

MARKET COMMENTARY:

The dry bulk market has entered 2026 on a markedly firmer footing, with the strong finish of 2025 and the solid opening weeks of the new year translating directly into higher asset values across all size segments. Freight momentum has not only restored confidence but has also pushed second-hand prices to levels that, in the case of Capesizes, have not been witnessed since the peak cycle of 2008. Quarterly averages from the Baltic timecharter data clearly illustrate the shift. Q4 2025 closed substantially higher than Q4 2024, with the average Baltic Capesize 5TC up by 58% year-on-year. Kamsarmax 5TC followed closely with a 52% increase, while Ultramax 11TC and Handysize 7TC posted gains of 26% and 22% respectively. The recovery was therefore broad-based, led by the larger sizes but firmly supported by the geared segments.

The first half of Q1 2026 confirms that the upward trend remains intact. Compared to the same period in 2025, Capesize 5TC earnings are running 140% higher, Kamsarmax up 70%, Ultramax up 44% and Handysize up 39%. When measured against first half of Q1 2024, Capesize rates are already 11% firmer, while Kamsarmax and Handysize are hovering around similar levels to those seen two years ago. Ultramax earnings are marginally softer, approximately 8% below first half of Q1 2024, but still significantly stronger than last year's comparable period. This earnings resilience has provided the fundamental backbone for the surge in asset prices. Second-hand values reflect this dynamic clearly. Capesize prices for 5-, 10- and 15-year-old vessels have climbed to 18-year high. A recent sale of a 16-year-old Japanese-built Capesize at mid/high USD 32 million implies a 15-year-old benchmark valuation at high USD 34 million, representing the strongest level since September 2008 and roughly 19% above 2024 averages. Since October 2025 alone, 5- and 10-year-old Capesize prices have increased by around 6%, while 15-year-old units have surged by approximately 25%, highlighting particularly strong appetite for vintage tonnage with immediate trading potential.

The strength is not confined to Capesizes. Kamsarmax values across 5-, 10- and 15-year-old units have returned to levels seen in Q3 and Q4 2024. Since October 2025, prices for 5- and 10-year-old vessels have risen by around 5%, while 15-year-old ships have gained approximately 13%. Ultramax values show a similar pattern. Five-year-old units have increased by about 12% since October, 10-year-olds by 8%, while 15-year-old Supramaxes remain broadly stable. A 6-year-old Japanese-built Ultramax recently sold at low USD 34 million, matching levels last observed in summer 2024. Handysize values are also aligned with Q3–Q4 2024 territory, with limited but firm movement across age groups. An important driver behind the recent price escalation, particularly for younger eco-vessels, is the limited availability of prompt tonnage for sale. Owners appear reluctant to part with modern ships amid improving earnings visibility, while buyers remain eager to secure fuel-efficient units with longer trading horizons. This imbalance between supply and demand is exerting upward pressure, especially on 5- and 10-year-old vessels where buying competition is most intense.

With Capesize values already surpassing post-2008 highs and setting a new cycle benchmark, attention shifts to medium and smaller segments. Kamsarmax, Ultramax and Handysize prices have stabilised at strong multi-year levels, broadly aligned with 2024 peaks, but have not matched the Capesize surge. If freight remains resilient and post-Chinese New Year momentum persists through 2026, geared segments may follow—first breaking above 2024 highs and edging closer to Sep 2008 territory.

IN A NUTSHELL:

- Freight momentum firmly driving asset prices across all dry segments. (Page 1)
- Capesize values reach eighteen-year highs, strongest since 2008 peak. (Page 1)
- Limited modern tonnage supply intensifies competition for eco vessels. (Page 1)
- Geared segments poised to follow Capesize if freight holds. (Page 1)
- WTI crude oil futures hovered at around \$63 pb. (Page 8)

