

Market insight

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Since the start of the pandemic, the shipping industry has efficiently responded to ensure the continuity of operations and hence the security of supply of goods. We are witnessing an ongoing situation that is still evolving and the effects could be profound and long-term. Accordingly, how the shipping industry will look like post the pandemic is clouded and yet to be seen.

With international transport at the cutting edge of trade and dependent on travel and human interaction, the maritime industry has been wedged both directly and indirectly from the covid-crisis.

Focusing on the EU trade it has been reported that the number of vessel calls at EU ports declined by about 10.2% in 2020 compared to 2019. However, in February 2019, there were 50,823 ship calls at EU ports versus February 2021 that there were 51,157 ship calls. Therefore, it has lately been ascertained that the number of calls have increased by 1% in comparison with 2019, as trade activity in certain shipping sectors has rebounded YTD in 2021.

The most significantly impacted sectors basis vessel's calls at EU ports between 2019 and 2021, have been the cruise sector, passenger ships, refrigerated cargo vessels and vehicle carriers. In 2020, the ship traffic from Europe to China and the US has declined when compared to same periods in 2019 while this destructive trend continues in 2021 for certain shipping sectors. The EMSA report has indicated that the Cruises' sector was the most heavily impacted one by the outbreak. Other sectors were also affected, but in general the trade didn't cease with the main beneficiary over the past few months being the containers sector. As the epidemic continues to roll, ports have faced an unprecedented number of vessels at anchor and vessels queue-up waiting to discharge with logistics disruptions contributing to multi-year high container freight rates.

During 2020, the imports from China to EU were heavily impacted especially since May 2020 and onward with only 36% of their usual volume of port calls coming into the EU from China. In reference to exports from Europe to China the first leading decline occurred in March 2020 with the number of port calls originated by the EU and destined to China, equal to only 58% of the volume of these port calls when compared with May 2019. Furthermore, USA used to be the biggest trading partner of the EU, but volumes were severely impacted, and China emerged instead as its largest trading partner. Asia's exports to the West have emerged stronger in early 2021 with US containerized imports in particular - from Asia estimated up by approx. 29.0% y-o-y. The trend looks set to continue and is expected to exacerbate container vessels congestion in the west, as demand emerges stronger amid an unprecedented stimulus package in the US.

Unluckily, this worldwide outbreak has imposed urgent challenges for both the import and export trade for most of the ports around the globe. In addition, various disputes arose between Charterers and Owners, in reference to vessels' hire period, lay-time, and discussions of relevant clauses. Repeatedly, the force majeure of the pandemic and the quarantine time prevented the contract completion as initially agreed and accordingly, the hire period agreement was surpassed in many charter parties worldwide. However, in sequence, the multiplier effect to trade from stimuli across the globe, excess consumer savings and increased congestion at ports has led certain shipping sectors to experience multi-year or record high freight rates with the hope that the new upward cycle that has emerged will be sustained.

As a general comment, despite the difficulties, commercial ship operations, ports and other maritime transport sectors have continued to operate ensuring the movement of products and proving the strategical value of maritime for our livelihoods.

Chartering (Wet: **Firmer** / Dry: **Firmer**)

With Panamax rates leading the way, the dry bulk market remained significant healthy for another week. The BDI today (23/03/2021) closed at 2,271 points, down by 48 points compared to Monday's (22/03/2021) levels and increased by 254 points when compared to previous Tuesday's closing (16/03/2021). An improved market was witnessed last week for crude carrier sectors, with demand improving overall and building up expectations for further gains. The BDTI today (23/03/2021) closed at 747, an increase of 5 points, and the BCTI at 623, an increase of 70 point compared to previous Tuesday's (16/03/2021) levels.

Sale & Purchase (Wet: **Firmer** / Dry: **Firmer**)

The love for dry bulk units can easily reflected in the generous number of secondhand sales that materialized during the past week, while a healthy number of tanker deals have also been concluded with Greek buyers being the most active. In the tanker sector, we had sale of the "QI LIAN SAN" (318,348dwt-blt '12, China), which was sold to Greek owner, Dynacom, for a price in the region of \$44.0m. On the dry bulk side sector, we had the sale of the "UNITED BREEZE" (181,325dwt-blt '12, Japan), which was sold to Greek owner, Seenergy Maritime, for a price in the region of \$29.5m.

Newbuilding (Wet: **Stable-** / Dry: **Stable-**)

There has been another strong week for the shipbuilding market with gas carrier orders having the lion's share followed by a healthy number of containerhips confirmed orders. On the gas carrier front, Evalend shipping and Zodiac Maritime inked deals for three dual fuelled VLGC units each at Hyundai Samho and DSME respectively. At the same time, Hyundai Hi secured an order for two 91,000cbm LPG from Cido shipping while Turkish owner Negmar Denizcilik ordered one 40,000cbm LPG at Hyundai Mipo for an undisclosed price. Lastly, it is rumoured that Equator fund concluded an order for a 45,000cbm LNG carrier China Merchant HI with the price remaining undisclosed. On the container realm, the four 13,000teu boxships (conventional fuelled & scrubber fitted) ordered at New Times by Greek owner Chartworld are definitely the most notable one. The price for each unit is USD105.0m. The number of deals for the more conventional sectors was lower; two MR units ordered by Thenamaris at Hyundai Vinashin while Anglo American concluded a deal for two LNG fuelled Capesize units at Shanghai Waigaoqiao.

