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TANKERS

CHARTERING

Crude

The Easter holidays may have caused a pause in VLCC activity, but this did little to dampen the rate rally over which owners are now presiding. There was a clear lack of cargoes moving from the MEG to the West, so our rate for MEG/West in the table below is an estimate only and must be tested in the market. One worrying factor, however, is the increasing list of available tonnage, and it remains to be seen if current levels can be maintained. Atlantic VLCCs also experienced a healthy rate increase mostly due to a very firm Suezmax market and limited VLCC tonnage in the area; with this in mind, the immediate future may be a stronger Atlantic market than the one east of Suez. Suezmaxes basked in a firm market with rising rate levels. Ws185 is presently the going rate for WAF/West and there is little to indicate that this level will ease off any time soon. The Suezmax market was also firm in the Med/Bsea and charterers are struggling to find coverage due to a thin position list. The very strong Aframax rates seen in the Nsea and Med continued unabated, whilst Aframax rates in the Caribs upcoast market increased by about 30 ws points.

Product

It has been a dull week in the east of Suez market. MR rates Spore/Japan softened slightly by 5 ws points to ws200 basis 30.000 m/t. Also LRs on the MEG/Japan route saw a softening trend with LR1 rates falling 10 ws points to ws175 basis 55.000 m/t and LR2 rates reaching a new low of ws135 basis 75.000 m/t. Given the amount of tonnage waiting for employment, we can only expect that competition for available cargoes will be fierce. Activity in the transatlantic market was off to a slow start in the wake of the Easter holidays, and ws210 basis 37.000 m/t was confirmed. The Baltic LR1 market is untested, but it appears that rates remain around ws180-185 basis 65.000 m/t. Handies trading cross NWEurope saw rates once again maintained at ws245 basis 22.000 m/t. There was some improvement in the Caribs upcoast market at the end of last week, but rates are now down to ws190 for MR vessels. We expect that the MR market could strengthen somewhat in the coming days.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

VLCC	Suezmax	Aframax	Product
Firm	Firm	Firm	Soft

RATES		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
DIRTY (Spot WS)					
MEG / West	VLCC	100.0	92.5	75.0	175.0
MEG / Japan	VLCC	137.5	122.5	90.0	255.0
MEG / Singapore	260,000	142.5	122.5	92.5	265.0
WAF / USG	260,000	150.0	135.0	85.0	190.0
WAF / USAC	130,000	185.0	175.0	115.0	250.0
Sidi Kerir / W Me	135,000	280.0	260.0	110.0	280.0
N. Afr / Euromed	80,000	395.0	395.0	115.0	395.0
UK / Cont	80,000	200.0	200.0	117.5	200.0
Caribs / USG	70,000	300.0	270.0	105.0	325.0
CLEAN (Spot WS)					
MEG / Japan	75,000	140.0	140.0	140.0	200.0
MEG / Japan	55,000	175.0	180.0	175.0	240.0
MEG / Japan	30,000	280.0	295.0	215.0	330.0
Singapore / Japan	30,000	200.0	210.0	180.0	265.0
Baltic T/A	65,000	180.0	185.0	165.0	215.0
UKC-Med / States	37,000	215.0	225.0	195.0	260.0
Caribs / USNH	38,000	190.0	190.0	180.0	235.0
1 YEAR T/C (usd per day) (theoretical)					
VLCC	(modern)	72,000	72,000	60,000	72,000
Suezmax	(modern)	42,000	42,000	42,000	47,500
Aframax	(modern)	30,000	30,000	30,000	35,000
LR2	105,000	32,000	32,000	31,500	32,000
LR1	80,000	27,000	27,000	26,500	27,000
MR	40,000	22,500	22,500	22,500	23,750

VLCCs fixed all areas last week:	23	previous week:	45
VLCCs avail. in MEG next 30 days:	78	last week:	84

