

Weekly Container Briefing

30 March 2021

Time Charter Rates

Vessel (TEU/HOM)	Index	+/-
1,100/715TEU (G) 19 k	15.63	► 0.00
1,740/1,300TEU (G) 20.5 k	17.00	► 0.00
1,714/1,250TEU (G) 19k Bkk Max	9.38	▲ 0.21
2,500/1,900TEU (G) 22 k	22.60	▲ 0.96
2,500ECO/2,100TEU (G) 18.5 k	7.79	▲ 0.15
2,800/2,000TEU (GL) 22 k	15.58	▲ 0.31
3,500/2,500TEU (GL) 23 k	11.40	▲ 0.20
4,250/2,800TEU (GL) 24 k	26.40	► 0.00
6,500/4,900TEU (GL) 24 k	14.22	► 0.00
8,500/6,600 (GL) 25 k	16.00	► 0.00
9,000WB/7,100TEU (GL) 25 k	8.67	► 0.00
10,000/8,000 (GL) 25 k	8.67	► 0.00
BOXi Total	173.33	▲ 1.83
52 Week High	173.33	
52 Week Low	56.12	

Market comment

A huge week for newbuilding orders as a number of projects from major lines came to a conclusion. MSC have signed for 7 x 15,000TEU vessels at Dalian shipyard and a further 6 vessels of the same size plus various options at GSI. The price is \$120m each for scrubber fitted conventional fuel. Evergreen have concluded their 15k TEU project at Samsung with contracts signed for 20 x 15,000TEU vessels at Samsung HI and Wan Hai have signed for 5 x 13,000TEU vessels at HHI.

In the second hand sector we are seeing asset prices jumping for feeder vessels. the **HANSA FALKENBURG** (1,740-TEU, geared, built 2008 Guangzhou Wenchong) has been committed to an operator at a price of \$11.75m a considerable way over last done but reflecting the longer periods we are seeing in the charter market for this sector.

Braemar ACM's Demometer - Container Ship Deliveries

Demolition Sales Last 30 days	Total ACTUAL Demolished 2021	Total in Same Period 2020	Total Demolished 2020	Total NBs Delivered 2021
4,500 TEU (5 Vessel)	5,000 TEU (7 Vessels)	25,500 TEU (14 Vessels)	199,000 TEU (88 Vessels)	214,500 TEU (33 Vessels)

Vessel Deliveries Wk12/21	TEU	Shipyard	Owner	Deployment	Series No + Comment
HMM Gaon	16,010	Hyundai H.I.	HMM	Asia- EUR- Asia	2/8 THE- A, HMM FE4 extra loader
Maersk Nesna	2,086	Imabari	Shohei Kisen	Intra- Asia	2/5 Maersk Line
Ever Create	1,809	Hyundai Mipo	Evergreen Marine Corp	Intra- Asia	1/4 Intra- Asia China- Taiwan HBT
Total TEU	19,905				

Macroeconomics

British firms planned fewer job cuts last month despite many being forced to close by Covid lockdowns. About 26,600 jobs were put at risk, one-fifth below January's figure and slightly lower than February 2020. The numbers suggest that government support schemes have helped prevent the mass redundancies seen in the first lockdown.

Profits earned by China's industrial firms surged 178.9% y-o-y to CNY 1.11 trillion in January-February 2021, suggesting the economy consolidated its recovery from last year's massive slump. Profits soared at both state-owned industrial firms (182%) and private-sector (136.7%). Among the 41 industries surveyed, 38 saw profit rises.

The consumer confidence indicator in the Euro Area rose by 4 points to -10.8 in March of 2021, from the previous month's figure of -14.8 and well above market expectations of -14.5. It was the highest reading since February 2020 before the Covid-19 shutdown. Considering the European Union as a whole, consumer sentiment increased by 3.6 points to -12.1. Both indicators are approaching their long-term average of -11.1

The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment for the US was revised higher to a one-year high of 84.9 in March of 2021, up from a preliminary estimate of 83 and above market forecasts of 83.6. It was also the largest increase in consumer morale since May 2013, as households welcomed the third disbursement of relief checks and a better than anticipated vaccination progress. Meanwhile, expectations were revised higher to 79.7 from 77.5 and compared to February's 70.7.

Liner and Trade

Major liner operators warned on Saturday that congestion issues would continue to plague container trades for some time after the Suez Canal reopens. "Sailing around the Cape of Good Hope is an option on some routes, while in other cases it's more about working closely with our customers to see what other solutions we can devise," said Caroline Becquart, MSC's senior vice president in charge of Asia and the 2M network with AP Moller-Maersk. "Unfortunately, even when the canal reopens for the huge backlog of ships waiting at anchorage, this will lead to a surge in arrivals at certain ports and we may experience fresh congestion problems." (Source : Tradewinds)

Cosco-owned boxship company Orient Overseas International Ltd (OOIL) has posted its best-ever annual profit in "an unprecedented and extremely complicated" market. Cargo volumes grew to 7.5m TEU over the whole year, from 6.9m TEU in 2019. The company has continued to benefit from increased cooperation and synergies due to its links with parent Cosco Shipping Holding. Looking ahead, the company said the full impact of Covid-19 may not be known for some time. (Source : Tradewinds)

Indicators	29-Mar-21	Last week	12 months ago
Shanghai Containerised Freight Index	2,571 ▼	2,584	890
FTSE 100 Index	6,720 ▼	6,726	5,510
US\$ LIBOR 12 month	0.28% ►	0.28%	0.97%
Brent Crude Oil Price \$/bbl	64.5 ►	64.5	25.0
Singapore Bunker 0.5% VLSFO \$/t	480 ▼	496	269