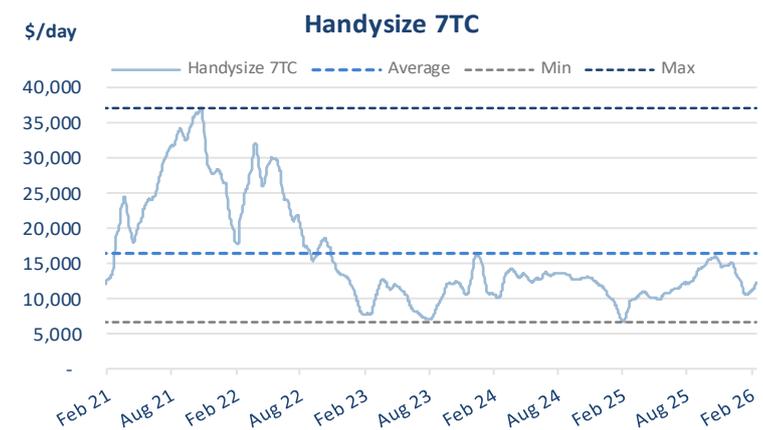
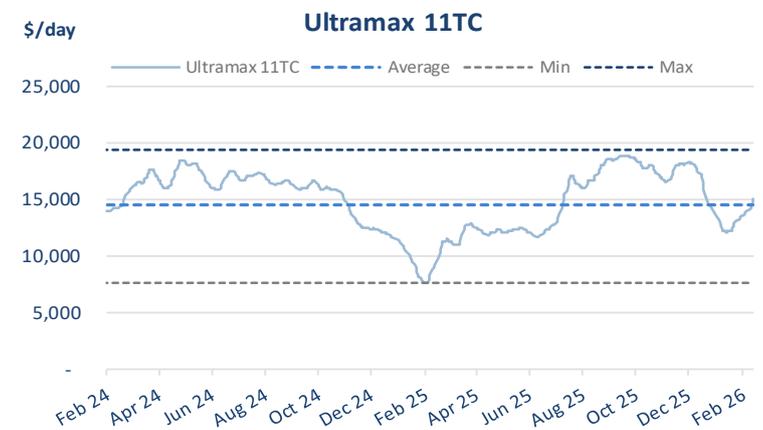
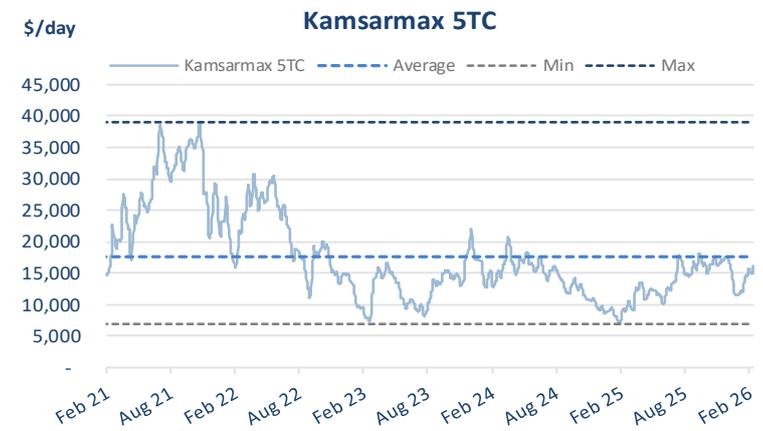
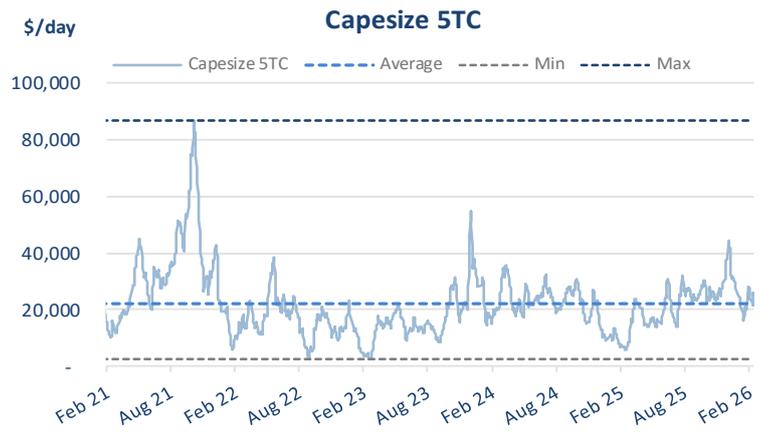
		Week 7	Week 6	±%	Average Indices		
					2026	2025	2024
DRY	BDI	2,083	1,923	8.3%	1,845	1,676	1,756
	BCI	3,181	2,918	9.0%	2,843	2,557	2,724
	BPI	1,777	1,652	7.6%	1,552	1,483	1,570
	BSI	1,186	1,104	7.4%	1,042	1,128	1,243
	BHSI	680	638	6.6%	621	661	704
WET	BDTI	1,719	1,691	1.7%	1,537	1,068	1,094
	BCTI	846	917	-7.7%	838	667	821

Capesize: C5TC average improved by USD 2.4/day closing the week at USD 25,346/day. Trip from Continent to F. East is up by 2.6k/day at USD 55,028/day, Transatlantic R/V is higher by 1.7k/day at USD 34,344/day, and Bolivar to Rotterdam is higher by 2.4k/day at USD 42,387/day, while Transpacific R/V is increased by 3.9k/day at USD 25,000/day. Trip from Tubarao to Rotterdam is reduced by 0.5k/day at USD 24,536/day, China-Brazil R/V is higher by 1.5k/day at USD 28,236/day, & trip from Saldanha Bay to Qinqdao is reduced by 0.5k/day at USD 24,536/day.

Kamsarmax/Panamax: P5TC average started the week at USD 14,865/day closing with an increase at USD 15,989/day. Trip from Skaw-Gib to F. East is improved by 0.6k/day at USD 22,525/day, Pacific R/Vis up by 2k/day at USD 15,937/day, while Transatlantic R/V is increased by 0.4k/day at USD 15,332/day, and Singapore R/V via Atlantic is increased by 1.3k/day at USD 16,617/day.

Ultramax/Supramax: Ultramax S11TC average closed the week about USD 1k/day higher than its opening at USD 14,993/day. The Supramax S10TC average closed the week about 1k/day higher than its opening at USD 12,959/day. The Baltic Supramax Asia S3TC average closed the week about 0.4k/day lower than previous week at USD 10,809/day. N.China one Australian or Pacific R/V is declined by 0.6k/day at USD 11,894/day, USG to Skaw Passero is firmer by 8.1k/day at USD 33,396/day. S. China trip via Indonesia to EC India is down by 0.3k/day at USD 11,289/day, trip from S.China via Indonesia to S.China pays USD 8,756/day, while Med/B.Sea to China/S.Korea is increased by 0.9k/day at USD 16,825/day.

