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TANKERS

CHARTERING

Crude

The VLCC market showed even more strength up to the last couple of days when a small correction to rate levels took place. This could be partly linked to date sensitiveness and that owners were willing to accept lower levels to avoid waiting time. The Atlantic Suezmax market remained stable for the balance of last week but turned very active and consequently rates improved. Black sea and Med saw a small correction in rates due to slack activity, but a rebounce is expected as charterers are showing more interest. Aframax rates in the Nsea declined last week due to limited activity and good tonnage availability. The Med scenario was more date sensitive with limited tonnage for certain positions giving volatility to the rates in this area. Aframax in the Caribs once again proved its volatility when rates fell with about 120 points for the traditional up coast voyage.

Product

Rates for trans-Atlantic voyages are again improving. Last done is ws 360 basis 37,000 m/t whilst owners´ indication were ws 370 plus. Due to lack of quality tonnage on the LRs, rates are maintaining its strong level at ws 260-270 lvl basis 60,000 m/t for USA discharge. Handies trading NWEurope are still obtaining ws 280 basis 22,000 m/t. Caribs in steady trade but rates seems to soften. Vessels have been reported on subjects as low as ws 307.5 on 38,000 m/t for usual upcoast voyage. Still interests for backhaul voyages USG/Caribs-UKC/Med, where average rates were ws 220 basis 38,000 m/t. The East of Suez market has maintained its level over the week. MR trading Spore/Jpn stayed firm at ws300 level basis 30,000 mts. LR market did not show any movement. LR1 trading AG/Jpn is being traded at ws300 basis level basis 55,000 mt. LR2 on the same route also stayed put at ws250-255 level basis 75,000 mts. AG/UKC route is stalled at usd 3 million for 65,000 mts cargo. Market looks positive at the moment and we expect the market to maintain this level next week.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

VLCC	Suezmax	Aframax	Product
Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed

RATES		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
DIRTY (Spot WS)					
MEG / West	VLCC	150.0	145.0	65.0	175.0
MEG / Japan	VLCC	242.5	220.0	77.5	255.0
MEG / Singapore	260,000	245.0	225.0	80.0	265.0
WAF / USG	260,000	182.5	160.0	85.0	240.0
WAF / USAC	130,000	215.0	195.0	115.0	270.0
Sidi Kerir / W Me	135,000	215.0	220.0	110.0	300.0
N. Afr / Euromed	80,000	200.0	245.0	115.0	395.0
UK / Cont	80,000	170.0	270.0	117.5	300.0
Caribs / USG	70,000	185.0	310.0	105.0	410.0
CLEAN (Spot WS)					
MEG / Japan	75,000	255.0	255.0	135.0	300.0
MEG / Japan	55,000	300.0	310.0	155.0	325.0
MEG / Japan	30,000	390.0	395.0	215.0	395.0
Singapore / Japan	30,000	300.0	300.0	170.0	300.0
Baltic T/A	65,000	270.0	265.0	165.0	275.0
UKC-Med / States	37,000	365.0	370.0	195.0	380.0
Caribs / USNH	38,000	310.0	315.0	180.0	315.0
1 YEAR T/C (usd per day) (theoretical)					
VLCC	(modern)	90,000	87,500	60,000	90,000
Suezmax	(modern)	50,000	50,000	42,000	50,000
Aframax	(modern)	38,000	36,000	30,000	38,000
LR2	105,000	35,000	34,000	31,500	35,000
LR1	80,000	28,500	27,000	26,000	28,500
MR	40,000	23,750	23,250	21,750	23,750

VLCCs fixed all areas last week:	39	previous week:	62
VLCCs avail. in MEG next 30 days:	53	last week:	77

SALE AND PURCHASE

Vessel	Size	Built	Buyer	Price	Comm.
Astro Capricorn	320,000	2008	Chinese	203.00	Coiled DH
Nordic Bay	114,945	2008	Neda Maritime	91.00	
Nordic Lisbeth	72,714	2006	Undisclosed	68.00	D/H
GSI resale	50,500	2009	Greeks	57.50	dely 3Q/2009
White Point	49,474	2003	Italians	52.50	IMO III
Innovator I	47,168	1991	Greeks	27.00	D/H
Bereket Ka	9,093	1982	Iranian	3.50	D/B, IMO II/III

