

DRY BULK WEEKLY

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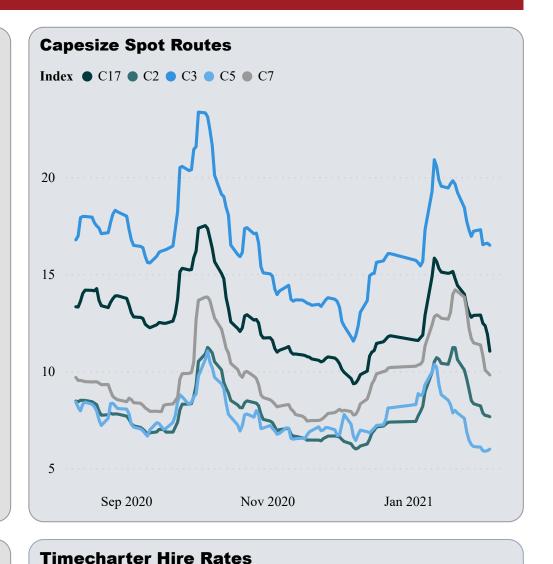
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Commercial Class	WK 3	WK 4	WK 3	VVO VV /0	Avg. 2021	101/0
□ CAPESIZE						
2 Y	17,500	18,625	18,625	0.0%	17,550	10.5%
1 Y	17,250	18,250	18,500	1.4%	17,000	15.2%
6 M	16,750	17,625	17,875	1.4%	16,450	16.7%
□ PANAMAX						
2 Y	13,125	15,875	15,375	-3.1%	13,583	20.8%
1 Y	13,000	15,000	14,500	-3.3%	13,450	20.6%
6 M	13,375	13,625	13,125	-3.7%	13,175	15.6%
□ ULTRAMAX						
6 M	11,375	12,875	13,125	1.9%	11,725	14.6%
1 Y	11,125	13,250	13,250	0.0%	11,675	14.2%
2 Y	10,625	13,500	13,500	0.0%	11,675	8.9%
□ SUPRAMAX						
6 M	10,625	12,375	13,375	8.1%	11,375	17.0%
2 Y	9,625	13,125	13,125	0.0%	11,025	7.4%
1 Y	10,000	12,625	12,625	0.0%	10,950	13.9%
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2 Y	9,375	10,875	10,875	0.0%	9,975	3.3%

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Commercial Class | Wk 3 | Wk 4 | Wk 5 | WoW% | Avg 2021

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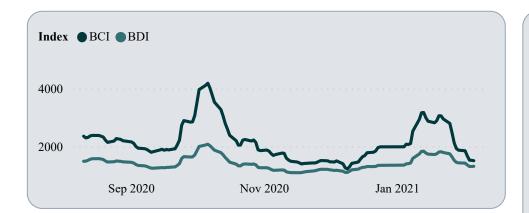
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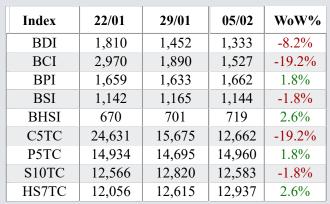
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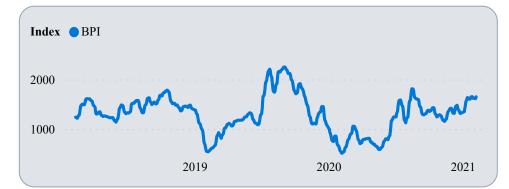
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Bulkcarrier Freight Market









The fall of the BDI (-8.2%) Index continues as the Capesize market showed a declining trend for the second consecutive week.

The BCI index dropped and stabilised at the end of the week at 1,527, after a two-month peak the index showed nearly the similar statistics as the first week of December (Week 49, '20) when the BCI was 1,520 points. The C5TC opened last Monday at \$15,675 to end the week at \$12,662 a decrease of 19.2% compared w-o-w.

Capesize freight rates also showed an overall decrease on week 5. Spot rates changed negatively by 2.2%-14.4%, with route C3 at top of the table. Route C5 was the most stable w-o-w with a decrease of only -2.2%.

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Tripcharter rates presented a more considerable downturn, as rates went down by 9.4%-28.6%. Route C9 remained at the top showing the lowest change w-o-w (-9.4%). Meanwhile the transatlantic round voyage (C8) was by far the most affected route, as we witnessed a reduction of -28.6% in the closing rate compared to week 4.

