



# Fearnleys Weekly Report

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## 01 Tankers

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### VLCC

With January closed out and February yet to really kick off, rates in the MEG remain in limbo. Each consecutive deal able to chip a little off last done. TD3 sits at a little under WS 70, but deals are being confirmed a point or so below. Charterers looking to pick a target and enter the market quietly and efficiently. Therefore, without any open influx of February stems, rates may continue to feel the pressure as the MEG list looks well balanced.

Subtracting from the above-mentioned MEG list are a few unfixed ballasters (we count 9 or 10) heading for Cape, all by different owners. Therefore, increased competition will play a part. Low USD 10m's from the USG are earnings too good to turn down, the same argument applies to USD 9m. But USG/Caribs/Venezuela volumes for February have been low, we counted 30. Yes, February is a shorter month, but both December and January had 50+. Without returns to those levels,



quickly and Suezmaxes certainly showing little downside.

## Suezmax

Houthi maritime attacks are beginning to impact the market with firmer numbers reported for MEG/West (this trend is likely to continue). Red Sea transits have been a cash cow for insurers and there is a case to be made that they won't push AWRP much higher as this risks driving all their business around the Cape, therefore we envisage a sweet spot approaching close to present levels.

The Atlantic is poised to push on from present levels with TD20 last done reported at WS 144 with no downside supported by a strong US market and spill over sentiment from the Red Sea.

## Aframax

### NORTH

Very quiet week in the North Sea with hardly any fixtures done for local runs. Owners ballasting to better returns in surrounding areas as both USG and Mediterranean more active and very firm. Sentiment says that rates should be under upward pressure as vessels depart, but so far rates have remained steady in the fixing window. Increased activity needed to allow owners to push levels.

### MEDITERRANEAN

Activity in the Mediterranean this week with the positive USG trends translating into the Mediterranean; tighter tonnage and weather delays helping to firm the market. Black Sea rates have pushed up to a point where Suezmax have looked twice and steadied the Aframax drive, though with Suezmax markets looking positive there may still be some small gains to be had on the Aframax. Sentiment somewhat steadier but forward potential.

## Rates

**Dirty**  
(Spot WS 2024, Daily Change)



MEG/WEST

41.5

280'

6.5^

MEG/Japan

69

280'

14^

MEG/Singapore

71

280'

15^

WAF/FEAST

70

260'

13^

WAF/USAC

140

130'

-5v

Sidi Kerir/W Med

137.5

135'

-2.5v

N. Afr/Euromed

215

80'

70^



185

30

5^

Caribs/USG

70'

290

70^

**1 Year T/C**  
(USD/Day, Weekly Change)

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VLCC

Modern

\$38,500

\$0 >

Suezmax

Modern

\$43,000

\$500^

Aframax

Modern

\$41,500

\$2,500^

**VLCCs**

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Fixed in all areas last week