Demolition (Wet: **Firmer** / Dry: **Firmer**)

Sentiment in the demolition market remains strong, with prices moving up and fundamentals improving across the Indian subcontinent markets. Bangladeshi breakers are still offering the highest bids which are now hovering close to USD 500/ldt. Both dry bulk and container freight markets have been enjoying impressive earnings which coupled with the expected scarcity of demolition candidates and the continuing increase of steel plate prices have left cash buyers with no choice but to increase their offered scrap levels. Pakistani breakers have also improved their bids, yet they are still lagging behind their Bangladeshi competitors. In India, cash buyers are also chasing their respective market share especially the one coming for their favourite HKC candidates, by increasing their offered levels. Average scrap prices in the different markets this week for tankers ranged between 255-480/ldt and those for dry bulk units between \$250-470/ldt.

Spot Rates

Vessel	Routes	19-Mar-21		12-Mar-21		\$ /day ±%	2020	2019
		WS points	\$ /day	WS points	\$ /day		\$ /day	\$ /day
VLCC	265k MEG-SPORE	30	-2,480	29	-4,205	41.0%	52,119	45,517
	280k MEG-USG	18	-14,919	18	-16,220	8.0%	41,904	35,659
	260k WAF-CHINA	33	640	32	-1,342	147.7%	50,446	41,077
Suezmax	130k MED-MED	80	16,905	70	10,621	59.2%	28,185	30,857
	130k WAF-UKC	70	10,993	64	7,320	50.2%	25,082	11,031
	140k BSEA-MED	79	9,944	76	6,980	42.5%	28,185	30,857
Aframax	80k MEG-EAST	98	5,342	92	2,357	126.6%	17,211	24,248
	80k MED-MED	134	23,382	117	15,145	54.4%	15,843	25,771
	100k BALTIC/UKC	127	34,051	113	26,007	30.9%	19,322	25,842
Clean	70k CARIBS-USG	129	15,426	116	13,813	11.7%	22,707	20,886
	75k MEG-JAPAN	94	7,406	93	6,282	17.9%	28,160	22,050
	55k MEG-JAPAN	120	10,347	110	7,629	35.6%	19,809	15,071
Dirty	37K UKC-USAC	164	11,907	145	8,390	41.9%	12,977	12,367
	30K MED-MED	124	3,574	120	2,154	65.9%	12,235	14,008
	55K UKC-USG	94	3,050	76	-1,980	254.0%	12,120	15,960
	55K MED-USG	94	3,187	76	-1,965	262.2%	12,965	15,327
	50k CARIBS-USG	192	22,928	162	15,452	48.4%	17,651	18,781

TC Rates

\$ /day		19-Mar-21	12-Mar-21	±%	Diff	2020	2019
VLCC	300k 1yr TC	23,250	23,250	0.0%	0	42,038	37,462
	300k 3yr TC	27,500	27,500	0.0%	0	34,772	35,777
Suezmax	150k 1yr TC	16,500	16,500	0.0%	0	29,543	26,808
	150k 3yr TC	22,500	22,500	0.0%	0	27,481	25,988
Aframax	110k 1yr TC	15,250	15,000	1.7%	250	23,380	21,990
	110k 3yr TC	19,500	19,500	0.0%	0	21,854	22,426
Panamax	75k 1yr TC	12,750	12,750	0.0%	0	17,322	16,635
	75k 3yr TC	15,750	15,750	0.0%	0	16,296	16,916
MR	52k 1yr TC	12,250	12,250	0.0%	0	15,505	15,269
	52k 3yr TC	13,750	13,750	0.0%	0	15,916	16,181
Handy	36k 1yr TC	11,500	11,500	0.0%	0	13,966	13,856
	36k 3yr TC	13,250	13,250	0.0%	0	14,051	13,753

Chartering

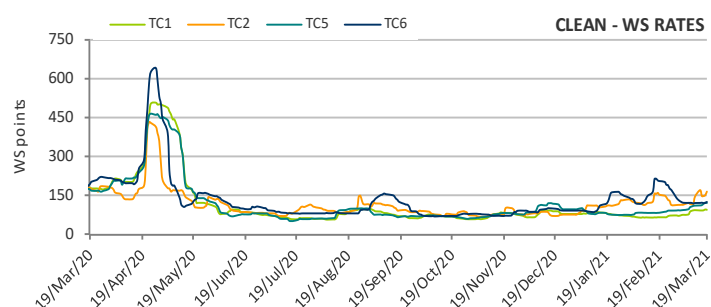
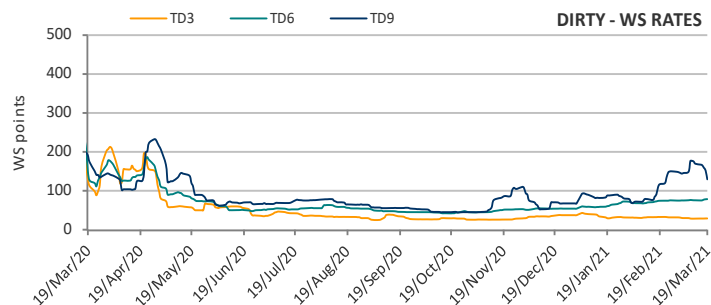
Last week the crude carrier sectors witnessed an improved freight market with the Aframax sector leading the way among the different sizes. The Mediterranean supply/demand mismatch has benefited Aframax owners during the past days. At the same time, Suezmax owners managed to fetch some Aframax cargoes with TD6 increasing by 3 points w-o-w. VLCC rates remained stable, however, with bunker prices moving south last week, T/C earnings enjoyed small increases.