Capesize Spot Rates	15/01	22/01	29/01	05/02	WoW%	2019	2020	2021	YoY%
Tubarao-Qingdao - C3	15.74	19.25	17.25	16.52	-4.2%	18.6	14.8	18.0	21.3%
Saldanha Bay-Qingdao - C17	11.63	14.45	12.91	11.06	-14.3%	13.8	11.3	13.5	20.0%
Bolivar-Rotterdam - C7	10.29	14.14	11.49	9.84	-14.4%	9.6	8.1	12.0	47.1%
Tubarao-Rotterdam - C2	7.44	10.63	8.35	7.68	-8.0%	8.2	6.6	9.3	39.9%
West Australia-Qingdao - C5	8.31	7.87	6.15	6.01	-2.2%	7.7	6.7	7.9	18.2%

Capesize Tripcharter	15/01	22/01	29/01	05/02	WoW%	2019	2020	2021	YoY%
Continent-Mediterranean/ China-Japan - C9	29040	46125	32275	29250	-9.4%	35045	27699	38291	38.2%
Gibraltar-Hamburg/ Transatlantic RV - C8	19445	36425	23250	16605	-28.6%	18403	13752	26263	91.0%
China-Brazil RV - C14	12968	18073	13341	11745	-12.0%	17215	11731	15622	33.2%
China-Japan/ Transpacific RV - C10	18921	17133	9221	7788	-15.5%	17175	13042	16959	30.0%

Bulkcarrier Freight Market



Panamax Spot Rates	15/01	22/01	29/01	05/02	WoW%	2019	2020	2021	YoY%
USG - Qingdao - P7	41.05	47.49	47.46	49.48	4.2%	40.2	39.6	46.4	17.1%
Santos - Qingdao - P8	30.43	36.95	36.54	36.66	0.3%	34.5	28.4	35.5	25.1%

Panamax Tripcharter	15/01	22/01	29/01	05/02	WoW%	2019	2020	2021	YoY%
Skaw-Gib/ HK-S. Korea-Taiwan - P2A	20809	23777	23836	24677	3.5%	21038	18016	23506	30.5%
Skaw-Gib/ Transatlantic RV - P1A	14775	16608	17055	18100	6.1%	12622	9502	16679	75.5%
Singapore RV via Atlantic - P6	11335	15260	14620	14635	0.1%	12946	10665	14270	33.8%
HK-S. Korea-Taiwan/ Transpacific RV - P3A	10714	13477	12838	12513	-2.5%	11216	9101	12606	38.5%
S. China/ Indonesia RV - P5	10722	13036	11933	11 <mark>1111</mark>	-6.9%	10895	8619	12238	42.0%
HK-S. Korea- Taiwan/ Skaw-Gib - P4	4185	4574	4518	4489	-0.6%	4824	2714	4477	65.0%

Supramax Tripcharter	15/01	22/01	29/01	05/02	WoW%	2019	2020	2021	YoY%
USG/China-S. Japan - S1C	24761	24433	24839	25992	4.6%	21124	19869	24731	24.5%
Canakkale via Med-BI Sea/ China-S. Korea - S1B	19400	22904	24114	24321	0.9%	18278	17591	21647	23.1%
USG/ Skaw-Passero - S4A	21818	20325	20939	22168	5.9%	14626	13266	21113	59.2%
W.Africa via ECSA/ N. China - S5	15022	16783	17235	17151	-0.5%	14593	12844	16408	27.8%
Skaw-Passero/ USG - S4B	11775	12769	13156	13209	0.4%	7623	7570	12378	63.5%
W.Africa via ECSA/ Skaw-Passero - S9	9700	10946	11148	11 <mark>094</mark>	-0.5%	9283	6951	10638	53.0%
S.China via Indonesia/ S.China - S10	9679	11807	11729	10386	-11.5%	8811	6735	10905	61.9%
N. China/Australia-Pacific RV - S2	9179	11050	11114	10379	-6.6%	8935	7178	10292	43.4%
S.China via Indonesia/ EC.India - S8	9067	10308	10175	9408	-7.5%	8832	5981	9770	63.4%
N. China/ W. Africa - S3	4270	5340	5780	5790	0.2%	4670	2613	5103	95.3%

Handysize Tripcharter	15/01	22/01	29/01	05/02	WoW%	2019	2020	2021	YoY%
USG via USG-ECSA/ Skaw-Passero - HS4	15979	15443	16157	16850	4.3%	10853	10014	15789	57.7%
Rio de Janeiro-Recalada/ Skaw-Passero - HS3	14217	14050	14689	15167	3.3%	13465	10398	14123	35.8%
Skaw-Passero/ Rio de Janeiro-Recalada - HS1	13014	12307	12996	13564	4.4%	8390	8213	12578	53.1%
Skaw-Passero/ Boston-Galveston - HS2	12986	12286	12996	13543	4.2%	8598	8557	12554	46.7%
S. East Asia/ Singapore-Japan - HS5	11013	11457	11856	11906	0.4%	8629	7231	11440	58.2%
N. China-S- Korea-Japan / N.China-S. Korea-Japan - HS6	9475	10164	10669	10766	0.9%	8068	6481	10089	55.7%
N. China-S. Korea-Japan/ S. East Asia - HS7	9175	9707	10050	10125	0.7%	7858	6129	9605	56.7%

The Panamax market showed stability in terms of freight rates, with the BPI Index closing the week up from week 4 (\pm 1.8%). The route P8 rose by 0.3% to \$ 36.66, and the P7 grew by 4.2% to \$ 49.48. As to Tripcharter rates, the change rate was between -6.1% to 6.1% with the rates in Asia setting the negative tone at the end of week.