SALE AND PURCHASE

Vessel	Size	Built	Buyer	Price	Comm.
Front Sabang	285,700	1990	TMT	22.00	3.5yr BB incl p.opt
Grand Explorer	285,000	1990	Undisclosed	Undisc	Rumoured
Tohdoh	261,000	1991	MODEC	42.50	D/H
2 x Nantong resales	156,000	2010	Dr Peters	92.00	enbloc
Faultless	154,000	1992	Avin Int.	41.00	D/H
Piemonte	114,000	1987	Chinese	18.00	D/S, for conv
Sea Tiger	94,900	1989	Chinese	19.00	D/S
Arius	83,000	1986	Chinese	22.50	D/H, for conv
Relentless	47,000	1992	Undisclosed	28.00	D/H
Jag Prayog	29,900	1982	Undisclosed	4.60	S/H
Chem Orchid	29,800	1993	Undisclosed	25.50	5yrsTCB@17k/d
Besiktas Greenland	18,000	2007	Groupe Desgagnes	40.00	IMO II
Aristofanis	13,000	2005	Undisclosed	25.00	Coated
Hafetzah	7,000	1991	Nigerians	3.13	Coated

DRY BULK

CHARTERING

Handy

Market was softer , especially in the Far East where the rates have been sliding down by usd 1500/2000 daily . Mv Tai Happiness was done at usd 38,000 for the tc trip Lanshan/S E Asia/China . Short term fixtures remained firm at levels around usd 62000 , although it is said mv Desert Hawk was fixed at usd 75000 for delivery in April and balance of period till August . The average index wet down to usd 53277.

Panamax

During the last week many of us have celebrated Easter, and there has also been other holidays. This has influenced the activity in the market, but the levels have been fairly stable. In the Altantic rounds done at mid/high USD 60,000 level,while trip to far east done around mid/high USD 70,000. Less activity for period, but short period levels around high 70,000. Pacific market kept falling the last week, and rounds now fixing in the 60,000 lvls, while backhaul concluded at high USD 40,000. Short period concluded at USD 68, 000 on lme delivery nchina. Forward delivery we still see firm numbers, and NB delivery sh 2008 fixed 2 yrs at USD 53,000 diot. Average of the 4 t/c routes fell another USD 2000 this week, and now at USD 63814. As a reminder highest numbers this yr on the average is USD 69619 on 11 March.

Capesize

A quiet week due to the Easter holidays however as the week ended there were signs of improving levels in both basins, but especially in the Atlantic. A modern 180000 tonner was fixed at $160,000 for a fronthaul trip via Brazil for end March delivery. Rates from the Pacific also improved after $35.00 was paid at least twice for Richards Bay/ Rotterdam April loading. After the major ore charterers took several April loaders for WA/China Pacific rates also looked set to improve. No period fixtures have been reported since before the holidays but interest remains strong for both medium and long periods.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Capesize	Panamax	Handysize
Firmer	Stable	Low

RATES		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
CAPESIZE (usd/day, usd/tonne)					
TCT Cont/Far East (172´ dwt)		155,000	150,000	120,000	204,000
Tubarao / R.dam (Iron ore)		30.00	32.00	24.50	42.25
Queensland/ R.dam (Coal)		46.75	48.00	38.00	57.00
PANAMAX					
Transatlantic RV		68,000	69,000	50,000	73,000
TCT Cont / F. East		78,500	79,500	58,500	80,000
TCT F. East / Cont		48,500	51,000	30,750	54,000
TCT F. East RV		60,000	63,000	33,500	67,000
Murmansk b.13-ARA 15/25,000 sc		22.20			23.65
Murmansk b.13-L.pool 15/25,000 sc		23.20			24.90

Murmansk/Rotterdam and Murmansk/Liverpool rates calculations are always based on Wednesday´s Baltic TARV index value as reported