64

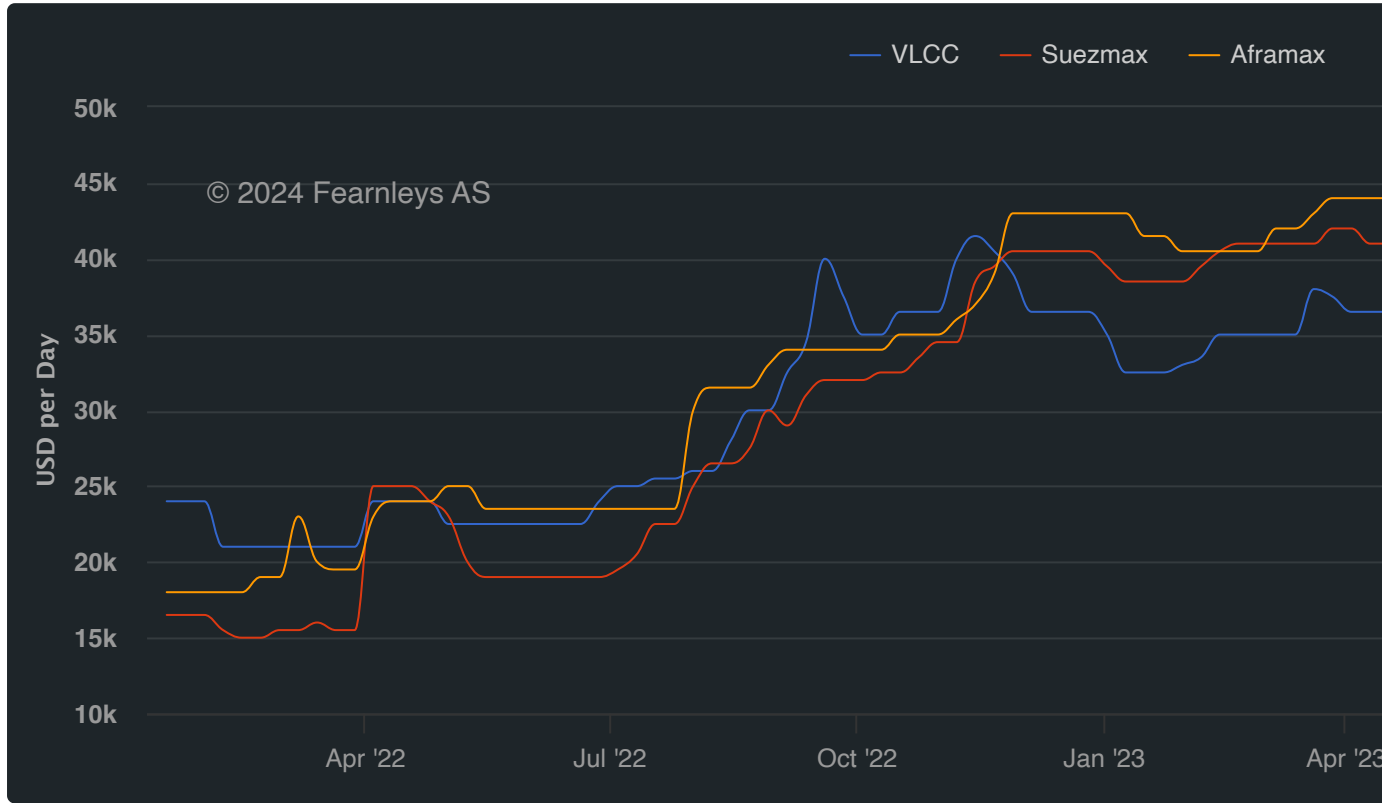
24^



152

-15▼

# 1 Year T/C Crude



# 02 Dry Bulk

## Capesize

We see a drop in overall C5 enquiries this week. Miners and some operators were seeking primarily late January to early February dates. On the East Australia coal and Pacific front, volume has somewhat maintained from last week. On South Africa and



China and West Africa, we see an uptick in enquiries for early to mid February dates. Far East tonnage is building up. Ballasting tonnage is heavily weighted for February. On C5, we see fixtures concluding at mid to high USD 7 pmt levels by midweek. On C3, we see offers at 21 pmt levels for early February and sub 20 pmt levels for mid February. There is resistance with bids seen at mid to high 18 pmt levels.

## Panamax

The Panamax market is currently demonstrating a mixed outlook, influenced by regional dynamics. In the Pacific basin, robust coal shipments are helping maintain market levels. In contrast, the Atlantic region is facing varied trends: the North Atlantic is showing a softer trend due to excess tonnage despite a slight increase in demand, while the South Atlantic, particularly ECSA, is firmer with rising bids and showing signs of stabilization. The market overall is expected to remain stable in the coming weeks. However, concerns are growing due to recent attacks in the Red Sea, drawing significant industry focus and adding an element of caution as the market closely observes these developments and their potential implications.

## Supramax

It has been a rather quiet start to 2024 on the cargo side. However, lots of activity on period front and operators are rushing to take in tonnage on the Handy and Supra market. 60/61k dwt vessels being fixed at around USD 14,000-15,000 levels for 1 year duration and Handy market hovers around high USD 11,000/12,000 for 1 year. Meantime, the usual Indonesia-India Supra being fixed around 8k levels, Indonesia-China on a Supra around USD 12,000. Pacific RV on Supra being done at low USD 10,000 levels and at mid to high USD 8,000 levels on Handy. Far East to Indian ocean/MEG on an Ultra paying around 7-8k levels and a backhaul trip around 7k on a Supra. Overall, market sentiment remains positive. Market will see some correction amidst the various geo-political developments over the past weeks.