Regarding the Supramax segment, it was represented by a mixed picture showing negative changes (-11.5% to -0.5%) in most charters involving the Asian region, while the top three charters showed positive changes of 4.6%, 0.9% and 5.9% w-o-w for routes S1C, S1B and S4A respectively.

The Handysize segment was the only in the dry bulk market to present increased freight rates w-o-w for the second week in a row, with tripcharter rates ranging from +0.7% to +4.3% w-o-w.

Sale & Purchase Market



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Week	Ships Sold	Age	DWT	Price (US\$)	Notes	Owner	Country of
				_			Buyer
5	BASIC OCEAN	9	33,664		\$56,000,000 en bloc	DOUN KISEN	Greece
5	OCEAN JOURNEY	7	38,190		\$56,000,000 en bloc	KOWA MARINE SERVICES	Greece
5	PRINCESS QUI	6	33,375		\$56,000,000 en bloc		Greece
5	SAPPHIRE ISLAND	9	33,664		\$56,000,000 en bloc	KOBE SHIPPING	Greece
5	SBI CAPOEIRA	6	81,253		\$134,000,000 en bloc	SCORPIO COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT	Greece
5	SBI CARICOA	6	81,253		\$134,000,000 en bloc		Greece
5	SBI LAMBADA	6	81,253		\$134,000,000 en bloc	SCORPIO COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT	Greece
5	SBI MACARENA	5	82,272		\$134,000,000 en bloc	SCORPIO COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT	Greece
5	SBI PEGASUS	6	63,371		\$134,000,000 en bloc	SCORPIO COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT	Greece
5	SBI SUBARU	6	61,571		\$134,000,000 en bloc	SCORPIO COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT	Greece
5	SBI URSA	5	61,602		\$134,000,000 en bloc	SCORPIO COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT	Greece
5	ANTA	19	47,305	\$5,750,000		UNIVERSAL SHIPPING ALLIANCE	S.Korea
5	ASIA PEARL VI	10	35,220	\$6,500,000		ASIA MARITIME PACIFIC	Greece
5	PARASKEVI	18	74,269	\$7,300,000			China
5	EVANGELIA	14	74,475	\$8,500,000		IOLCOS HELLENIC MARITIME ENTERPRISE	
5	AJAX	15	77,328	\$10,100,000		TRANSOCEAN MARITIME	
5	HOKKAIDO BULKER	8	31,858	\$10,500,000		OTAMAY SHIPPING	
5	ASIATIC	9	58,520	\$12,500,000		NEREUS SHIPPING	Greece
5	LACONIC	9	58,475	\$12,600,000		NEREUS SHIPPING	China
5	FORTUNE SUNNY	13	82,373	\$13,700,000		CIDO SHIPPING	Greece
5	FORTUNE MIRACLE	12	82,338	\$14,500,000		CIDO SHIPPING	Cyprus
5	SAGE SANAGA	8	63,500	\$15,100,000		WALLEM COMMERCIAL SERVICES	
5	GH STORM CAT	7	63,308	\$16,000,000		UNION APEX SHIPPING	
5	R.R. AUSTRALIA	10	81,582	\$16,200,000			
5	URSULA MANX	0	82,300	\$29,500,000			China

Another intense week in terms of the S&P market, as 25 ships were sold the past week. The buying appetite spread across the "medium" and "small" segments, although the emphasised point was the age preference, since we witnessed over half of the sold fleet was between 5 to 10 years old. In fact, 18 ships from the total purchases belong to that age group.

Greek shipowners continue to invest in the market (15 deals in the previous week), and the hard ''poker game'' continues. Despite the dry bulk fleet's typical renewal and modernisation cycle, this intensive investment activity occurs due to the positive freight levels forecasted for 2Q 2021. The Greeks bought several oceangoing vessels last year amid the Covid-19 pandemic and continue at the same pace while, at the same time, China has been particularly aggressive in acquiring merchant vessels as well. Nevertheless, we should expect to see if the freight rates forecast will be proved to be correct or not, while many countries continue with hard lockdowns (Covid-19).

<u>Sale of the week</u>: Star Bulk Carriers a global shipping company focusing on the transportation of dry bulk cargoes announced yesterday that it has agreed with Scorpio Bulkers to acquire seven vessels by assuming the outstanding lease obligations of the Vessels which are currently at \$134 million. As consideration, the company will issue to Scorpio three million newly issued SBLK shares. The transaction is subject to the approval of the lessor and customary documentation.