With the exception of the VLCC USG market which saw an injection of fresh cargoes and consequently an increase in rates the rest of the business routes remained steady. Overall, average T/C earnings increased by \$1,472 per day on the back of reduced bunker prices.

The Suezmax market saw a busier activity last week, with rate increases materializing across the board. TD20 West Africa business route led the way which closed the week up by 5.32 WS points. The Aframax sector outperformed the rest of the sizes. The Cross Mediterranean business trip posted at the 134.06WS mark at the end of the week. Baltic rates also improved substantially last week with TD17 T/C earnings being reported at the \$34,051 per day mark. The negative exception was the Caribs market which lost 40WS points w-o-w.

Indicative Period Charters

12 mos	"NORD SKATE"	2009	49,900 dwt
	\$13,150/day		Stena Bulk



Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Tankers

Vessel 5yrs old		Mar-21 avg	Feb-21 avg	±%	2020	2019	2018
VLCC	300KT DH	67.0	66.3	1.1%	71.5	72.4	65.6
Suezmax	150KT DH	44.2	43.8	1.0%	49.9	51.3	44.8
Aframax	110KT DH	34.7	34.0	2.0%	38.8	38.6	33.0
LR1	75KT DH	29.7	29.0	2.3%	30.7	31.6	29.5
MR	52KT DH	27.0	27.0	0.0%	27.5	28.8	26.2

Sale & Purchase

In the VLCC sector we had sale of the "QI LIAN SAN" (318,348dwt-bl't '12, China), which was sold to Greek owner, Dynacom, for a price in the region of \$44.0m.

In the Aframax sector we had sale of the "OCEAN QUEEN" (108,953dwt-bl't '08, China), which was sold to Greek owner, IMS, for a price in the region of high \$13.0m.

Baltic Indices

	19/03/2021		12/03/2021		Point Diff	\$/day ±%	2020	2019
	Index	\$/day	Index	\$/day			Index	Index
BDI	2,281		1,960		321		1,066	1,344
BCI	2,344	\$19,437	2,019	\$16,741	325	16.1%	1,742	2,239
BPI	2,975	\$26,773	2,242	\$20,178	733	32.7%	1,103	1,382
BSI	2,122	\$23,347	2,077	\$22,844	45	2.2%	746	877
BHSI	1,360	\$24,484	1,283	\$23,096	77	6.0%	447	490

Period

	\$/day	19/03/2021	12/03/2021	±%	Diff	2020	2019
Capesize	180K 6mnt TC	25,500	22,750	12.1%	2,750	15,561	18,839
	180K 1yr TC	22,500	20,500	9.8%	2,000	14,594	17,397
	180K 3yr TC	18,250	17,250	5.8%	1,000	14,118	15,474
Panamax	76K 6mnt TC	20,250	18,750	8.0%	1,500	10,585	12,147
	76K 1yr TC	18,500	16,250	13.8%	2,250	10,613	12,080
	76K 3yr TC	12,750	12,750	0.0%	0	10,537	11,931
Supramax	58K 6mnt TC	24,750	24,000	3.1%	750	10,296	11,493
	58K 1yr TC	18,000	18,000	0.0%	0	10,248	11,344
	58K 3yr TC	12,250	12,250	0.0%	0	9,690	10,883
Handysize	32K 6mnt TC	19,250	19,250	0.0%	0	8,498	9,152
	32K 1yr TC	16,000	16,000	0.0%	0	8,556	9,291
	32K 3yr TC	9,750	9,750	0.0%	0	8,686	9,291

Chartering

Continued momentum in smaller sizes, FFA gains and better demand/supply dynamics drove Capesize spot rates +16.0% higher at the end of last week. Panamax rates reflat +35.0% w-o-w gaining strength over Supramax (+2.2%) particularly in the Atlantic as the ECSA gains export season unfolds. Looking forward, while fundamentals continued to look bullish into the current week, coal export disruptions from Australia amid sever floods might exercise downward pressure on freight rates, particularly in the Pacific. This is an exogenous factor that played out also in April 2017. However, once disruptions ease we should expect a resumption of coal exports with the spike in coal prices incentivizing higher exports in the following months, as well as higher coal exports from other sources to fill in the gap in the meantime.