DRY BULK

CHARTERING

Handy

We have seen further rate declines, especially in the Atlantic/Baltic and Black Sea. Gl Primera was covered at low 80,000 for a voyage from USA to Spain. On the other hand, Mv Gloria was fixed at usd 80,000 for trip to West Africa. Voyages to USA are now worth usd 37,000 daily. Pacific was bit more stable. Tess 52 for Indian iron ore to China is getting very high 50, 000s with delivery on either coast despite the fact that the Monsoon is in full flow. The M/V Sinina British Marine relet was reported at usd 59,000 dely Chennai for tct China. Supramaxes for Indo/India coal with delivery South China are fetching low/mid 60,000s depending on the size. Nopac rounds are being done at mid/high 60,000s and short SE Asian rounds are being fixed in the high 50,000s to 60,000. Not much excitement on the period side, MV Santa was said to be agreed at about usd 50,000 for two years trading. Average of 5 routes closed at usd 60,215.

Panamax

The Panamax market kept stable until the end of the week when the average of the BPI ended at usd 73,937, down usd 3000 from the beginning of the week. Lack of spot cargoes forced the rates down, and in the Atlantic LMEs fixed high usd 70,000s, while some fetched right above usd 80,000s for good delivery. Fronthaul biz rose in the start of the week, and vsls concluded arnd usd 93,000 vs high usd 80,000s at the end of the week. In the Pacific a rv kept stable at usd 76,000s, but declined towards the end of the week and LMEs were paid around usd 70,000s. Backhaul vsls were paid around usd 65,000s, and slid a bit towards low 60,000s at the end of the week.

Capesize

A usd 11,000 gain on the tc average early in the week evaporated as the week ended, leaving the spot market value at about usd 152,000. The level of activity fell in both basins with noticably fewer fixtures reported. The Brazil/China route is now worth about usd 86.50 and fronthaul tc about usd 211,000. The Pacific is also quiet with the major charterers noticeable by their absence and the WAustr/China run is now approaching usd 30.00 whilst the Pacific round is in the low usd 130,000´s. The backhaul rate also suffered and has now dipped below usd 100,000. Little period activity was registered apart from a 1997 built 172,000 tonner fixing 1 year at usd 153, 000 with July delivery in Japan.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Capesize	Panamax	Handysize
Slower	Moderate	Low

RATES		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
CAPESIZE (usd/day, usd/tonne)					
TCT Cont/Far East (172´ dwt)		214,000	208,000	120,000	285,000
Tubarao / R.dam (Iron ore)		45.50	45.00	24.50	58.50
Queensland/ R.dam (Coal)		52.00	54.50	38.00	69.00
PANAMAX					
Transatlantic RV		76,000	74,000	50,000	110,000
TCT Cont / F. East		87,000	87,000	58,500	116,000
TCT F. East / Cont		71,000	63,000	30,750	71,000
TCT F. East RV		61,000	75,500	33,500	79,500
Murmansk b.13-ARA 15/25,000 sc		25.80	25.75		35.00
Murmansk b.13-L.pool 15/25,000 sc		27.05	27.00		36.50
Murmansk/Rotterdam and Murmansk/Liverpool rates calculations are always based on Wednesday´s Baltic TARV index value as reported					
HANDYSIZE					
Atlantic RV		61,000	64,750		94,750
Pacific RV		57,000	57,250		60,750
TCT Cont / F. East		69,750	75,500		86,250
1 YEAR T/C (usd per day)					
Capesize	150,000 dwt	142,000	140,000	95,000	154,000
Capesize	170,000 dwt	157,000	155,000	110,000	170,000
Panamax	75,000 dwt	78,000	80,000	55,000	84,000
Handysize	53,000 dwt	59,000	60,000		63,500

Baltic Dry Index (BDI): This Week: 9139 Last week: 9244

SALE AND PURCHASE

Vessel	Size	Built	Buyer	Price	Comm.
Paragon	71,259	1995	Chinese	60.00	del feb/09
Mandarin Sea	57,000	2008	Turkish	75.00	
China Trader	48,320	1990	Undisclosed	42.00	
Frontier Star	46,676	1996	Greeks		
Otello Manship	42,244	1985	Singapore	36.25	
Fang Zhou	37,991	1980	Chinese	17.00	

GAS

CHARTERING

With the good sentiment in the VLGC market continuing the Baltic freight index is ploughing ahead into new territory, setting an all-time-high of usd 65,643 pmt yesterday. The lack of tonnage in July and long into August are pushing the rates further up, but the bunker cost takes away some of the juice from the t/c return. The product market might help the owners as Sonatrach have set their FOB prices at a level which will tempt more players to move cargoes from MEG to west destinations.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

