

Fearnleys Weekly Report

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Tankers

VLCC

A week for the owning community to savor. With a tightening position list and charterers looking to cover the start of their October program, MEG rates have ticked up. A solid WS 41 paid to Taiwan early this week shows modern tonnage can push when needed. Next done, pick a number in the WS 40's. Older/disadvantaged tonnage may offer an escape valve, but they are increasingly in short supply, as we have seen ex dd's quickly picked off by those who can. TD3C paper has jumped +10 point for the next few months which will also help sentiment, even if it is people look to go long where they can.

As for the Atlantic, close to USD 8m paid off end October dates USG/China, following on from an early October replacement deal at similar levels. This highlights the tightness of the list for any October dates in the USG, with many vessels that are there wishing to stay West, not willing to see out Q4 at current levels. Many ships on uncertain itineraries too, reluctant to commit in danger of running late. USD 6.4m paid for USG/WC India twice, a little old and a perfect run for a Bahri relet. With West Africa/East now at WS 49.5, owners will not have to work hard to build on that.

Suezmax

The global Suezmax market is showing latent signs of potential with West Africa and MEG arguably the most interesting load zones. The MEG list is very tight for 20 ton crane availability (first decade October), which has underpinned rates this week. As we go to print, WS 100 is on subs for a Fujairah/East voyage (1-10/10 window), with no apparent downside, despite the background threat of cannibalization from VLCCs.

In the Atlantic, there is a perception, although possibly misplaced, that a weak USG market will start to weigh down TD20. We're not completely comfortable with this perception as the make-up of the list (7-12 October) in West Africa is not that straightforward and even more pertinent, prompt USG ships are unlikely to ballast across the pond as an active USG VLCC market bodes positively for the weeks ahead.

Aframax

NORTH

It has been quite a sluggish week for Aframax owners trading in the North Sea. Lack of activity has kept rates at bottom levels and the tonnage list is building up. However, some owners might turn their bow towards the Mediterranean as that market looks a bit more interesting. A positive recovery can only be expected once we move into October fixing dates.

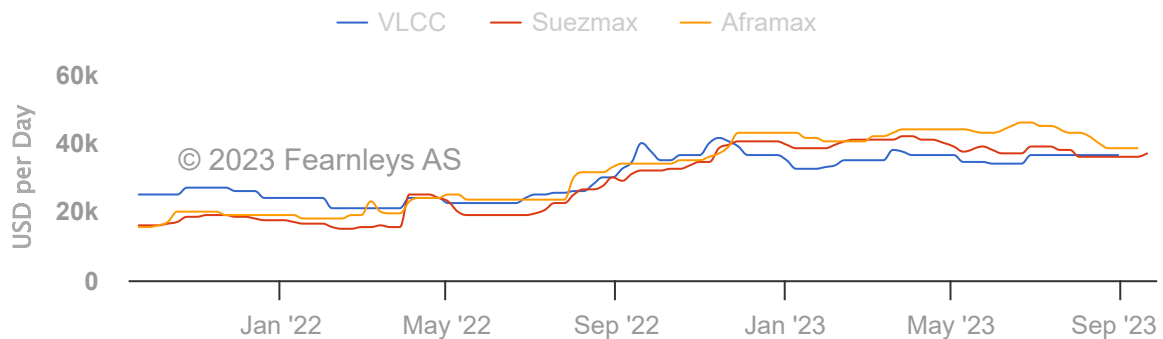
MEDITERRANEAN

Tables turned quickly in the Mediterranean earlier this week as charterers kept coming out with end-September inquiries and position list suddenly got tighter. Sentiment is changing and owners are in the

mood to push for more and more now. October dates have started kicking in and if activity remains healthy, we will probably see further improvement on the rates.