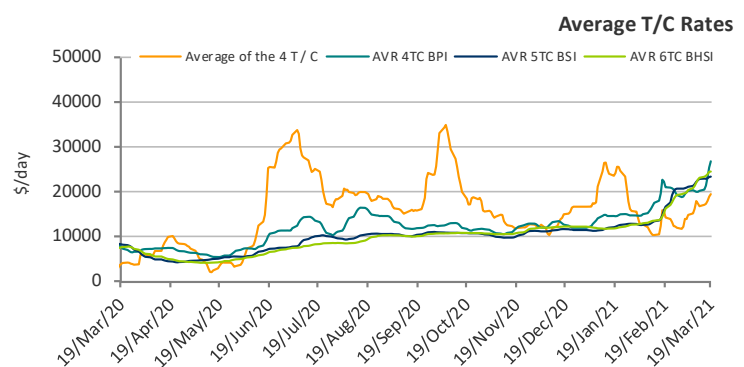
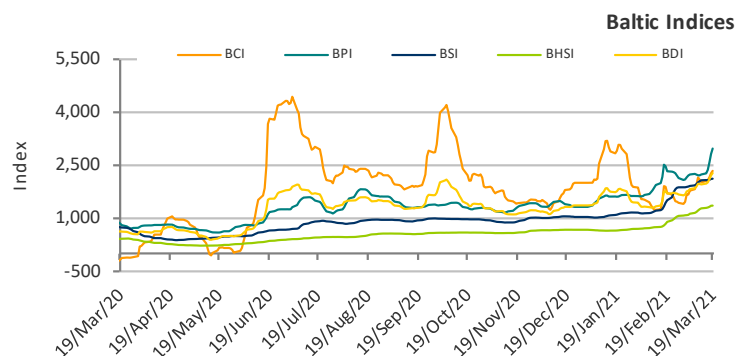
Cape 5TC averaged \$18,114/day, up +8.7% on average w-o-w, with the transpacific RV gaining +3.6% w-o-w and the transatlantic up +2.6%. As a result, the transpacific premium widened further to +\$4,556/day up from +\$4,250/day last week.

Continuous strength in the Pacific and Atlantic being pushed anew from ECSA drove average weekly Panamax4TC up +17.7% w-o-w at \$22,108/day. The Panamax transpacific premium widened further to +\$5,630/day vs the Atlantic from +\$4,217/day the previous week.

Average Supra 10TC earnings increased +4.4% w-o-w at \$23,077/day. Index gains were driven by the Pacific amid vessels shortages for prompt dates, while the Atlantic softened for the most part on slower activity from the US Gulf. However, the Continent continued strong amid increased coal and fertilizers inquiries out of the Baltic.

Indicative Period Charters

4 to 6 mos	"ROYAL FORWARD"	2004	88,200 dwt
Dangjin 23/28 Mar	\$22,000/day		Panocean
9 to 11 mos	"VICJOUR ACE"	2001	50,209 dwt
Zhoushan 24/25 Mar	\$18,000/day		cnr



Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Bulk Carriers

Vessel 5 yrs old	Mar-21 avg	Feb-21 avg	±%	2020	2019	2018
Capesize 180k	31.2	28.8	8.4%	27.6	31.1	36.1
Capesize Eco 180k	39.2	37.0	5.9%	36.1	39.0	42.3
Kamsarmax 82K	26.2	24.9	5.2%	23.2	24.7	24.2
Ultramax 63k	21.7	21.0	3.2%	19.4	23.1	-
Handysize 37K	17.0	15.8	7.9%	16.1	17.9	16.1

Sale & Purchase

In the Capesize sector we had the sale of the "UNITED BREEZE" (181,325dwt-bl't '12, Japan), which was sold to Greek owner, Seanergy Maritime, for a price in the region of \$29.5m.

In the Kamsarmax sector we had the sale of the "YANGZE 11" (82,027dwt-bl't '18, China), which was sold to Greek owner, Globus, for a price in the region of \$26.5m.

Bulk Carriers										
Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Gear	Price	Buyers	Comments
CAPE	UNITED BREEZE	181,325	2012	IMABARI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Jan-22		\$ 29.5m	Greek (Seanergy Maritime)	BWTS fitted
CAPE	PACIFIC CANOPUS	180,330	2012	DALIAN, China	MAN-B&W	Jan-22		\$ 20.5m	Greek (Primebulk)	
CAPE	TIGER LIAONING	180,082	2011	QINGDAO BEIHAI, China	MAN-B&W	Sep-21		\$ 20.02m	Singaporean	auction sale
CAPE	CAPE PROVIDENCE	169,234	2010	DAEHAN, S. Korea	MAN-B&W			rgn \$ 20.0m	Greek (Minerva Marine)	
POST PMAX	INDUS VICTORY	92,870	2013	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	MAN-B&W	May-23				
POST PMAX	INDUS TRIUMPH	92,967	2012	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	MAN-B&W	Nov-22				
POST PMAX	INDUS PROSPERITY	92,988	2011	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	MAN-B&W	Apr-21		\$ 51.0m	undisclosed	
POST PMAX	INDUS FORTUNE	92,928	2011	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	MAN-B&W	Jul-21				
POST PMAX	BOTTIGLIERI GIORGIO AVINO	93,269	2011	JIANGSU NEWYANGZI, China	MAN-B&W	Jul-21		\$ 14.0m	undisclosed	Tier II
KMAX	YANGZE 11	82,027	2018	JIANGSU NEWYANGZI, China	MAN-B&W	May-23		\$ 26.5m	Greek (Globus)	
PMAX	NAIAS	73,664	2006	JIANGNAN, China	MAN-B&W	Jun-21		\$ 11.25m	undisclosed	
PMAX	OCEAN EMPEROR	74,002	1998	HASHIHAMA, Japan	B&W	Mar-23		\$ 4.45m	Chinese	
UMAX	TAIZHOU SANFU (SF130130)	63,345	2021	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	MAN-B&W		4 X 36t CRANES	\$ 25.2m	European	Delivery Q2 2021
SMAX	LOCH SHUNA	55,905	2014	MITSUI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Jan-24	4 X 30t CRANES	undisclosed	Bangladeshi (Meghna)	
SMAX	GEORGIANA	53,383	2008	CHENGXI, China	MAN-B&W	Oct-23	4 X 36t CRANES	high \$ 9.0m	undisclosed	