Handysize: HS7TC average closed the week improved by 0.8k/day at USD 12,247/day. Skaw-Passero trip to Boston-Galveston pays 0.7k/day more at USD 9,286/day, Brazil to Cont. pays 2.9k/day more at USD 22,128/day, S. E. Asia trip to Spore/Japan 0.8k/day is softer at USD 9,213/day, China/S.Korea/Japan round trip is reduced by 0.5k/day at USD 9,119/day, and trip from U.S. Gulf to Cont. is increased by 4.4k/day at USD 22,757/day, while N.China-S.Korea-Japan trip to S.E. Asia is reduced by 0.5k/day at USD 8,500/day.

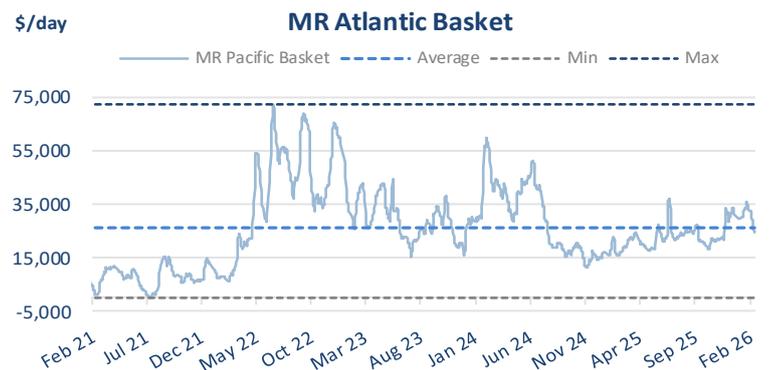
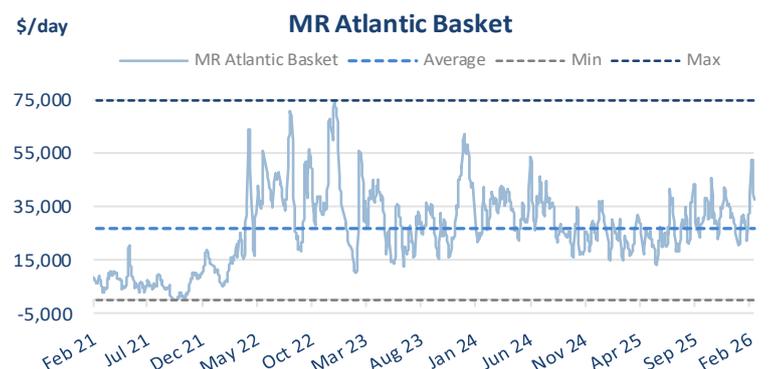
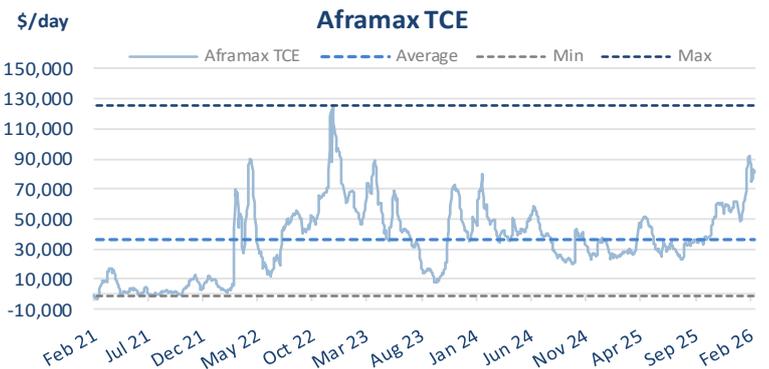
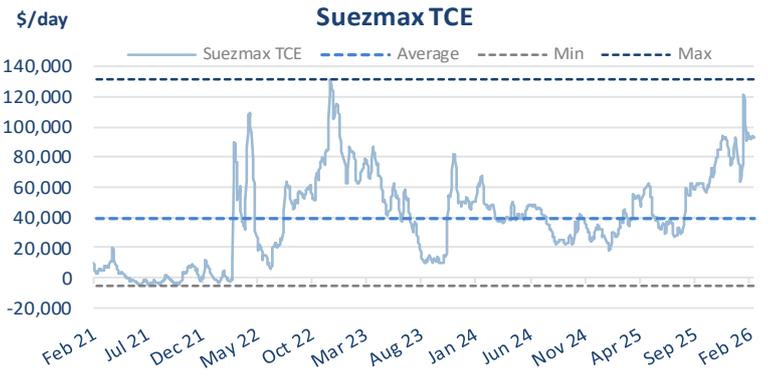
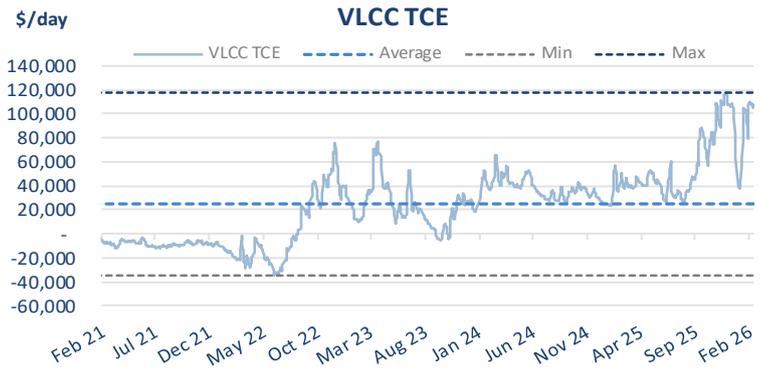


VLCC: average T/CE ended the week down by 1.3k/day at USD 107,393/day. Middle East Gulf to China trip is down by 1.9k/day at USD 122,496/day. West Africa to China trip is down by 3.3k/day at USD 106,380/day and US Gulf to China trip is down by 1.2k/day at USD 93,303/day.