Rates		
MEG/WEST	24.00 \$	1.00 ↑
MEG/Japan	41.00 \$	3.00 ↑
MEG/Singapore	42.00 \$	5.00 ↑
WAF/FEAST	48.50 \$	6.50 ↑
WAF/USAC	72.50 \$	0.00 →
Sidi Kerir/W Med	75.00 \$	7.50 ↑
N. Afr/Euromed	100.00 \$	15.00 ↑
UK/Cont	92.50 \$	-2.50 ↓
Caribs/USG	85.00 \$	-10.00 ↓
VLCC	0 \$	0.00 →
Suezmax	37000.00 \$	1000.00 ↑
Aframax	38500.00 \$	0.00 →
Fixed in all areas last week	65.00 \$	14.00 ↑
Available in MEG next 30 days	142.00 \$	-1.00 ↓

1 Year T/C Crude



Dry Bulk

Capesize

The week started with healthy volumes for late September-early October C5, East Australia and Pacific business, contributing to a further increase in optimism. Volumes on C5 tapered off mid-week while East Australia remains high. Early October South Africa and India volumes hold at reasonable levels. On C3 ex Brazil to China, the week started off quiet, but activity level started picked up mid-week for mid-October stems. For West Africa, we see fresh enquiries, but volume remains comparatively lower than other trades. Far East and ballasting tonnage further tightened this week. C5 levels increased substantially from last week, with fixtures concluding at mid USD 9 pmt levels. On C3, discussions are at USD 21 pmt level for end September to early October stems. Fixtures concluded at mid USD 22 pmt for 15th October onwards. On period, we continue to see limited activity with one known fixture of a 171k dwt 2005-build non-scrubber for spread of 4 to 6 months at USD 14,000 per day.

Panamax

The Panamax market is holding strong, driven largely by congestion in Brazil and a solid performance in the Asia sector. Despite stagnant demand in the North Atlantic and mixed results in other areas, firm sentiment and a strong FFA market continue to nudge rates upward. The current outlook remains cautiously optimistic, anchored by sustained activity in the Atlantic and steady demands in late September and early October.

Supramax

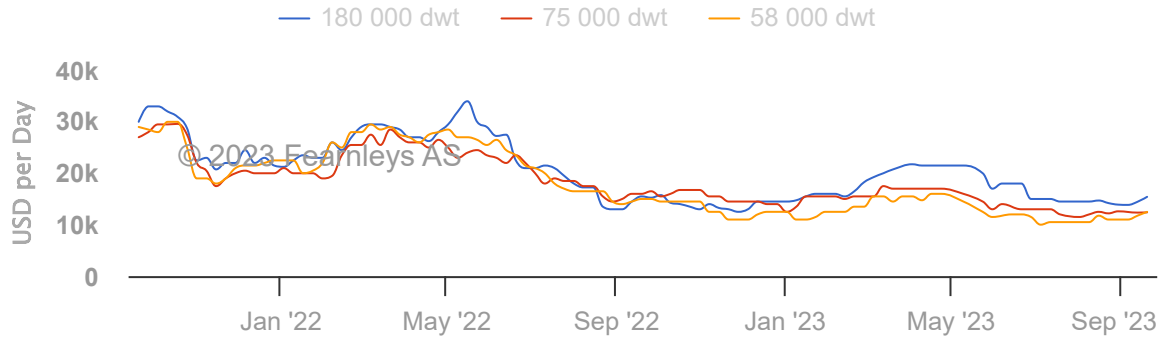
Congestion in South America is the highest since early last year, and in Indonesia it is close to all-time highs. Year-to-date highs made in vessels in or heading to the North Atlantic/Europe Continent, and vessels in or heading to the South Atlantic remain close to year-to-date highs. Overall, the market is looking strong. The usual seasonal pattern has not been followed this year, but "on average" the market continues to climb until late October before trending down into year-end.

Rates

TCE Cont/Far East	38125.00 \$	312.00 ↑
Australia/China	9.47 \$	-0.17 ↓
Pacific RV	16464.00 \$	1496.00 ↑
Transatlantic RV	15400.00 \$	320.00 ↑
TCE Cont/Far East	25659.00 \$	-55.00 ↓
TCE Far East/Cont	7078.00 \$	8.00 ↑
TCE Far East RV	14465.00 \$	72.00 ↑
Atlantic RV	17591.00 \$	141.00 ↑
Pacific RV	11231.00 \$	475.00 ↑
TCE Cont/Far East	24500.00 \$	408.00 ↑
Newcastlemax	19420.00 \$	970.00 ↑
Kamsarmax	14100.00 \$	300.00 ↑
Ultramax	14250.00 \$	500.00 ↑

