

Tankers

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Crude

VLCC Ag/East	42	(\$21k)	very good activity, Owners got some mojo back
SM Wafr/Usac	57.5	(\$17k)	with 1 st decade Nov covered, rates might stay flat for now
Oct AG Fixtures	87	up 3	
Nov AG fixtures	3		
Fujairah bunkers	452	up 14	

Physical: The game of musical chairs has intensified a bit – as once again, it appears Charterers may have held back their requirements a bit too long. Despite lousy fundamentals – Owners again have the upper hand for the near term. There are plenty of ships to be found, though even if you assume October is finished (which its not) – we will be seeing a solid slate of first decade November inquiry early next week. It's not about counting ships versus cargos – as much as quantifying the fact that Owners know its Q4 – and they therefore know that if there is going to be a tanker bash...its now or never. Wafr has shown signs of potential strengthening – though rates are still stuck in the high 50s or so for SMs. A thin V list is still supportive – but 1st decade Nov is mostly covered.

Keep an eye on rising bunkers.

Crude FFAs: Crude FFAs have been very active as rate increases on the physical, realized and potential, have brought some excitement to the sector. We have moved beyond the simple expected value trade and clearly into belief that Owners may finally make a move. **TD3** Nov and Dec add 2-3 points each to 49 and 52 – thereby lifting the overall Q4 2 points to 47.50. Optimism on the TD3 route has spilled into TD5 – despite the physical market there taking a breather. **TD5** Nov trades up 1.5 points to 64.

Clean

37kt Cont/ta	90	(\$2.5k)	about same
38kt Caribs/up	82.5	(\$.5k)	about same
55kt Ag/East	115	(\$17 k)	about same

Physical: Atlantic basin cleans remains depressed as any inquiry seen is quickly absorbed by willing tonnage. Caribs biz is said to have increased a bit – though we know it will take more than just “a bit” in order for rates to move.

FFAs: **TC2** paper has seen decent volume. Nov and Dec add 3-4 points each to 103 and 105, though – I am not sure why just yet. The spot remains about 90 and position lists are ample. **TC5** Nov and Dec trade up about 1-2 points to 97 and 98.

Dry Bulk

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Baltic Indices

BDI	2728	up 40
BCI	4061	up 82
BPI	2734	up 8
BSI	1903	up 13
BHSI	961	down 3

Omar Nokta: CISA estimates Chinese steel production at 49.5 million tons for September. The monthly total is down slightly from August, with daily output of 1.65 million tons compared to the August rate of 1.67. The data reflects the slowdown we had seen in Capesize fixture volumes into China.

Dry FFAs - light volumes see prices rise early but come off throughout the trading session

	Spot	Q1 FFA
Cape:	40666, up 1240	28750, down 750
PM:	21950, up 60	17000, down 750
SM:	19903, up 140	15250, down 500

Equities

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- Glenn Lodden maintains a SELL on IM Skaugen (NOK 35).