Suezmax: average T/CE closed the week softer by 0.3k/day at USD 93,219/day. West Africa to Continent trip is up by 0.7k/day at USD 69,912/day, Black Sea to Mediterranean is down by 1.3k/day at USD 116,525/day, and Middle East Gulf to Med trip is reduced by 3k/day at USD 53,710/day, while trip from Guyana to ARA is reduced by 2.3k/day at USD 69,523/day.

Aframax: average T/CE closed the week higher by 4.6k/day at USD 81,342/day. North Sea to Continent trip is down by 0.9k/day at USD 92,761/day, Kuwait to Singapore is down by 4.4k/day at USD 53,167/day, while route from Caribbean to US Gulf trip is up by 19.5k/day at USD 107,341/day. Trip from South East Asia to East Coast Australia is down by 2.7k/day at USD 45,645/day & Cross Mediterranean trip is up by 4.5k/day at USD 91,237/day. US Gulf to UK-Continent is improved by 4.4k/day at USD 81,018/day and the East Coast Mexico to US Gulf trip is up by USD 26.5k/day at USD 124,225/day.

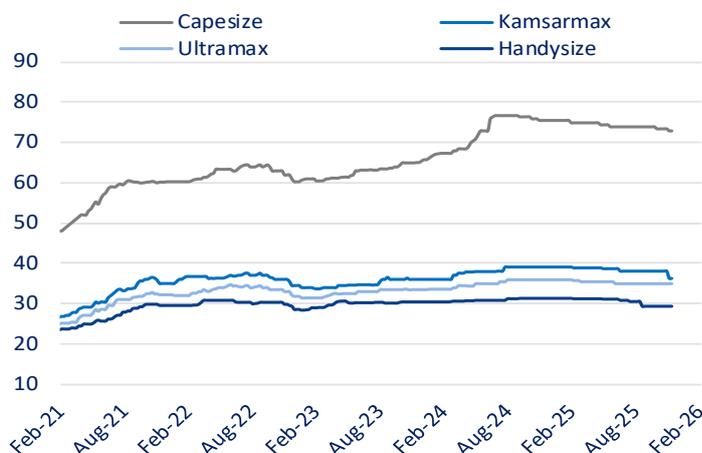
Products: The **LR2** route (TC1) Middle East to Japan is this week lower by 6.8k/day at USD 37,331/day. Trip from (TC15) Med to Far East has decreased by 1k/day at USD 34,489/day and (TC20) AG to UK Continent is down by 4.5k/day at USD 31,927/day. The **LR1** route (TC5) from Middle East Gulf to Japan is down by 5.7k/day at USD 26,976/day, while the (TC8) Middle East Gulf to UK-Continent is down by 4.5k/day at USD 31,927/day and the (TC16) Amsterdam to Lome trip is improved at USD 26,827/day. The **MR Atlantic Basket** is decreased by 14.8k/day at USD 37,751/day & the **MR Pacific Basket** earnings are lower by 5.2k/day at USD 24,234/day. The **MR** route from Rotterdam to New York (TC2) is softer by 6.8k/day at USD 37,331/day, (TC6) Intermed (Algeria to Euro Med) earnings are softer by 5.7k/day at USD 26,976/day, (TC14) US Gulf to Continent is down by 4.2k/day at USD 14,294/day, (TC18) US Gulf to Brazil earnings are lower by 8.3k/day at USD 16,220/day, (TC23) Amsterdam to Le Havre is lower by 2.4k/day at USD 22,933/day while Yeosu to Botany Bay (TC22) is firmer by 7.8k/day at USD 36,868/day and ARA to West Africa (TC19) is down by 13.2k/day at USD 33,170/day.



Dry Newbuilding Prices (\$ mills)

Size	Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
Capesize	74.5	75.0	-1%	74.2	74.2	73.2
Kamsarmax	36.5	38.8	-6%	36.4	38.1	38.0
Ultramax	34.0	35.7	-5%	33.9	35.2	35.1
Handysize	29.5	31.4	-6%	29.4	30.6	31.1