		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
HANDYSIZE					
Atlantic RV		53,500			79,000
Pacific RV		50,000			55,750
TCT Cont / F. East		63,000			74,000
1 YEAR T/C (usd per day)					
Capesize	150,000 dwt	122,000	125,000	95,000	142,000
Capesize	170,000 dwt	137,000	140,000	110,000	157,000
Panamax	75,000 dwt	71,000	72,000	55,000	74,000
Handysize	53,000 dwt	61,000			62,000

Baltic Dry Index (BDI):	This Week: 0	Last week: 7801

SALE AND PURCHASE

Vessel	Size	Built	Buyer	Price	Comm.
Samos	137,000	1982	Chinese	25.00	tc 32k/d 12/08
Bulk Cedar	73,317	1998	Blossom Maritime	71.40	
Yuba	72,578	1987	Far Eastern	47.50	1/30d
Cumbria	69,043	1994	Chinese	60.00	
Double Fortune	68,118	1997	Samsun Corp	67.00	
Gizan Glory	53,507	1978	Danish		incl BB CP
Alam Makmur	46,644	2000	Koreans	63.50	4/30cr
Hulk	46,601	1995	Koreans	57.00	4/30cr
Star Evanger	44,169	1984	Bogazzi	25.20	1/35cr 1/30cr
Angel S	40,501	1978	Undisclosed	13.00	3/25cr
Xi Rui 5	40,478	1985	Turkish	30.00	5/25cr
Goviken	35,542	1987	Algoma Corp	38.00	enbloc incl low long tc to Fednav
Daviken	35,542	1987	Algoma Corp		enbloc
Sandviken	35,542	1986	Algoma Corp		enbloc
IVS Kingfisher	28,424	2002	Baru Delta	48.90	4/30cr del jun/08
Jag Vikas	26,781	1977	Chinese	7.20	5/15cr
Edelweiss	22,176	1993	Far Eastern	31.00	4/30cr
Zara III	18,801	1978	Undisclosed	4.90	4/25cr

GAS

CHARTERING

Since our last weekly report (the week before Easter), the spirits have risen in the VLGC freight market. Improved spot FOB availabilities and some timing problems have facilitated more than a dozen spot fixtures, and at the time of writing there are vessels being discussed at some USD 33/34 pmt; levels hardy seen since January this year. As the balance between cargoes and open vessels is looking sounder than in a long time, we would not be surprised to see additional gains in the freight rates over the coming month. West of Suez, the ship that has been idling off Gibraltar for some time is currently on subs for a lifting out of Yanbu early April.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

COASTER	15-23,000 cbm	82,000 cbm
Firm	Firming	Active

RATES	This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
SPOT MARKET				
82.000 cbm / FR	465,000	270,000	160,000	1,050,000
57.000 cbm / FR	900,000	900,000	900,000	980,000
35.600 cbm / FR	905,000	905,000	900,000	955,000
20.000 cbm / SR*	870,000	870,000	870,000	960,000
10.000 cbm ETH**	740,000	720,000	720,000	740,000
6.500 cbm / SR	570,000	570,000	565,000	570,000
COASTER Europe	275,000	250,000	225,000	290,000
COASTER Asia	255,000	257,500	250,000	262,500

* 20,000 cbm s/r reflects average spot market, LPG and Petchems (segment 15,000 / 23,000 cbm)

** 10,000 cbm eth reflects average spot market, Petchems and LPG (segment 8,200 / 12,500 cbm)

LPG/FOB prices	Propane	Butane	ISO
FOB North Sea / ANSI	783.50	790.00	
Saudi Arabia / CP	820.00	825.00	
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	764.56	835.36	920.02
Sonatrach : Bethioua	795.00	795.00	

SALE AND PURCHASE

Vessel	Cbm	Type	Built	Buyers	Price	Misc
Berge Strand	75,700	FR	1982	Benelux	14.00	

DEMOLITION

Vessels sold for demolition	VLCC/VLOO	SUEZMAX	CAPE/OBO
Year to date 2008:			
Year to date 2007:	0	1	0
2007 total:	0	2	0