Bulk Carriers										
Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Gear	Price	Buyers	Comments
HANDY	ATLANTIC EAGLE	28,339	2014	IMABARI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Jul-24	4 X 30,5t CRANES	high \$ 10.0m	undisclosed	
HANDY	SIDER MADRID	30,900	2013	TSUJI, China	MAN-B&W	Jul-23	4 X 30t CRANES	\$ 11.2m	Greek	Tier II
HANDY	SIDER MYKONOS	30,060	2013	TSUJI, China	MAN-B&W	Jul-23	4 X 30t CRANES	\$ 11.2m	Greek	
HANDY	IDA SELMER	32,519	2011	JIANGSU ZHENJIANG, China	MAN-B&W	May-21	4 X 30,5t CRANES	excess \$ 8.0m	Greek	BWTS included
HANDY	SOUTH STAR	28,515	2006	SHIMINAMI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Mar-26	4 X 30,5t CRANES	\$ 6.7m	Turkish	bss delivery Vietnam
SMALL	GENIUS STAR III	13,567	2006	MURAKAMI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Feb-21	2 X 30t CRANES	around \$ 5.0m	Hong Kong based	
Tankers										
Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Hull	Price	Buyers	Comments
VLCC	QI LIAN SAN	318,348	2012	SWS, China	Wartsila	Jan-22	DH	\$ 44.0m	Greek (Dynamcom)	bank driven sale
VLCC	MARAN CYGNUS	306,317	2001	DAEWOO, S. Korea	B&W	Aug-24	DH	\$ 23.7m	Chinese	
VLCC	GENE	304,985	2003	HYUNDAI, S. Korea	B&W	Dec-23	DH	\$ 25.1m	Chinese	
AFRA	FALCON EXPRESS	115,042	2008	SASEBO, Japan	MAN-B&W	May-23	DH	undisclosed	Greek (Velos Tankers)	
AFRA	OCEAN QUEEN	108,953	2008	SWS, China	MAN-B&W	Mar-23	DH	reg-high \$ 13.0m	Greek (IMS)	
MR	DONG JIANG	50,094	2009	SLS, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Jan-24	DH	\$ 22.0m	Greek	
MR	CHANG JIANG	50,179	2008	SLS, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Jun-23	DH			
MR	EMERALD STARS	37,270	2005	Hyundai, H. Korea	MAN-B&W	Mar-25	DH	mid \$ 8.0m	undisclosed	BWTS fitted
SMALL	BREDE	16,922	2009	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	MAN-B&W	Jan-24	DH	\$ 7.0m	Indonesian (Waruna)	
SMALL	AULAC JUPITER	13,655	2008	TAIZHOU SANFU, China	Guangzhou	Jul-23	DH	\$ 4.4m	Middle Eastern	

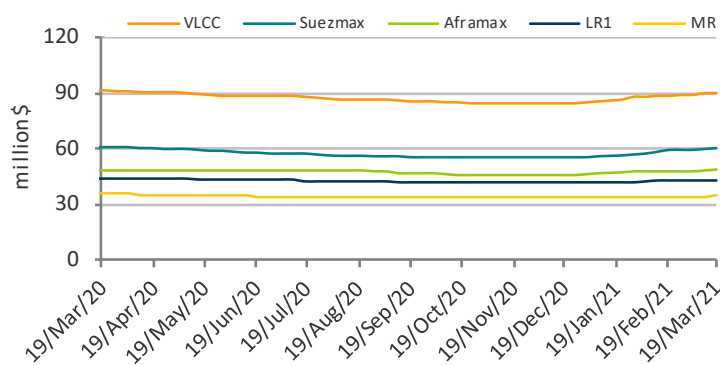
Gas/LPG/LNG											
Type	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Cbm	Price	Buyers	Comments	
LPG	HYUNDAI SAMHO 8056	58,045	2022	HYUNDAI, S. Korea	MAN-B&W		88,200	rgn \$ 90.0m	Greek (Capital Maritime)		
LPG	HYUNDAI SAMHO 8057	58,045	2022	HYUNDAI, S. Korea	MAN-B&W		88,200	rgn \$ 90.0m			
Containers											
Size	Name	Teu	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Gear	Price	Buyers	Comments	
PMAX	GLEN CANYON BRIDGE	5,642	2006	HYUNDAI, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Dec-20		undisclosed	Greek (Costamare)		
PMAX	RHL CONSTANTIA	5,086	2013	SHANGHAI JAINGNAN CHANGXIN, China	MAN-B&W	May-23		undisclosed	German (Hapag-Lloyd)		
PMAX	RHL CALLIDITAS	5,086	2013	SHANGHAI JAINGNAN CHANGXIN, China	MAN-B&W	Sep-23		undisclosed	German (Hapag-Lloyd)		
FEEDER	LAILA	2,702	2008	HDW-GAARDEN, Germany	MAN-B&W	Jun-23		mid \$ 13.0m	undisclosed		
FEEDER	LIOBA	2,702	2008	HDW-GAARDEN, Germany	MAN-B&W	Sep-23					
FEEDER	ST ISLAND	2,535	2010	NAIKAI ZOSEN, Japan	MAN-B&W	Nov-25		\$ 20.5m	Korean		
FEEDER	NORDMARGHERITA	1,756	2018	OUHUA, China	MAN-B&W	Jan-23		\$ 21.8m	Taiwanese (TS Lines)		
FEEDER	RATANA THIDA	1,228	1996	mitsubishi SHIMONOSEKI, Japan	B&W	Jun-21		\$ 2.45m	Thai (RCL)		
FEEDER	VERONICA B	1,085	2011	NANJING WUJIAZUI, China	Wartsila	Apr-21		\$ 8.0m	undisclosed		
FEEDER	LANTAU BEACH	1,049	2007	DAE SUN, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Oct-22		\$ 8.59m	undisclosed		
FEEDER	PERSEUS	925	2008	GIJON NAVAL, Spain	MAN	Jun-23		low \$ 5.0m	Swiss (MSC)		
FEEDER	PICTOR	925	2009	GIJON NAVAL, Spain	MAN	Jan-24		low \$ 5.0m			