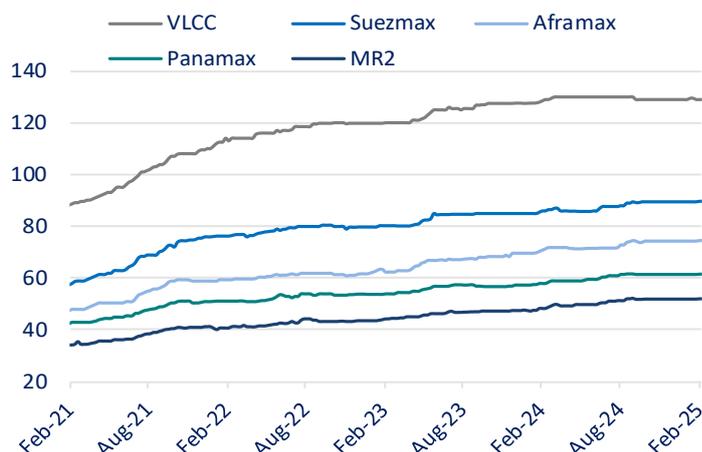
Above prices/trends refer to Chinese shipbuilding



Tanker Newbuilding Prices (\$ mills)

Size	Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
VLCC	128.5	129.0	0%	127.4	126.6	129.4
Suezmax	86.5	89.7	-4%	86.4	87.5	87.6
Aframax	72.0	74.7	-4%	71.6	73.0	72.7
Panamax	59.0	61.6	-4%	58.6	60.0	60.2
MR2	49.5	51.7	-4%	49.3	50.1	50.2

Above prices/trends refer to S. Korean shipbuilding



Newbuilding Activity:

NEWBUILDING ORDERS

TYPE	UNITS	SIZE	YARD	BUYER	PRICE (\$ mills)	DELIVERY	COMMENTS
TANKER	11	306,000 DWT	HENGLI	CAPITAL	120 EACH	2028-29	
TANKER	4	306,000 DWT	HENGLI	MSC	120 EACH	2029-30	OPTION
TANKER	4	300,000 DWT	WUHU	NAVIOS	120 EACH	2028	
TANKER	2	158,000 DWT	HENGLI	MINERVA	N/A	2028	SCRUBBER FITTED
TANKER	9	158,000 DWT	HENGLI	DYNACOM	N/A	2028	
TANKER	1	154,000 DWT	DALIAN	AET	N/A	2028	DPST, ETHANOL DF, SHUTTLE
TANKER	2	110,000 DWT	DALIAN	SCORPIO TANKERS	68.5 EACH	2029	OPTION, SCRUBBER FITTED
TANKER	2	50,000 DWT	GSI	LEONHARDT & BLUMBERG	N/A	2028	
TANKER	3	13,000 DWT	K-SHIPBUILDING	WOOLIM	30 EACH	2027-28	
BC	2+2	210,000 DWT	DAJIN OFFSHORE	DANAOS	N/A	2028	
BC	4+2	180,000 DWT	HENGLI	MARAN DRY	N/A	2028	
BC	2	64,100 DWT	NEW DAYANG	JINHUI	34 EACH	2029	
BC	4	35,000 DWT	OSHIMA	FEDNAV	N/A	2029	LAKERS

		DRY SECONDHAND PRICES (\$ mills)					
		Feb 2026	Feb 2025	±%	Average Prices		
					2026	2025	2024
Capesize	Resale	80.5	75.1	7%	79.0	75.7	75.7
	5 Year	68.5	62.1	10%	67.1	62.6	62.6
	10 Year	52.5	42.7	23%	51.6	45.6	43.1
	15 Year	34.0	26.4	29%	33.2	27.4	27.9
Kamsarmax	Resale	42.0	38.5	9%	41.4	38.7	41.8
	5 Year	34.3	32.5	5%	33.7	32.3	32.3
	10 Year	24.0	24.5	-2%	24.6	24.8	27.3
	15 Year	18.1	14.3	27%	17.6	15.6	18.1
Ultramax	Resale	41.0	37.0	11%	39.9	37.8	40.6
	5 Year	34.3	30.6	12%	32.7	31.1	31.1
	10 Year	26.3	22.2	18%	25.4	22.9	26.0
Supramax	15 Year	15.8	14.3	10%	15.8	15.0	15.9
Handysize	Resale	34.0	33.0	3%	34.0	33.0	34.0
	5 Year	27.0	25.5	6%	27.0	25.9	25.9
	10 Year	20.4	17.1	19%	20.6	19.0	19.8
	15 Year	11.8	11.0	7%	11.9	11.7	12.3

Dry S&P Activity:

Dry bulk S&P activity remained lively this week, with 18 sales reported, while modern eco units continued to attract firm interest. On the Capesize sector, Chinese buyers were linked to the acquisition of the scrubber fitted “**STAR SCARLETT**” – 176K/2014 Jinhai for USD 36 mills. In addition, the scrubber fitted “**MICHALIS H**” – 180K/2012 Dalian was sold to Chinese buyers for USD 35.2 mills, basis TC attached till Q4 2026 at USD 27,250/day, while the “**EPIC**” – 182K/2010 Odense Staalskibsvaerft changed hands for USD 32.2 mills. In the Panamax sector, the “**BULK XAYMACA**” – 77K/2006 Imabari was sold for USD 9.4 mills. On the Ultramax segment, the “**QIDONG XIANGYU XY197**” – 64K/2026 Nantong Xiangyu committed on subs at USD 36.5 mills to Greek buyers basis delivery ex-yard August 2026. Also, the modern Japanese-built “**BERGE TATEYAMA**” – 64K/2020 Shin Kasado was concluded for low USD 34 mills. Chinese buyers acquired the “**EXPLORER AMERICA**” – 62K/2011 Oshima for USD 18.2 mills. On the Supramax sector, the “**FORTUNE TIGER**” – 58K/2013 Tsuneishi Cebu was sold for USD 19

mills, while the “**LIMA TRADER**” – 57K/2012 Qingshan changed hands for USD 13.2 mills. Finally, on the Handysize sector, the “**HUNAN**” – 40K/2016 Chengxi and the “**POWAN**” – 40K/2016 Zhejiang Ouhua were both concluded for USD 19 mills to different buyers. The “**SIDER ATHENA**” – 39K/2013 Chengxi was sold for USD 16 mills, while the ice-class 1C “**CS CANDY**” – 37K/2012 Tianjin Xingang was sold for USD 11 mills.