SOLD FOR DEMOLITION

Vessel name	Size	Ldt	Built	Buyer	Price
MT C. Elephant	240,600	31,528	1987	Bangladesh	767
MT Ocean Leo	89,900	14,401	1981	Bangladeshi	710
MT Ocean Star	88,400	18,318	1979	Bangladesh	720
MT Gazelle	60,800	12,730	1983	Bangladesh	735
MT Stolt Heron	37,100	9,481	1979	India	550
MT Dubulti	29,600	8,680	1982	Bangladesh	727.5
MV Royal Bay	9,118	5,825	1979	Bangladeshi	680

NEWBUILDING

GENERAL COMMENT

The newbuilding market was relatively quiet during the Easter holidays. However, since we did not report newbuilding contracts last week, it appears there has been plenty of contracting activity. All in all there were 37 ships placed at various yards over the last 14 days, 16 ships in Korea and 15 China. The market is still dominated by dry cargo ships; however, we notice there is still demand for car transportation, with TMT placing two 8,400 PCTC contracts at Hyundai Samho with delivery in 2011 and 2012, and Armas placing 4 RoPax at Spanish shipyard Barrerras.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Tankers	Dry Bulkers	Others
Stable	Firmer	Moderate

Average Far Eastern Prices

PRICES		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
VLCC	300´dwt	144.0	142.0	141.0	144.0
Suezmax	150´dwt	89.0	88.0	88.0	89.0
Aframax	110´dwt	71.0	70.0	69.0	71.0
Product	47´dwt	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
Capesize	180´dwt	93.0	93.0	93.0	95.0
Panamax	76´dwt	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0
Handymax	56´dwt	46.0	46.0	45.0	46.0

NEWBUILDING CONTRACTS

Type	No	Size	Yard	Owner	Del	Mill$	Comm.
BC	4	8000 dwt	Chongqing Dongfeng	Asia Maritime	2009/10		
BC	2	14200 dwt	Mokpo SB	Arklow Shipping	2010/11		
BC	4	32000 dwt	Daesun	Perosea	2010/11	38	
BC	5	35000 dwt	SPP	DD Shipping	2011/12	40	
BC	2	176000 dwt	Nantong Rongsheng	Fortune Ocean Shipping	2009/10		
BC	3	176000 dwt	New Times	Deiulemar	2010/11	84	
MT	5	30000 dwt	Zhejiang Chenye	Pertamina	2010/11	37	
PC	1	50500 dwt	Guangzhou Shipyard	OMC	2011		
PC	1	51000 dwt	STX	Pietro Barbaro	2010		
PCTC	2	5000 units	Naikai	Nissan Motor Car	2011		
PCTC	2	8400 units	Hyundai Samho	TMT	2011/12		
RoPax	4	1500 pax	Barreras	Armas	2009/10/11	190	
VLOC	2	320000 dwt	STX	Zodiac	2010	125	

MARKET BRIEF

Rate of exchange		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
JPY/USD		99.20	96.90	96.90	111.45
KRW/USD		990.40	1029.20	937.35	1029.20
NOK/USD		5.12	5.12	5.10	5.54
USD/EUR		1.57	1.58	1.46	1.58
Interest rate					
Eurodollar 12 mnths		2.54	2.48	2.48	4.25
EuroNOK 12 mnths		6.21	6.02	5.67	6.21
Commodity prices					
Brent spot (USD)		101.37	107.55	87.52	107.55
Bunker prices					
Singapore	180 CST	512.00	510.00	451.00	512.00
	380 CST	495.00	500.00	440.00	500.00
	Gasoil	947.00	972.00	770.00	972.00
Rotterdam	180 CST	512.00	524.00	432.00	557.00
	380 CST	466.00	472.00	404.00	527.00
	Diesel	842.00	880.00	702.00	1035.00