Indicative Newbuilding Prices (million\$)

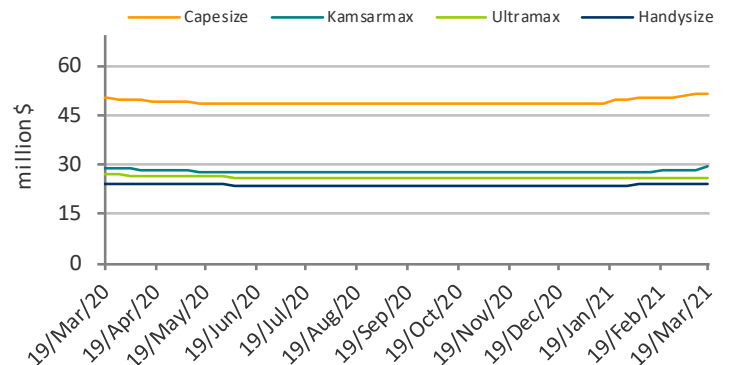
	Vessel	19/03/2021	12/03/2021	±%	2020	2019	2018
Bulkers	Newcastlemax 205k	54.0	53.5	0.9%	51	54	51
	Capesize 180k	52.0	51.5	1.0%	49	52	49
	Kamsarmax 82k	29.5	28.5	3.5%	28	30	29
	Ultramax 63k	26.3	26.3	0.0%	26	28	27
	Handysize 38k	24.5	24.5	0.0%	24	24	24
Tankers	VLCC 300k	90.0	90.0	0.0%	88	92	88
	Suezmax 160k	60.0	59.5	0.8%	58	60	58
	Aframax 115k	49.0	48.5	1.0%	48	49	47
	MR 50k	34.5	34.0	1.5%	35	36	36
Gas	LNG 174k cbm	188.0	188.0	0.0%	187	186	181
	LGC LPG 80k cbm	71.5	71.5	0.0%	73	73	71
	MGC LPG 55k cbm	62.5	62.5	0.0%	63	65	63
	SGC LPG 25k cbm	41.0	41.0	0.0%	42	44	43

There has been another strong week for the shipbuilding market with gas carrier orders having the lion's share followed by a healthy number of containerships confirmed orders. On the gas carrier front, Evalend shipping and Zodiac Maritime inked deals for three dual fuelled VLGC units each at Hyundai Samho and DSME respectively. At the same time, Hyundai Hi secured an order for two 91,000cbm LPG from Cido shipping while Turkish owner Negmar Denizcilik ordered one 40,000cbm LPG at Hyundai Mipo for an undisclosed price. Lastly, it is rumoured that Equator fund concluded an order for a 45,000cbm LNG carrier China Merchant HI with the price remaining undisclosed. On the container realm, the four 13,000teu boxships (conventional fuelled & scrubber fitted) ordered at New Times by Greek owner Chartworld are definitely the most notable one. The price for each unit is USD105.0m. The number of deals for the more conventional sectors was lower; two MR units ordered by Thenamaris at Hyundai Vinashin while Anglo American concluded a deal for two LNG fuelled Capesize units at Shanghai Waigaoqiao.