BULK CARRIER SALES							
NAME	DWT	YEAR	COUNTRY	YARD	BUYERS	PRICE (\$ mills)	COMMENTS
STAR SCARLETT	175,649	2014	CHINA	JINHAI	CHINESE	36	SCRUBBER FITTED
MICHALIS H	180,355	2012	CHINA	DALIAN	CHINESE	35.2	SCRUBBER FITTED, BASIS TC ATTACHED AT USD 27,250/DAY TILL Q4 2026
EPIC	182,060	2010	DENMARK	ODENSE STAALSKIBSVAERFT	EUROPEAN	32.2	
CAPE BRAZIL	177,897	2010	CHINA	SWS	UNDISCLOSED	31	
BULK XAYMACA	76,561	2006	JAPAN	IMABARI	UNDISCLOSED	9.4	
QIDONG XIANGYU XY197	63,800	2026	CHINA	NANTONG XIANGYU	GREEK	36.5	BASIS DELIVERY EX-YARD AUGUST 2026, ON SUBS
BERGE TATEYAMA	63,511	2020	JAPAN	SHIN KASADO	UNDISCLOSED	LOW 34	
EXPLORER AMERICA	61,684	2011	JAPAN	OSHIMA	UNDISCLOSED	18.2	
FORTUNE TIGER	58,159	2013	PHILIPPINES	TSUNEISHI CEBU	UNDISCLOSED	19	
LIMA TRADER	56,729	2012	CHINA	QINGSHAN	UNDISCLOSED	13.2	
SPAR LIBRA	53,565	2006	CHINA	CHENGXI	UNDISCLOSED	9	
LIANSON DYNAMIC	53,565	2006	CHINA	CHENGXI	UNDISCLOSED	8.6	
OASIS CHAMPION	50,206	2002	JAPAN	MITSUI	UNDISCLOSED	7.5	
HUNAN	39,828	2016	CHINA	CHENGXI	UNDISCLOSED	19	
POWAN	39,742	2016	CHINA	ZHEJIANG OUHUA	UNDISCLOSED	19	
SIDER ATHENA	39,128	2013	CHINA	CHENGXI	UNDISCLOSED	16	
CS CANDY	37,459	2012	CHINA	TIANJIN XINGANG	UNDISCLOSED	11	ICE CLASS 1C
ASIA SPIRIT	35,031	2012	CHINA	NANJING DONGZE	UNDISCLOSED	MID/HIGH 11	

TANKER SECONDHAND PRICES (\$ mills)							
		Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
		2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
VLCC	Resale	160.0	146.3	9%	156.7	146.6	144.2
	5 Year	130.0	112.3	16%	127.9	115.4	115.4
	10 Year	105.0	83.3	26%	103.6	85.3	84.1
	15 Year	83.0	53.0	57%	78.0	56.2	57.1
Suezmax	Resale	102.0	94.3	8%	100.5	94.3	98.4
	5 Year	84.0	74.5	13%	83.3	76.5	76.5
	10 Year	69.0	58.5	18%	68.1	61.0	66.3
	15 Year	50.0	39.6	26%	49.0	40.8	47.4
Aframax	Resale	85.0	76.0	12%	81.0	75.6	84.3
	5 Year	72.5	62.6	16%	70.8	62.8	62.8
	10 Year	60.0	50.3	19%	58.9	50.9	58.2
	15 Year	40.0	35.0	14%	39.0	35.1	41.6
MR2	Resale	55.0	51.0	8%	53.6	51.3	54.3
	5 Year	44.3	41.0	8%	43.5	41.5	41.5
	10 Year	35.0	30.5	15%	34.6	31.4	37.5
	15 Year	25.0	21.4	17%	24.6	20.5	26.5

Tanker S&P Activity:

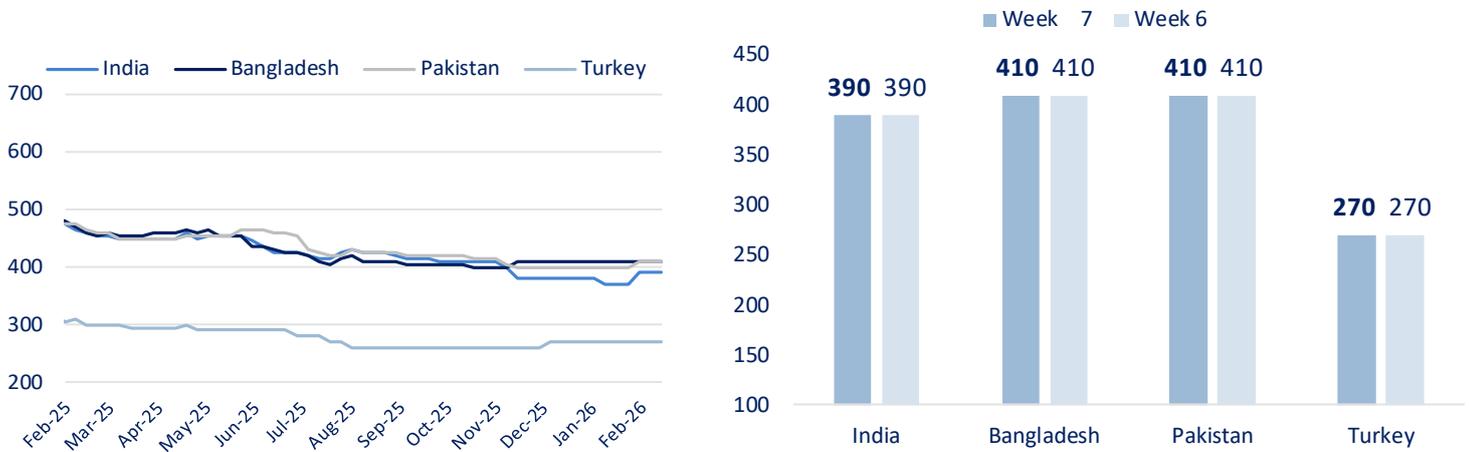
Tanker S&P activity remained healthy this week with 10 reported sales.

In the Suezmax sector, Greek buyers were linked to the acquisition of the modern Scrubber fitted sisters **“EMERALDWAY”** and **“SUNRISEWAY”** – both 158K/2022 SWS, concluded at USD 88 mills each. Also in the same size range, Greek interests acquired the scrubber fitted **“FAIRWAY”** – 160K/2013 HHIC for USD 56.5 mills. Meanwhile, the older CAP1 **“NORDIC POLLUX”** – 150K/2003 Universal changed hands for USD 25 mills. On the Aframax/LR2 sector, Greek buyers acquired the Coated and scrubber fitted sisters **“FS DILIGENCE”** and **“FS ENDEAVOR”** – both 109K/2012 Namura, for USD 86 mills each. Further down the sizes, the LR1 sisters **“CAPE TEES”** – 74K/2009 New Times and **“CAPE TALLIN”** – 74K/2008 New Times were sold enbloc for USD 42 mills to Trafigura. Moreover, the LR1 **“PGC ALEXANDRIA”** – 75K/2006 Onomichi was

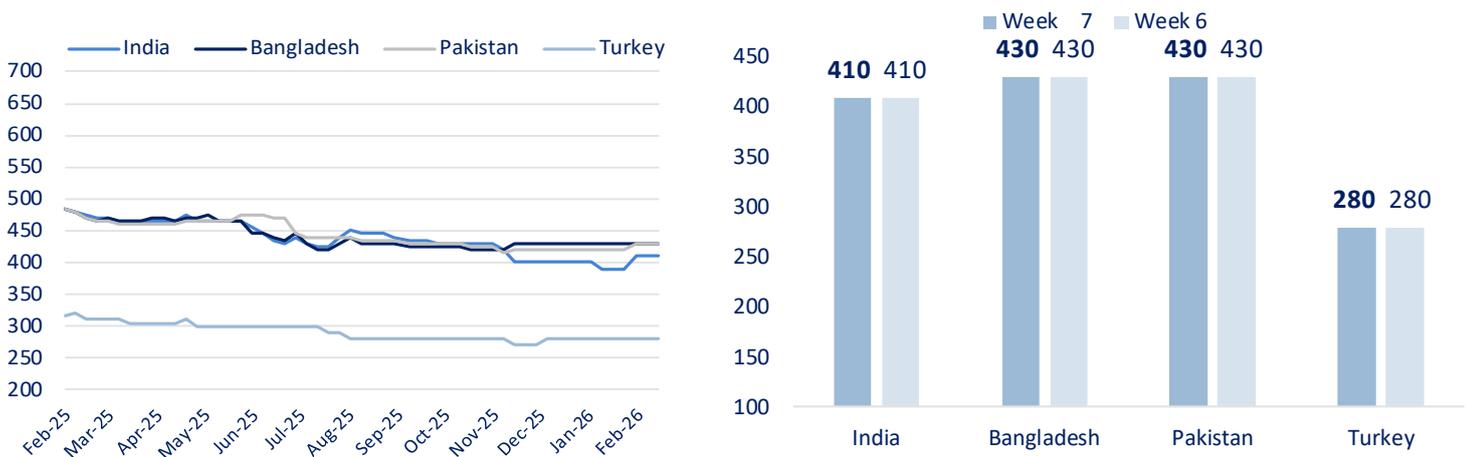
sold for high USD 15 mills. Finally, the Scrubber fitted & Zinc Coated MR2 **“CABO NEGRO II”** – 47K/2006 Shin Kurushima changed hands for low USD 14 mills.