Ship Sales by Age and Size (Week 5) Age Group • 0-5 years • 10-15 years • 15-20 years • 5-10 years Handysize Handymax Panamax Post Panamax

Size Total 11 8 25 Panamax 6 Handymax 3 17 Handysize 1 6 10 Post Panamax 2 8 10 Capesize 3 1 4

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Total

Weekly Volume of Sales

Size Group	2019	2020	2021
Handymax	152	138	23
Handysize	118	127	16
Panamax	130	102	34
Post Panamax	53	61	15
Capesize	22	53	9
VLBC	8	19	1
Total	483	500	98

Annual Volume of Sales

Demolition Market



Latest Transactions

Week	Vessel	Vessel Age	Location of Delivery	USD / LDT	LDT (MT)	Sale Price
5	MV BARBARA	27			8973	
5	MV BLUE SEA	24	Pakistan	418	7755	\$3,241,590

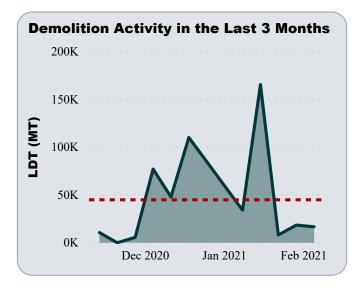
Demolition Prices for Bulkcarriers- Week Average (USD/LDT)

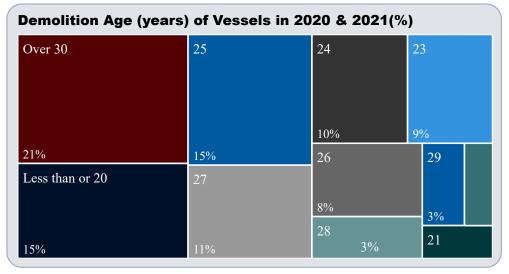
Market	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	WoW%
Bangladesh	440	430	430	0.0%
Pakistan	435	425	425	0.0%
India	425	420	415	-1.2%
Turkey	285	270	260	-3.7%

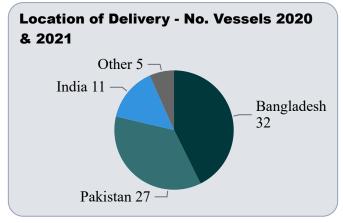
The soft activity in terms of demolition market continues. Similar to week 4, two vessels have followed the way for scrapping in the first week of the month. The MV BLUE SEA, a 24 years old Bulk Carrier, built in Japan follows the demolition route with destination to the Asian country of Pakistan, while the shipping company Entrust Maritime Co (owner) agreed for \$418/LDT which is lower than the average prices that have been reported in the market. Furthermore, the MV BARBARA, a geared Handysize which was built in Japan as well, was sold to shipbreakers.

As D&F has mentioned in its monthly report (January 2021) the previous month all vessels werre delivered to Bangladesh, which remains the main delivery location of the year, after eight consecutive weeks we observed only one transaction (MV BLUE SEA) with destination the country of Pakistan.

Demolition prices remained stable for two destinations (Pakistan, Bangladesh), while we witnessed a small decline in India and Turkey scrapping prices which dropped by \$5/LDT and \$10/LDT, respectively.









Shipbuilding Market



Latest Orders

Taiwan

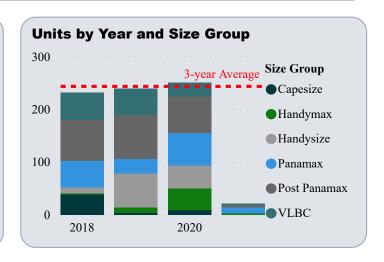
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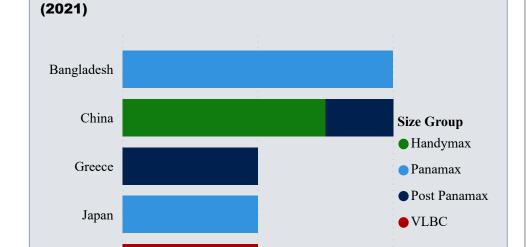
Week	Size Class	DWT	Units	Delivery	Buyer	Shipbuilder
5	VLBC	210,000	2	2023	U-Ming Marine, Taiwan	Beihai, China

Newbuilding Market Price by Size (Week 5)

Year	Handysize	Ultramax	Panamax	Kamsarmax	Capesize
2018	\$21,900,000	\$24,500,000	\$25,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$44,500,000
2019	\$26,000,000	\$31,000,000	\$32,000,000	\$33,000,000	\$51,000,000
2020	\$26,000,000	\$32,000,000	\$33,000,000	\$34,000,000	\$53,000,000
2021	\$22,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$47,000,000

Delivery Year by	/ Size				
Size Group	2021	2021/2022	2022	2023	Total
Post Panamax	28		33	8	69
Panamax	26	3	33		62
Handysize	7	9	25	3	44
Handymax	14	4	22		40
VLBC	5		21		26
Capesize	1		2	7	10
Total	81	16	136	18	251





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Newbuilding Orders by Country of Buyer and Size Class

One more week of low activity was noted for the shipbuilding market, with only one new order reported during fifth week of the year.

One new order was placed in Beihai shipyards in China. The Taiwanese shipping company U-Ming Marine placed an order for two vessels (210,000 dwt) that will be delivered by the first quarter of 2023.

