.5▼**

Bunker Prices

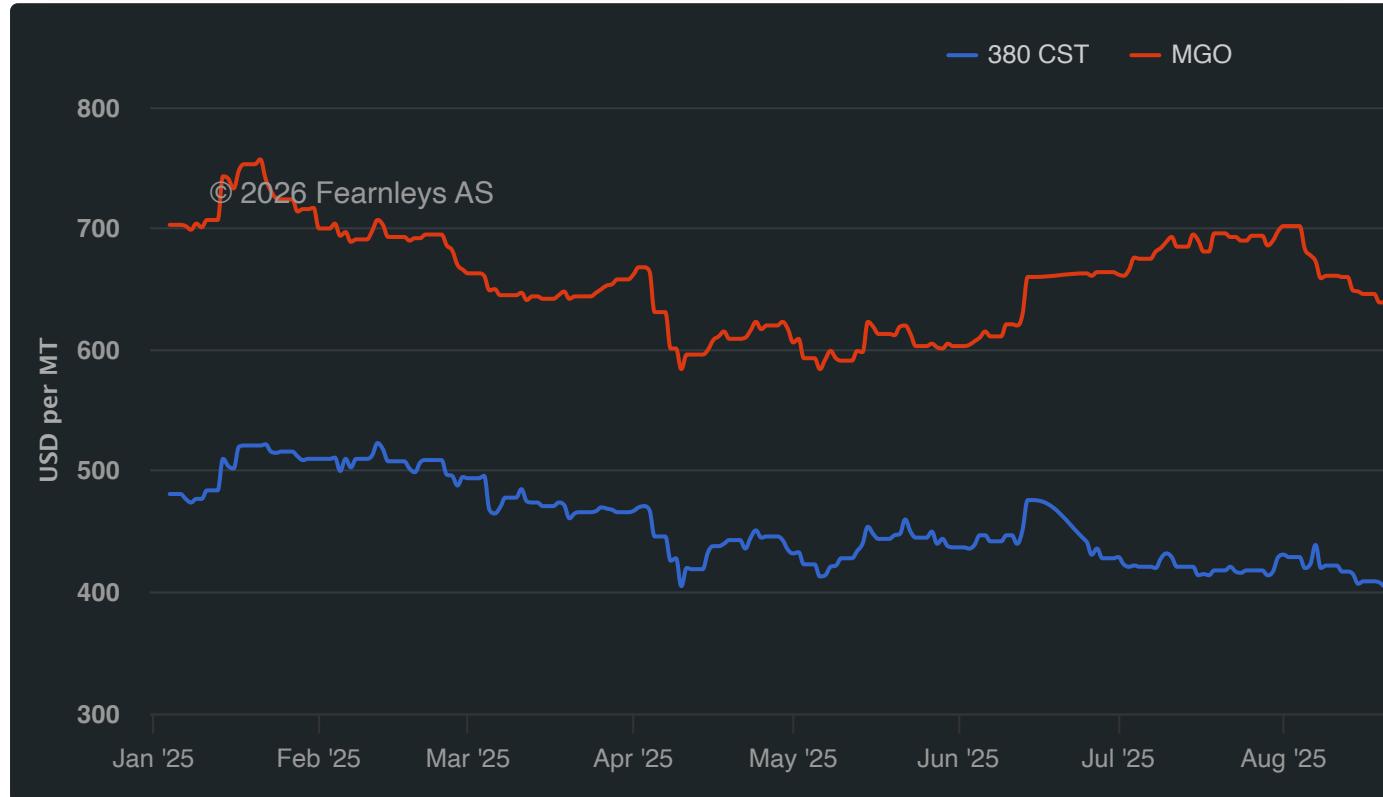
Singapore**380 CST****\$361.5****\$9.5▲****MGO****\$606.5****\$3▲****Spread MGO/380 CST****\$245****-\$6.5▼****Rotterdam****380 CST****\$361.5****\$1.5▲****MGO**



Spread MGO/380 CST

\$263.5

-\$1.5▼



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