TANKER SALES							
NAME	DWT	YEAR	COUNTRY	YARD	BUYERS	PRICE (\$ mills)	COMMENTS
EMERALDWAY	158,363	2022	CHINA	SWS	GREEK	88 EACH	SCRUBBER FITTED
SUNRISEWAY	158,307	2022	CHINA	SWS	GREEK	88 EACH	SCRUBBER FITTED
FAIRWAY	160,250	2013	PHILIPPINES	HHIC	GREEK	56.5	SCRUBBER FITTED
NORDIC POLLUX	150,103	2003	JAPAN	UNIVERSAL	UNDISCLOSED	25	CAP1
FS DILIGENCE	108,994	2012	JAPAN	NAMURA	GREEK	86 EACH	COATED, SCRUBBER FITTED
FS ENDEAVOR	108,994	2012	JAPAN	NAMURA			COATED, SCRUBBER FITTED
CAPE TEES	73,731	2009	CHINA	NEW TIMES	TRAFIGURA	42 ENBLOC	COATED
CAPE TALLIN	73,662	2008	CHINA	NEW TIMES			COATED
PGC ALEXANDRIA	74,996	2006	JAPAN	ONOMICHI	UNDISCLOSED	15.75	COATED
CABO NEGRO II	47,236	2006	JAPAN	SHIN KURUSHIMA	UNDISCLOSED	LOW 14	SCRUBBER FITTED, ZINC COATED

Dry Demolition Prices (\$/LDT)



Tanker Demolition Prices (\$/LDT)



DEMO SALES

NAME	TYPE	YEAR	DWT	LDT	COUNTRY	PRICE (\$/LDT)	BUYERS	COMMENTS
J M A	TANKER	2001	6,902	2,506	S. KOREA	N/A	INDIA	
LILY-HA	GC	1982	12,352	3,868	JAPAN	N/A	TURKEY	
ISA GOLDEN	BC	1995	28,255	6,262	JAPAN	425	BANGLADESH	

COMMODITIES AND CURRENCIES			
Energy	Price	Weekly	YoY
Crude Oil	62.90	-2.24%	9.58%
Brent	67.76	-1.83%	11.39%
Natural gas	2.99	-4.82%	-18.97%
Gasoline	1.90	-4.24%	11.18%
Heating oil	2.39	-1.15%	12.61%
Ethanol	1.68	2.29%	5.67%
Naphtha	545.92	-0.77%	11.78%
Propane	0.63	-3.07%	-0.66%
Uranium	89.50	4.99%	9.61%
Methanol	2159.00	-2.75%	-1.42%
TTF Gas	31.10	-7.00%	10.62%
UK Gas	72.65	-7.92%	-1.51%

Metals			
	Price	Weekly	YoY
Gold	5,023.5	-0.70%	16.30%
Silver	76.9	-7.72%	7.96%
Platinum	2,040.4	-3.57%	-1.41%

Industrial			
	Price	Weekly	YoY
Copper	5.79	-2.91%	1.88%
Coal	116.70	0.95%	8.56%
Steel	3056.00	0.03%	-1.29%
Iron Ore	99.66	-0.45%	-6.97%
Aluminum	3087.15	-1.39%	3.01%
LithiumCNY/T	143750.00	6.88%	21.31%

Currencies			
	Price	Weekly	YoY
EUR/USD	1.186	-0.41%	1.05%
GBP/USD	1.365	-0.33%	1.40%
USD/JPY	153.439	-1.54%	-2.09%
USD/CNY	6.889	-0.39%	-1.26%
USD/CHF	0.770	0.44%	-2.90%
USD/SGD	1.262	-0.30%	-1.88%
USD/KRW	1443.220	-0.99%	0.18%
USD/INR	90.687	-0.08%	0.91%

Bunker Prices	VLSFO	IFO380	MGO	Spread VLSFO-	Diff Spread	% Spread
Singapore	482.50	435.00	671.50	47.50	-7.0	-12.8%
Rotterdam	455.00	401.00	675.50	54.00	5.5	11.3%
Fujairah	469.00	414.00	743.00	55.00	-5.0	-8.3%
Houston	460.00	361.50	661.00	98.50	-1.0	-1.0%

- In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial average decreased by -1.2% at 49,501 points, S&P 500 went down by 1.39% at 6,836 points and NASDAQ fell by 2.1% at 22,547 points. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx50 closed down by 0.22% at 5,985 points and Stoxx600 up by 0.09% at 618 points mark. In Asia, the Nikkei closed the week at 56,942, gaining 4.96% on a weekly basis, while Hang Seng went up by 0.03% at 26,567 points mark and the CSI 300 index closed the week at 4,660 points, 0.36% higher than previous week.
- WTI crude oil futures hovered at around \$63 per barrel on Monday after posting the first back-to-back weekly decline of the year, as investors closely watch a second round of US-Iran talks. This comes as the US increases its military presence in the region, with President Trump repeatedly warning of potential strikes if a nuclear deal is not reached. Over the weekend, Iran has signaled willingness to make concessions on its nuclear program if Washington engages on sanctions.
- European natural gas futures fell 5% to below €31 per megawatt hour, the lowest in five weeks, as milder weather forecasts eased near-term demand and reduced pressure on tight supplies. Weather models point to above normal temperatures across parts of Europe in the coming days, offering relief after a volatile start to the year and slowing withdrawals from storage. Inventories across the European Union remain low at under 34% capacity, the weakest since the 2022 energy crisis, with levels particularly depleted in Germany at below 24%.

WTI Crude Oil



TTF Gas



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