## Rates

**Capesize**  
(USD/Day, USD/Tonne, Daily Change)

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**\$38,125****\$312^**


Australia/China

**\$7.8****-\$0.02^**

Pacific RV

**\$16,464****\$1,496^****Panamax**

(USD/Day, USD/Tonne, Daily Change)

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Transatlantic RV

**\$13,410****-\$10^**

TCE Cont/Far East

**\$21,900****\$214^**

TCE Far East/Cont

**\$4,915****-\$60^**

TCE Far East RV

**\$9,988****-\$25^**



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Atlantic RV

**\$16,707**

**-\$534**

Pacific RV

**\$8,781**

**\$143**

TCE Cont/Far East

**\$20,975**

**\$0**

### 1 Year T/C

(USD/Day, Weekly Change)

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Newcastlemax

**\$22,370**

208'

**-\$30**

Kamsarmax

**\$13,550**

82'

**-\$1,050**

Ultramax

**\$15,000**

64'

**\$1,000**

**Capesize**

180'

**\$18,370****-\$30**▼**Panamax**

75'

**\$12,200****-\$1,300**▼**Supramax**

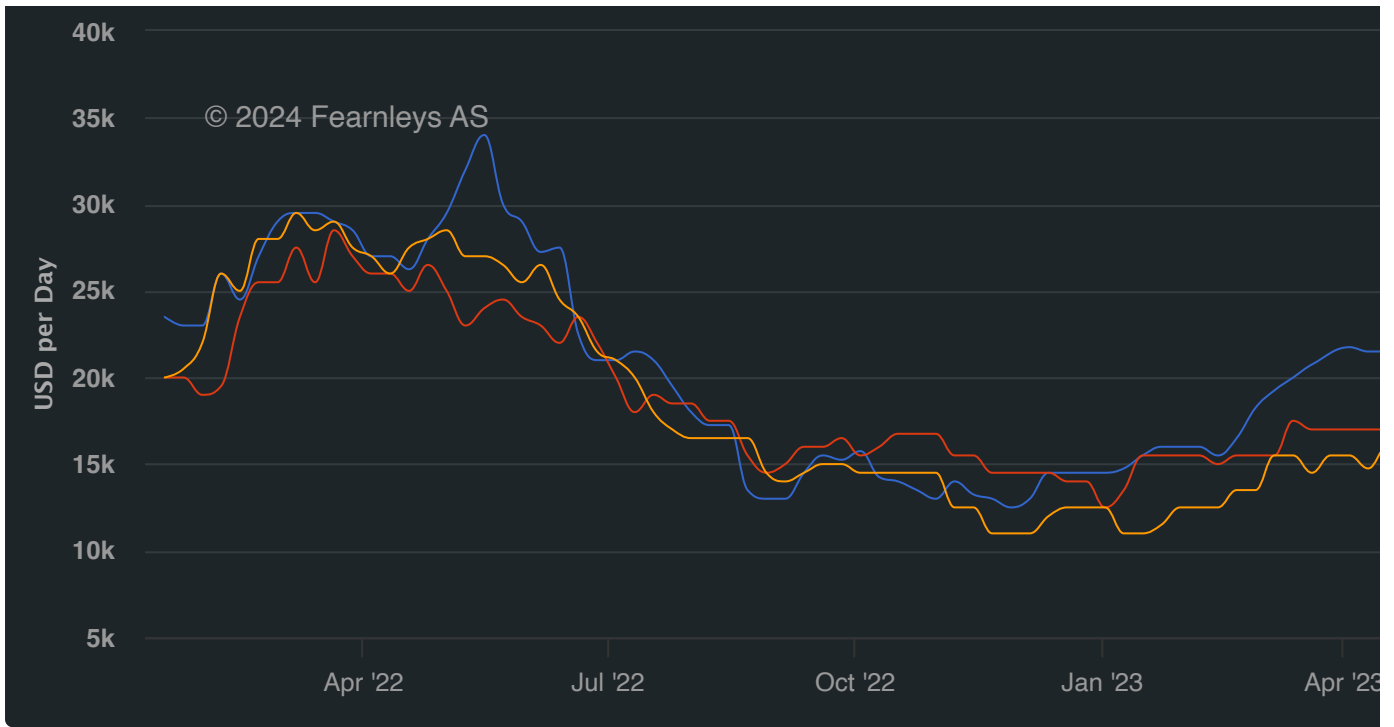
58'