Tankers Newbuilding Prices (m\$)



Bulk Carriers Newbuilding Prices (m\$)



Newbuilding Orders

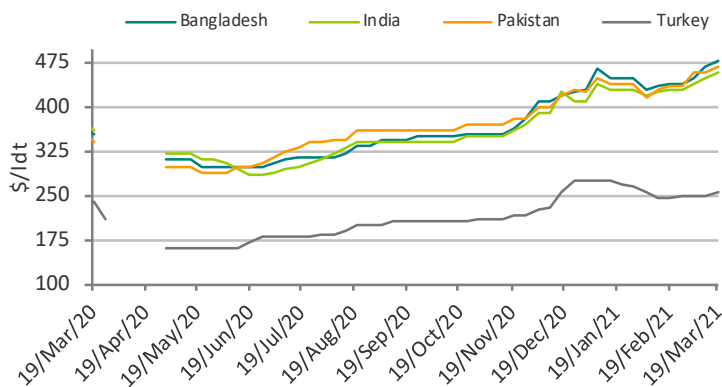
Units	Type	Size	Yard	Delivery	Buyer	Price	Comments
2	Tanker	50,000 dwt	Hyundai Vinashin, Vietnam	2022	Greek (Thenamaris)	around \$36.0m	options declared
2	Bulker	187,000 dwt	Shanghai Waigaoqiao, China	2023	UK based (Anglo American)	low \$60.0m	LNG fuelled
1	Bulker	59,900 dwt	New Dayang, China	undisclosed	Chinese (Wuhu Chang Neng Logistics)	\$ 25.2m	
3+1	VLGC	91,000 cbm	Hyundai Samho, S. Korea	2022	Greek (Evalend)	around \$80.0m	dual fuelled
3	VLGC	91,000 cbm	DSME, S. Korea	2022-2023	UK based (Zodiac Maritime)	\$ 78.0m	dual fuelled
2	LPG	91,000 cbm	Hyundai Hi, South Korea	2023	Hong Kong based (Cido Shipping)	undisclosed	dual fuelled
1	LNG	45,000 cbm	China Merchant HI, China	2023	Chinese (Equator Fund)	undisclosed	
1	LPG	40,000 cbm	Hyundai Mipo, S. Korea	2023	Turkish (Negmar Denizcilik)	undisclosed	
4	Container	13,000 teu	New Times, China	2023-2024	Greek (Chartworld)	\$ 105.0m	conventional fuelled, scrubber fitted
2	Container	1,930 teu	Huangpu Wenchong, China	2023	Chinese (CU Lines)	undisclosed	options declared

Indicative Demolition Prices (\$/ldt)

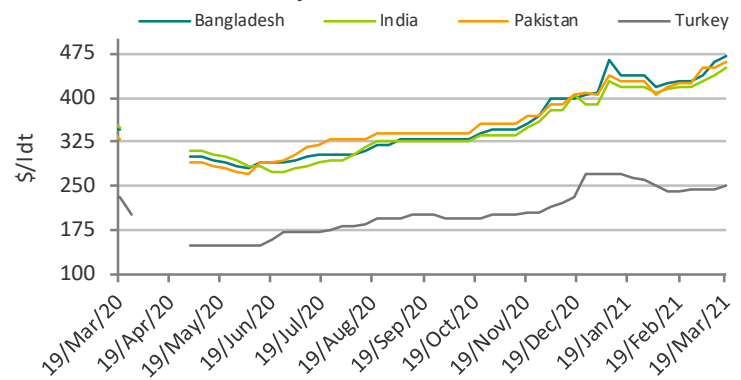
	Markets	19/03/2021	12/03/2021	±%	2020	2019	2018
Tanker	Bangladesh	480	470	2.1%	348	410	442
	India	460	450	2.2%	348	400	438
	Pakistan	470	460	2.2%	352	395	437
	Turkey	255	255	0.0%	207	259	280
Dry Bulk	Bangladesh	470	460	2.2%	336	400	431
	India	450	440	2.3%	335	390	428
	Pakistan	460	450	2.2%	338	385	427
	Turkey	250	250	0.0%	198	249	270

Sentiment in the demolition market remains strong, with prices moving up and fundamentals improving across the Indian subcontinent markets. Bangladeshi breakers are still offering the highest bids which are now hovering close to USD 500/Ldt. Both dry bulk and container freight markets have been enjoying impressive earnings which coupled with the expected scarcity of demolition candidates and the continuing increase of steel plate prices have left cash buyers with no choice but to increase their offered scrap levels. Pakistani breakers have also improved their bids, yet they are still lagging behind their Bangladeshi competitors. In India, cash buyers are also chasing their respective market share especially the one coming for their favourite HKC candidates, by increasing their offered levels. Average scrap prices in the different markets this week for tankers ranged between 255-480/Ldt and those for dry bulk units between \$250-470/Ldt.

Tanker Demolition Prices



Dry Bulk Demolition Prices



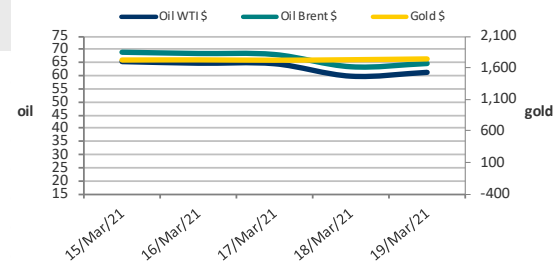
Demolition Sales

Name	Size	Ldt	Built	Yard	Type	\$/ldt	Breakers	Comments
Dole Honduras	16,337	8,291	1991	FINCANTIERI ANCONA, Italy	CONTAINER	\$ 480/Ldt	Indian	HKC Green recycling, incl. 491 reefer plugs, 28 tons propeller and 6 generators
Golden Nori	11,677	3,188	1997	FUKUOKA, Japan	TANKER	\$ 392/Ldt	undisclosed	as-is Singapore