The recent low activity is coming to affirm the statement of D&F Shipping Market Analysis mentioned in our Monthly report ''The indecision prevailing over the shipping companies reflects the unclear environmental regulations combined with the pandemic's effect, creating a discouraging environment for new projects in the shipbuilding industry".

No changes were noticed on the Pricing front compared to the previous recent weeks, while they are clearly far lower from last year's levels.

Bunker Prices & Port Activity



	Port	VLSFO	MGO	IFO380	IFO18
		VESIC	MGO	11 0300	11 010
	Fujairah				
	15/01/2021	453.50	534.50	339.00	350.0
	24/01/2021	449.50	531.00	336.00	350.0
	29/01/2021	452.00	523.00	333.00	350.0
	07/02/2021	478.50	553.00	350.50	350.0
	Hong Kong				
	15/01/2021	440.00	450.50	350.50	423.0
	24/01/2021	435.00	445.00	348.00	423.0
	29/01/2021	439.50	450.00	347.50	423.0
	07/02/2021	469.50	479.50	368.00	423.0
	Houston				
	15/01/2021	421.00	486.00	325.50	375.0
	24/01/2021	420.00	491.00	322.00	375.0
	29/01/2021	411.00	487.50	318.50	375.0
	07/02/2021	432.00	512.50	329.50	375.0
	LA/Long Beach				
	15/01/2021	456.00	502.50	395.50	375.0
	24/01/2021	462.00	508.00	396.00	529.0
	29/01/2021	463.00	544.00	377.00	529.0
	07/02/2021	484.50	534.50	416.00	529.0
	New York				
	15/01/2021	440.50	501.00	351.50	383.5
	24/01/2021	444.50	504.00	349.00	383.5
	29/01/2021	449.00	502.00	353.00	383.5
	07/02/2021	462.50	518.00	368.00	383.5
	Rotterdam				
	15/01/2021	415.00	471.00	332.00	
	24/01/2021	414.00	456.50	324.00	
	29/01/2021	415.00	458.00	326.00	
	07/02/2021	446.50	493.50	346.00	
П	Santos	1.0.00		2.0.00	
	15/01/2021	446.00	523.00		
	24/01/2021	442.00	518.00		
	29/01/2021	446.00	528.00		
	07/02/2021	483.00	532.00		
	Singapore				
_	15/01/2021	452.00	482.00	351.50	
	24/01/2021	450.50	475.50	345.50	
	29/01/2021	451.00	475.50	352.50	
	07/02/2021	486.00	504.00	371.00	

Average bunker Prices

Date	VLSFO	MGO	IFO380	IFO180
15/01/2021	440.50	493.81	349.36	381.30
24/01/2021	439.69	491.13	345.79	412.10
29/01/2021	440.81	496.00	343.93	412.10
07/02/2021	467.81	515.88	364.14	412.10

Time at Port (TAP) and Time at Anchorage (TAA) - Difference WoW

Main I	ron Or	e and	Coal	Ports
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PORT	TAP (hrs) - WoW	TAA (hrs) -
Dampier	2.40	81.60
Hay point	-2.40	2.40
Newcastle	-2.40	64.80
Paranagua	-26.40	196.80
Ponta da madeira	-12.00	-19.20
Port hedland	4.80	112.80
Richards bay	28.80	24.00
Saldanha	40.80	55.20
Tubarao	-7.20	-31.20
Yuzhny	-67.20	4.80

Main Grain Ports

PORT	TAP (hrs) - WoW	TAA (hrs) -
Bahia blanca	-45.60	0.00
Ghent	21.60	-4.80
Houston	16.80	9.60
New orleans	0.00	
Paranagua	-26.40	196.80
Portland or	26.40	-21.60
Rotterdam	48.00	19.20
Rouen	-33.60	36.00
San lorenzo	43.20	
Santos	21.60	-7.20
Vancouver	-14.40	36.00

No. of Calls by Week and 2020

PORT	4	<u>5</u>	PORT	2020
Bahia blanca	6	5	Bahia blanca	7
Dampier	11	12	Dampier	18
Ghent	7	8	Ghent	8
Hay point	28	19	Hay point	17
Houston	15	15	Houston	6
New orleans	44	52	New orleans	59
Newcastle	28	39	Newcastle	33
Paranagua	14	13	Paranagua	8
Ponta da madeira	11	17	Ponta da madeira	11
Port hedland	61	37	Port hedland	40
Portland or	6	7	Portland or	8
Richards bay	17	19	Richards bay	22
Rotterdam	5	8	Rotterdam	4
Rouen	4	6	Rouen	6
Saldanha	12	10	Saldanha	10
San lorenzo	25	20	San lorenzo	18
Santos	19	19	Santos	19
Tubarao	15	17	Tubarao	8
Vancouver	38	29	Vancouver	30
Yuzhny	8	14	Yuzhny	10