Capesize	15420.00 \$	970.00 ↑
Panamax	12400.00 \$	50.00 ↑
Supramax	12500.00 \$	750.00 ↑
Baltic Dry Index (BDI)	1584.00 \$	58.00 ↑

1 Year T/C Dry Bulk



Gas**Chartering****EAST**

The first two Indian cargo quotes for October are now covered, both reported at rates close to USD 190s RT-C equivalent. We are at the time of writing seeing a premium in the East of about USD 18, but with signs of a strengthening market also in the West this gap could narrow eventually. The fixing window is set to move fully into second half of October soon as itineraries gradually firms up further into the month.

WEST

The arb continues to support the current freight levels as we see last done fixture in the West concluded at mid-high 220s H/C. As per latest Baltic print, we get a TCE of approximately 130k pd for BLPG3, but it's still a discount of about 20k pd compared to BLPG1. The vessel supply for 1H November is currently looking very tight, and with several uncovered cargoes out there for 1H November dates in the USG we can expect the western freight rates to continue going upwards.

LPG Rates

VLGC	4600000.00 \$	300000.00 ↑
LGC	2000000.00 \$	0.00 →
MGC	1400000.00 \$	0.00 →
HDY SR	850000.00 \$	0.00 →
HDY ETH	920000.00 \$	0.00 →
ETH	530000.00 \$	0.00 →
SR	0 \$	0.00 →
COASTER Asia	0 \$	0.00 →
COASTER Europe	305000.00 \$	0.00 →
FOB North Sea/Ansi	505.50 \$	0.00 →
Saudi Arabia/CP	550.00 \$	0.00 →
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	382.00 \$	-26.00 ↓
Sonatrach/Bethioua	530.00 \$	0.00 →
FOB North Sea/Ansi	551.50 \$	0.00 →
Saudi Arabia/CP	560.00 \$	0.00 →
MT Belvieu (US Gulf)	339.00 \$	-31.00 ↓
Sonatrach/Bethioua	550.00 \$	0.00 →

LNG Rates

East of Suez 155-165k CBM	200000.00 \$	20000.00 ↑
West of Suez 155-165k CBM	200000.00 \$	30000.00 ↑
1 Year T/C 155-165k TFDE	99000.00 \$	-2000.00 ↓

Newbuilding

Activity Levels

Tank Activity	Increasing
Dry Bulk Activity	Moderate
Other Activity	Moderate

Prices

VLCC	124.00 \$	0.00 →
Suezmax	82.00 \$	0.00 →
Aframax	65.00 \$	0.00 →
Product	44.00 \$	0.00 →
Newcastlemax	66.00 \$	0.00 →
Kamsarmax	36.50 \$	0.00 →
Ultramax	34.50 \$	0.00 →
LNGC (MEGI) (cbm)	259.00 \$	0.00 →

Sale & Purchase

Prices

Dry

Segment: Capesize 5YO: 47.5, 10YO: 32.5

Segment: Kamsarmax 5YO: 32, 10YO: 23.5

Segment: Ultramax 5YO: 28, 10YO: 22

Wet

Segment: VLCC 5YO: 93.5, 10YO: 72

Segment: Suezmax 5YO: 71, 10YO: 55.5

Segment: Aframax / LR2 5YO: 61.5, 10YO: 49

Market Brief

Exchange Rates

USD/JPY	147.67 \$	0.17 ↑
USD/NOK	10.73 \$	-0.12 ↓
USD/KRW	1326.40 \$	0.40 ↑
EUR/USD	1.07 \$	0.00 →

Interest Rates

LIBOR USD (6 month)	5.20 \$	0.00 →
NIBOR NOK (6 month)	3.12 \$	0.00 →

Commodity Prices

Brent Spot	94.50 \$	0.00 →
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Bunker Prices

380 CST	538.50 \$	-10.50 ↓
MGO	952.00 \$	-16.50 ↓
Spread MGO/380 CST	413.50 \$	-6.00 ↓
380 CST	600.00 \$	-12.00 ↓
MGO	965.50 \$	-10.00 ↓
Spread MGO/380 CST	365.50 \$	2.00 ↑