Market Data

		19-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	16-Mar-21	15-Mar-21	W-O-W Change %
Stock Exchange Data	10year US Bond	1.732	1.730	1.641	1.621	1.607	5.9%
	S&P 500	3,913.10	3,915.46	3,974.12	3,962.71	3,943.34	-0.8%
	Nasdaq	13,215.24	13,116.17	13,525.20	13,471.57	13,459.71	-0.8%
	Dow Jones	32,627.97	32,862.30	33,015.37	32,825.95	32,953.46	-0.5%
	FTSE 100	6,708.71	6,779.68	6,762.67	6,803.61	6,749.70	-0.8%
	FTSE All-Share UK	3,824.92	3,862.12	3,854.27	3,879.81	3,846.97	-0.7%
	CAC40	5,997.96	6,062.79	6,054.82	6,055.43	6,035.97	-0.8%
	Xetra Dax	14,621.00	14,775.52	14,596.61	14,557.58	14,461.42	1.1%
	Nikkei	29,792.05	30,216.75	29,914.33	29,921.09	29,766.97	0.1%
	Hang Seng	29,405.72	29,405.72	29,034.12	29,027.69	28,833.76	0.1%
Currencies	DJ US Maritime	216.12	220.55	224.36	223.64	229.45	-4.3%
	€ / \$	1.19	1.19	1.20	1.19	1.19	-0.1%
	£ / \$	1.39	1.39	1.40	1.39	1.39	-0.4%
	\$ / ¥	108.92	108.94	108.89	109.03	109.14	-0.1%
	\$ / NoK	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	-1.3%
	Yuan / \$	6.51	6.51	6.50	6.51	6.50	0.0%
	Won / \$	1,129.46	1,127.11	1,122.13	1,130.55	1,132.38	-0.6%
	\$ INDEX	91.92	91.86	91.44	91.86	91.83	0.3%

Basic Commodities Weekly Summary



Bunker Prices

		19-Mar-21	12-Mar-21	Change %
MGO	Rotterdam	501.5	540.0	-7.1%
	Houston	584.0	590.0	-1.0%
	Singapore	532.5	556.0	-4.2%
380cst	Rotterdam	379.0	395.0	-4.1%
	Houston	372.5	393.0	-5.2%
	Singapore	400.5	421.0	-4.9%
VLSFO	Rotterdam	471.5	502.5	-6.2%
	Houston	492.5	515.0	-4.4%
	Singapore	494.0	531.5	-7.1%

Maritime Stock Data

Company	Stock Exchange	Curr.	19-Mar-21	12-Mar-21	W-O-W Change %
CAPITAL PRODUCT PARTNERS LP	NASDAQ	USD	11.32	10.17	11.3%
COSTAMARE INC	NYSE	USD	10.20	10.47	-2.6%
DANAOS CORPORATION	NYSE	USD	53.35	47.73	11.8%
DIANA SHIPPING	NYSE	USD	3.55	3.30	7.6%
EAGLE BULK SHIPPING	NASDAQ	USD	37.77	39.19	-3.6%
EUROSEAS LTD.	NASDAQ	USD	13.85	8.32	66.5%
GLOBUS MARITIME LIMITED	NASDAQ	USD	4.94	5.14	-3.9%
NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITIONS	NYSE	USD	4.02	4.08	-1.5%
NAVIOS MARITIME HOLDINGS	NYSE	USD	12.53	7.37	70.0%
NAVIOS MARITIME PARTNERS LP	NYSE	USD	26.95	22.11	21.9%
SAFE BULKERS INC	NYSE	USD	2.88	2.86	0.7%
SEANERGY MARITIME HOLDINGS CORP	NASDAQ	USD	1.19	1.24	-4.0%
STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP	NASDAQ	USD	16.87	15.92	6.0%
STEALTHGAS INC	NASDAQ	USD	2.98	2.97	0.3%
TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION	NYSE	USD	10.59	10.22	3.6%
TOP SHIPS INC	NASDAQ	USD	2.37	2.49	-4.8%

Market News

“Tufton Oceanic raises dividend target as profit soars

UK shipping fund Tufton Oceanic Assets is paying out more to investors after a strong finish to 2020.

The London-listed company said it had been "encouraged by the resilient performance", as well as recent increased charter coverage.

The outfit hiked its target annual dividend to \$0.075 per share, up from \$0.07.

The third quarter pay-out was \$0.0175, and the company paid \$0.01875 in the final three months of 2020.

Tufton Oceanic bought five more vessels in the second six months, bringing its fleet to 21 ships and fully investing its raised funds.

Net profit in the second half was \$21.9m, compared to \$5.5m in 2019, while revenue rose to \$23.3m from \$6.8m.

The net asset value (NAV) per share increased from \$0.93 on 30 June to \$0.98 on 31 December.

The NAV total return was 9.3%.

All vessels employed

All Tufton's ships were on fixed-rate charters at year -end. Vessels coming off charters..."(TradeWinds)

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