*2020 Port Calls refer to week $\underline{5}$ of that year

Vessel Tracking



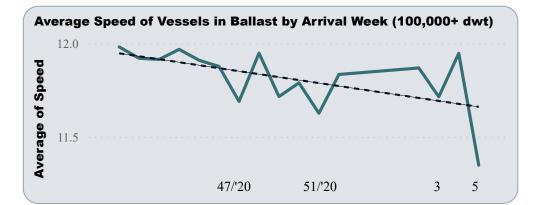


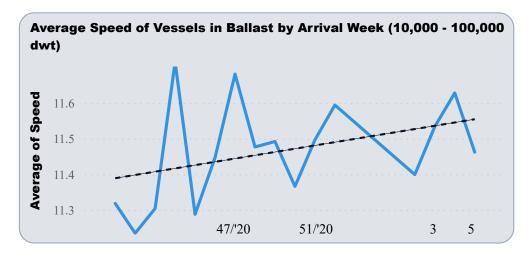
Average Speed of Vessels - Week 5 Arrivals

Size Group	Average of Speed
Capesize	11.35
Handysize	10.70
Panamax	11.81
Supramax	11.57
Total	11.37

Average Speed of Vessels - Week 6 Arrivals*

Size Group	Average of Speed
Capesize	12.07
Handysize	10.97
Panamax	11.75
Supramax	11.72
Total	11.60





Top 5 Destination Countries of Ships in Ballast by Vessel Size and Arrival Week

Destination Country	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Total
□ AU	184	165	177	526
Capesize	90	92	85	267
Handysize	17	15	20	52
Panamax	61	46	58	165
Supramax	16	12	14	42
∃ BR	70	71	66	207
Capesize	17	12	15	44
Handysize	14	9	13	36
Panamax	34	47	32	113
Supramax	5	3	6	14
□ CA	30	40	33	103
Capesize	3	4	4	11
Handysize	9	9	6	24
Panamax	15	23	19	57
Supramax	3	4	4	11
∃ US	76	51	47	174
Capesize	2	3	4	9
Handysize	21	17	9	47
Panamax	42	23	28	93
Supramax	11	8	6	25
∃ ZA	25	24	31	80
Capesize	9	3	10	22
Handysize	2	3	1	6
Panamax	6	12	10	28
Supramax	8	6	10	24
Total	385	351	354	1090

West Australia's ports showed a decreased number of vessels which arrived at the area in the previous week. The Port Hedland port authorities counted 20 vessels less than week 4, while the Dampier port noticed the same port calls. On the other hand, Tubarao also witnessed a similar number of calls.

On the opposite side, Richards Bay and the Australian port of Newcastle completed the week with increased levels in terms of calls compared to the previous week. However, the rest of ''the coal ports'' (Hay Point) reported softer activity than the previous week.

Main grain ports showed similar number of port calls compared to the previous week and year. The exception was the port of Vancouver, where decrease in number of calls was more considerable, as 9 less ships called port compared to week 4.

Bunker prices are back up again, with an overall increase in the average price of the monitored fuels.

Commodities Markets



GRAINS

The growing trend has slowed down for grain prices after the markets were impacted by the major purchase of US corn by Chinese buyers.

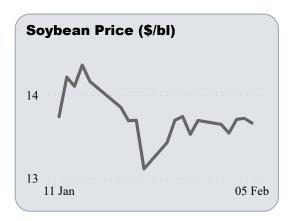
In terms of loaded tonnage, we have seen similar levels in the total amount compared to week 4. While ships loaded to China have remain in similar levels as well, we have seen a downturn in vessels going through Panama (-33%). This decrease has been offset by the loaded tonnage with destination Gibraltar and Indonesia.

DWT of Loaded Vessels Departing on Week 5 by Origin Port and Destination - Ships under 100,000 dwt

Origin Port ▼	C	CN	GI	ID	MX	PA	Total
VANCOUVER		462,447			62,915	408,385	933,747
SANTOS		76,596		16 3,582			240,178
SAN LORENZO				61,348			61,348
PORTLAND OR		75,200					75,200
PARANAGUA		76,423					76,423
NEW ORLEANS			<mark>239</mark> ,914		202 ,311	333,9 83	776,208
HOUSTON			63,312				63,312
BAHIA BLANCA				76,728			76,728
Total		690,666	303,226	301,658	265,226	742,368	2,303,144







IRON ORE & COAL

For another week the West Australian ports decreased their supply to China by 65k mt. Port Hedland leads by far in the market, as nearly 6.8 million tonnes of commodities were shipped to Chinese ports.

The Dampier port saw an increase of almost 230K mt in its shipments to china while the port Walcott dropped of more than 200K mt compared to the previous week. As the Capesize market continues the downturn movement, the commodities price levels drop at the same pace.

Iron ore and coal prices fell last week, dropping by \$14.23/mt to \$153.9/mt, while coal price decreased as well by \$1.35/mt to 66.45\$/mt.