COASTER	15-23,000 cbm	82,000 cbm
Low	Low	Increasing

RATES	This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
SPOT MARKET				
82.000 cbm / FR	1,280,000	1,160,000	160,000	1,540,000
57.000 cbm / FR	925,000	920,000	890,000	980,000
35.600 cbm / FR	850,000	860,000	850,000	955,000
20.000 cbm / SR*	870,000	870,000	850,000	960,000
10.000 cbm ETH**	780,000	780,000	720,000	780,000
6.500 cbm / SR	585,000	585,000	565,000	585,000
COASTER Europe	275,000	275,000	225,000	325,000
COASTER Asia	207,500	205,000	187,500	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	912.00	964.00	
Saudi Arabia / CP	905.00	950.00	
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	1001.62	1051.01	1088.05
Sonatrach : Bethioua	940.00	960.00	

SALE AND PURCHASE

Vessel	Cbm	Type	Built	Buyers	Price	Misc
GasChem Leda	6 500	ETH	2007	Tosoh		
Greta Kosan	4 415	S/R	1990	Viken Marine	Abt USD 24 mill en bloc	3 years back to Sellers
Gitta Kosan	4 415	S/R	1990	Viken Marine		

DEMOLITION

Vessels sold for demolition	VLCC/VLOO	SUEZMAX	CAPE/OBO
Year to date 2008:	3	0	0
Year to date 2007:	0	2	0
2007 total:	0	2	0

SOLD FOR DEMOLITION

Vessel name	Size	Ldt	Built	Buyer	Price
MT Mariano Moctezuma	22,048	6,328	1974	India	458(as is Mexico)
MT Manuel Avila Camacho	21,705	6,313	1973	India	364(as is Mexico)

NEWBUILDING

GENERAL COMMENT

A moderate number of new orders reported this week. Supported by the current market conditions and revised optimistic forecasts, there is a continued firm interest in tankers which no doubt will translate into more orders shortly.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Tankers	Dry Bulkers	Others
Firm	Moderate	Moderate

Average Far Eastern Prices

PRICES		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
VLCC	300´dwt	154.0	152.0	141.0	154.0
Suezmax	150´dwt	94.0	93.0	88.0	94.0
Aframax	110´dwt	75.0	74.0	69.0	75.0
Product	47´dwt	52.0	51.0	51.0	52.0
Capesize	180´dwt	94.0	93.0	93.0	95.0
Panamax	76´dwt	53.0	53.0	52.0	53.0
Handymax	56´dwt	47.0	47.0	45.0	47.0

NEWBUILDING CONTRACTS

Type	No	Size	Yard	Owner	Del	Mill$	Comm.
BC	2	32000 dwt	Nokbong	Hanzevast	2011		
BC	1	38000 dwt	Naikai Zosen	Jinyu	2012	39.62	
BC	1	175000 dwt	Nantong Rongsheng	D`Amato	2010		
CO	9	10000 teu	Samsung	United Arab Shipping	2011	167	
MPP	4+4	24000 dwt	Wuhu Xinlian	Rickmers Group	2010/11		
MT	2	165000 dwt	HHI	Phoenix	2011		
PC	1	37000 dwt	Hyundai Mipo	Geden	2010		
PC	1	47000 dwt	Hyundai Mipo	Geden	2010		
Ro-pax	1	35000 gt	Brodosplit	CMN	2010	200	

MARKET BRIEF

Rate of exchange		This Week	Last Week	Low 2008	High 2008
JPY/USD		126.23	107.98	96.90	126.23
KRW/USD		1037.70	1037.95	937.35	1047.63
NOK/USD		5.07	5.10	4.96	5.54
USD/EUR		1.58	1.56	1.46	1.60
Interest rate					
Eurodollar 12 mnths		3.35	3.54	2.48	4.25
EuroNOK 12 mnths		6.94	6.96	5.67	6.96
Commodity prices					
Brent spot (USD)		140.55	135.57	87.52	140.55
Bunker prices					
Singapore	180 CST	729.00	677.00	451.00	729.00
	380 CST	706.00	652.00	440.00	706.00
	Gasoil	1310.00	1272.00	770.00	1310.00
Rotterdam	180 CST	721.00	682.00	432.00	721.00
	380 CST	674.00	625.00	404.00	674.00
	Diesel	1159.00	1132.00	702.00	1159.00

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