**\$13,500****\$750**▲**Handysize**

38'

**\$12,500****\$0**➤**Baltic Dry Index (BDI)****\$1,324****-\$36**▼

## 1 Year T/C Dry Bulk



# 03

## Gas

## Chartering

### EAST

Freight rates remain in freefall, and East is now trading close to parity with the West. Although not usually the biggest driver, with current direction in the market there has been little incentive for charterers to make a move prior to Aramco dates. Tonnage availability should be plentiful once fixing gets restarted, but with Panama still being a somewhat accessible alternative for vessels going in ballast back to US, charterers need to keep in mind that vessels able to catch early February laycans in MEG soon may start their journey in the opposite direction.

### WEST



H/C v Pan. we have seen a couple vessels been placed so far this week and we now count 13 spot fixtures for February dates ex USG/USEC. At the time of writing, we see 8 ships left in 1H February - one of which is a relet. For 2H February we see 11 ships - 5 of them are relets.

## LPG Rates

### Spot Market (USD/Month, Weekly Change)

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VLGC	84'
<b>\$1,700,000</b>	<b>-\$800,000</b>

LGC	60'
<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>-\$500,000</b>

MGC	38'
<b>\$1,300,000</b>	<b>-\$200,000</b>

HDY SR	20-22'
<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

HDY ETH	17-22'
<b>\$1,250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**\$600,000**

0-12  
**\$30,000** ^

SR

**\$480,000**

6.5'  
**\$10,000** ^

COASTER Asia

**\$280,000**

**\$0** >

COASTER Europe

**\$360,000**

**\$10,000** ^

### LPG/FOB Prices (Propane) (USD/Tonne, Weekly Change)

Click rate to view graph

FOB North Sea/Ansi

**\$491**

**\$0** >

Saudi Arabia/CP

**\$620**

**\$0** >

MT Belvieu (US Gulf)

**\$434**

**\$56** ^

**Sonatrach/Bethioua****\$510****\$0 >****LPG/FOB Prices (Butane)**  
(USD/Tonne, Weekly Change)

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**FOB North Sea/Ansi****\$499.5****\$0 >****Saudi Arabia/CP****\$630****\$0 >****MT Belvieu (US Gulf)****\$441****\$28 ^****Sonatrach/Bethioua****\$540****\$0 >**

## LNG Rates

**Spot Market**  
(USD/Day, Weekly Change)

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**East of Suez 155-165k CBM**



West of Suez 155-165k CBM

\$65,000

-\$10,000▼

1 Year T/C 155-165k TFDE

\$62,000

-\$3,000▼

# 04 Newbuilding

## Activity Levels

Tank Activity

Increasing

Dry Bulk Activity

Moderate

Other Activity



# Prices

VLCC	300'
<b>\$124</b>	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>

Suezmax	150'
	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>

Aframax	110'
<b>\$66</b>	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>

Product	50'
<b>\$46</b>	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>

Newcastlemax	210'
<b>\$66</b>	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>

Kamsarmax	82'
<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$0 &gt;</b>

Ultramax	64'
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LNGC (MEGI) (cbm)

170'

\$261

\$0 &gt;

# 05

## Sale & Purchase

### Prices

Dry	5 yr old	10 yr old
Capesize	\$55.0	\$35.0
Kamsarmax	\$32.5	\$23.0
Ultramax	\$30.0	\$24.0
Handysize	\$25.0	\$17.5

Wet	5 yr old	10 yr old
VLCC	\$105.0	\$80.0
Suezmax	\$79.0	\$64.0
Aframax / LR2	\$68.0	\$55.0



# Market Brief

## Exchange Rates

USD/JPY

145.85

0.75^

USD/NOK

10.41

0.07^

USD/KRW

1,336.9

15.5^

EUR/USD

1.09

0 >

## Interest Rates

LIBOR USD (6 month)