DWT of Loaded Vessels Departing on Week 5 by Origin Port and Destination - Ships over 100,000 dwt

Origin Port	CN	JP	KR	TW	ZA	Total ▼
PORT HEDLAND	6,769,116	715,328	427,738			7,912,182
PORT WALCOTT	1,836,523	182,449		209,878		2,228,850
DAMPIER	1,893,351			203,512		2,096,863
HAY POINT		667,717	272,579	82,354		1,022,650
SALDANHA	713,274					713,274
RICHARDS BAY					273,147	273,147
ABBOT POINT		163,753				163,753
Total	11,212,264	1,729,247	700,317	495,744	273,147	14,410,719





Weekly Commodity Update



IRON ORE

IRON ORE LOADING RESUMES AT ONE AUSTRALIAN PILBARA PORT

(Argus) — Iron ore vessels have restarted loading at Western Australia's (WA) largest iron ore port of Port Hedland, but the ports of Dampier and Cape Lambert remain closed and some railways are impassable after more than 100mm of rain fell in parts of the Pilbara since yesterday.

Vessels started loading at Port Hedland this morning, but remained out at sea and had not yet assembled on the anchorage at the ports of Dampier and Cape Lambert at midday Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) (4am GMT) today. Port Hedland services Pilbara iron ore producers BHP, Fortescue Metals, Roy Hill and Mineral Resources, while Rio Tinto uses Dampier and Cape Lambert.

Heavy rain has fallen across the rail networks that connect the ports to mines, with over 100mm of rain falling on both the rail corridor used by Rio Tinto to connect to Dampier and Cape Lambert and the corridor used by BHP, Fortescue and Roy Hill to connect their mines to Port Hedland. The risk of flooding and damage to the rail tracks is exacerbated by Cyclone Lucas, which caused heavy rain in the area 10 days ago. The most recent tropical low also resulted in heavy rainfall at major iron mining sites in the Pilbara, with the Australian bureau of meteorology reporting 59mm of rain at BHP's Newman mining hub and 78mm at Fortescue's Solomon hub in the 24 hours to 9am AWST today.

The Pilbara ports were closed on 30-31 January as a tropical low tracked inland from the facilities passing from east to west past Port Hedland towards Cape Lambert and Dampier. It is expected to keep tracking west before heading out to sea tomorrow, where it is likely to become a tropical cyclone, according to the bureau of meteorology. There is a chance that the cyclone will intensify out to sea and turn around to move back towards to the WA coast, although it is too early to forecast.

Argus on 1 February assessed the 58pc Fe grade at \$143.55/dmt cfr Qingdao, down from a high of \$160.75/dmt on 21 December but up from \$97.35/dmt on 29 July. Argus also assessed the ICX 62pc Fe at \$157.45/dmt cfr Qingdao on 1 February, down from \$175.40/dmt on 21 December but up from \$110/dmt on 29 July.

COAL

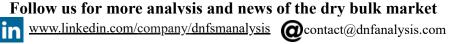
CHINA ALLOWS SOME AUSTRALIAN COKING COAL TO UNLOAD

(Argus) — Eight vessels of Australian coking coal will be allowed to discharge at Jingtang and Caofeidian ports in north China, in what is likely a humanitarian move but has raised hopes for an end to China's ban. The vessels do not have customs clearances, but the discharging of the coal at port will allow the crew to go home after waiting for as long as seven months offshore. "We checked with one of the shipowners and they confirmed to have received such notification abruptly," a Chinese trader said. "These cargoes are indeed to be discharged, although the reason remains unclear."

China imposed an informal ban on Australian coal imports last October, after unloading delays worsened mid-year. Five vessels at Jingtang port CHS Creation, Hong King, Jag Anand, Navios Coral and Ping May — a mix of Panamax and Capesize ships — will discharge a total of 567,000t, sources indicated. A total of 850,000t on eight vessels will discharge at both Caofeidian and Jingtang ports, Chinese sources said. "It is still not known whether they will be given clearance for customs or simply discharged into a bonded warehouse in an effort to release the vessel and the crew members onboard," an Indian trader said, adding that all five vessels have been stranded since they arrived at the port between mid-June and mid-July last year. The Indian vessel Jag Anand brought attention to health concerns for the crew members when it changed crew in Chiba, Japan, late last year before rejoining the Jingtang flotilla.

Tier-one coking coal import prices fell by \$1.85/t from yesterday to \$216.15/t cfr China following the news today, as any hint that China might ease its ban on Australian coal imports would free importers from limited options from Canada and the US now. "It is still early to say now. The recent discharge likely accounts for those vessels that arrived before the informal ban, effective from October. It is worthwhile to see whether the interest to resell cargoes will reduce from here on," a Singapore-based trader said. Others said the discharging of these vessels could be a one-off event similar to the South Korean crew returning home late last year after unloading its coal — given the strained Australia-China relationship.

Around 3mn t of Australian coking coal is waiting to unload at the two ports or be resold to other markets. Market participants reported a significant amount of resale offers across coals in the premium low-volatile, premium mid-volatile and second-tier segments. Australian export prices will gain support if resale interest declines, as an end to the ban will pull imports into China and reduce overall supply in the market.



Weekly Commodity Update



GRAINS

CHINA'S APPETITE FOR BARLEY SUCKS IN FRENCH AND CANADIAN NEW CROP

(Reuters) - China is scooping up millions of tonnes of barley from France and Canada that have yet to be harvested, as its appetite for animal feed grain spills over into orders for next year's crop. China has bought huge volumes of foreign crops to feed a pig herd that is rebuilding after the deadly African Swine Fever epidemic led to the culling of hundreds of millions of hogs.

Chinese buying has contributed to higher prices for key crops and to food inflation worldwide as concerns about food security during the COVID-19 pandemic drive governments and industry to stock up. Benchmark corn prices recently hit their highest level in 7-1/2 years. Beijing is aiming to plug a gap in supply after diplomatic tensions with Canberra led to the imposition of a trade-sapping 80.5% tariff on Australian barley. A large amount of Canada's 2021 barley crop has already been booked by Chinese buyers, traders said, with one citing at least 1 million tonnes. That would be in line with at least 1 million tonnes of new-crop European barley thought to have been sold so far, traders said.

Shipment would be mainly over July-September, traders added. Barley export premiums for this summer's French crop surged last week as traders said exporters covered some of their hefty advance sales made to China since late 2020. This has put feed barley prices unusually well above bread wheat. "The focus has really switched to the new crop," Brent Atthill, head of consultancy RMI Analytics, said. "That is validating the idea that Chinese demand is not short-term."

Early sales of the 2021 barley crop were for livestock feed, according to traders and analysts. China also imports malting barley to make beer ingredient malt. Barley from Europe and Canada next summer will contribute to feed supply as China awaits its next corn harvest and maintains a steep tariff on Australian barley, said Helene Duflot, analyst at Strategie Grains. "The fact there have already been new-crop purchases from France and Ukraine, probably, shows that China is not about to change its mind on Australia," she said. Adding to tension on the French market was a sharp expected drop in upcoming spring barley sowing, after a high-level last year, Duflot added. France produces both winter and spring barley. China's tariff has slashed Australian barley shipments, handing opportunities to other, more remote suppliers. For the European Union, collectively the world's top barley exporter, that has meant France, as the only EU country fully accepted to supply barley to China. Booming Chinese feed grain use and high domestic prices could bring record barley imports this season, as is the case with other grains, Duflot said, projecting that barley imports will top 10 million tonnes for the first time.

Forecasts vary considerably, reflecting uncertainty about the level of Chinese grain stockpiles. The International Grains Council sees 2020/21 Chinese barley imports of 5.8 million tonnes and the U.S. Department of Agriculture 7.0 million tonnes, levels that would keep China behind Saudi Arabia in imports. French barley shipments to China in the 2020/21 marketing year to June have already reached 1.8 million tonnes after a busy January of loadings, surpassing a total 1.5 million tonnes in 2019/20. Although a lull is expected around this month's Lunar New Year, recent sales cited by traders for the end of this season are expected to bring French full-year exports to China above 2 million tonnes, with Strategie Grains anticipating a near-record 2.8 million. Barley may also eclipse much-discussed French wheat exports to China. After 1.5 million tonnes shipped in the first half of the season, French wheat sales in the rest of 2020/21 were looking limited and no new-crop deals were confirmed, according to traders, who say signs China is taking in some Australian wheat may have curbed interest in French supplies. Canada, meanwhile, shipped 1.5 million tonnes of barley to China in August-December, already matching last season's total volume, official data showed.

OTHER NEWS

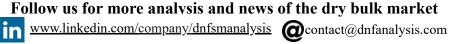
RISK OF CREW CRISIS WORSENING AGAIN: EURONAV

(Argus) — The crew change crisis that has dogged the shipping industry during the Covid-19 pandemic is at risk of worsening again unless action is taken, Euronav chief executive Hugo De Stoop told Argus. Many countries banned crew changes at times during 2020, while restrictions on international flights made it difficult for seafarers to be transported between ships and their home countries.

At the worst of the crisis Euronav had 670 people on board its ships with contracts extended by more than 30 days, De Stoop said, but this is now down to 47. Attaining this reduction cost money and man hours, he said. "It was getting easier, and we managed to go back to some sort of normality [with respect to crew changes]", De Stoop said. "We saw a relaxation of some of the rules, but now we see a reinforcement of those same rules", he said, and they are seeing the global statistics on seafarers trapped on board vessels increasing. He called on politicians to do more to facilitate crew changes and avoid a worsening of the "humanitarian crisis". He said that many of the nations that are common crew change destinations do not provide a large number of seafarers, which may make politicians in those countries less inclined to tackle the issues.

Covid-19 has caused a 4.5pc increase in average daily vessel operating costs, according to shipping consultancy firm Drewry Personnel costs rose by 6.2pc because of crew change restrictions. These additional costs are also likely to impact freight rates to some degree.





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