5.2%

0 >

NIBOR NOK (6 month)



## Commodity Prices

Brent Spot

**\$78.5**

**\$0.5^**

## Bunker Prices

Singapore

380 CST

**\$450.5**

**-\$2.5v**

MGO

**\$774.5**

**-\$7.5v**

Spread MGO/380 CST

**\$324**

**-\$5v**

Rotterdam

380 CST

**\$435**

**\$5.5^**



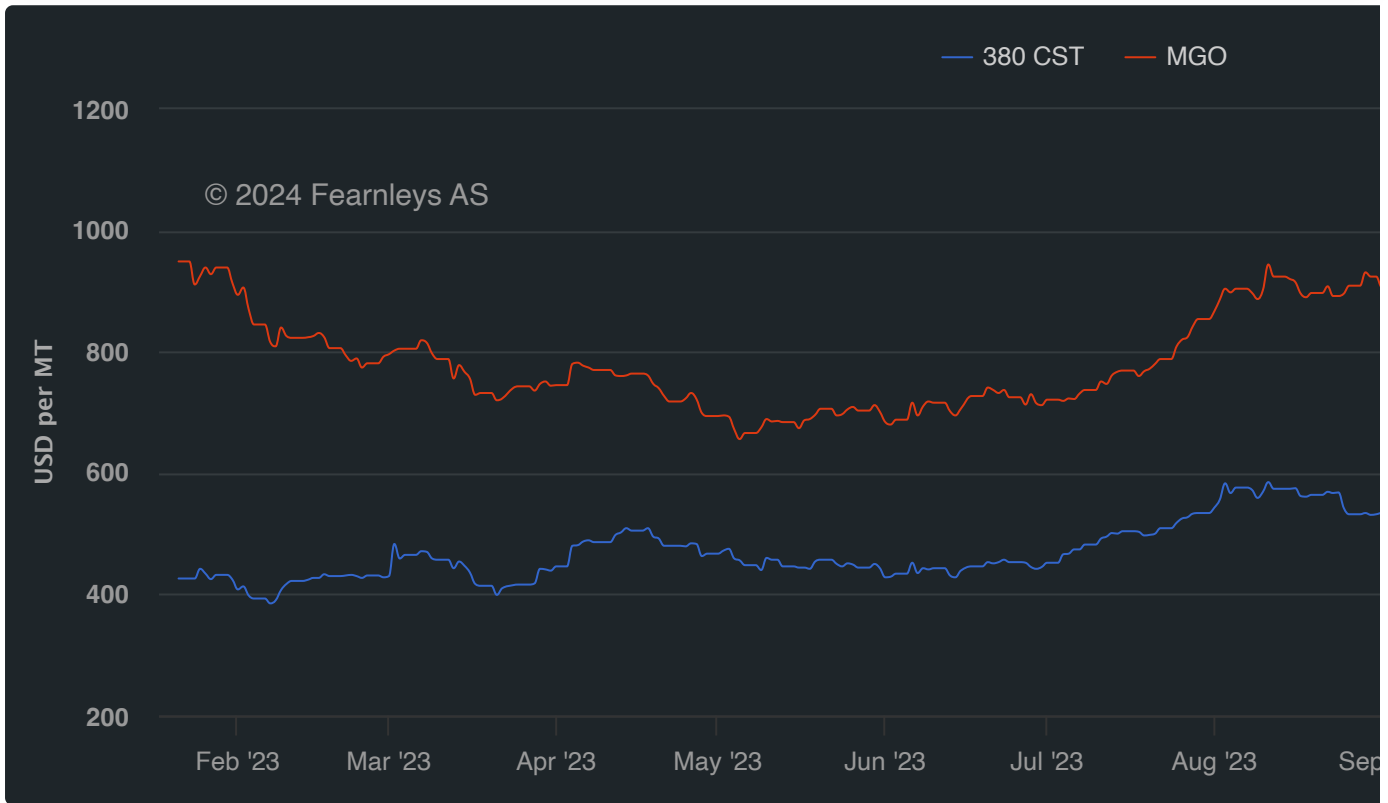
\$766

\$3.5^

Spread MGO/380 CST

\$331

-\$2v



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