

Thursday, February 27, 2020

SHIPPING RATES & BUNKERS (9:30 am ET)

Spot TCE earnings for vessels using compliant fuel (no scrubbers)

DIRTY TANKER (KT - \$/day)	Voyage	Spot TCE earnings	2020 avg. rate	10 day trend
VLCC, 270	AG-FE	24,700	47,500	
Suezmax, 130	WAF-UKC	25,300	42,200	
Aframax, 70	CAR-USG	26,400	70,200	
Panamax, 50	CAR-USG	41,200	54,300	

CLEAN TANKER (KT - \$/day)	Voyage	Spot TCE earnings	2020 avg. rate	10 day trend
MR, 37	UKC-USAC	20,100	18,800	
MR, 38	USG-UKC	7,700	14,100	
LR1, 55	AG-FE	11,600	10,800	
LR2, 75	AG-FE	18,000	16,100	

TIME CHARTER (KDWT)	1yr eco vessel rate (\$/day)	Yearly trend	Newbuild price (\$M)	Secondhand 5yr old price (\$M)
VLCC, 200+	39,000		92.0	76.5
Suezmax, 130-200	33,500		61.0	53.0
Aframax, 80-130	25,500		51.0	41.0
LR2, 80-130	25,000		53.0	43.0
LR1, 60-80	19,500		43.0	33.0
MR, 42-60	17,000		35.0	30.0
Handymax, 30-42	16,500		33.0	24.0

US FLAG (KT - \$/day)	Voyage	Weekly spot rate	2020 avg. rate	10 week trend
Handy, 38	USG-USAC	69,914	69,112	

LNG (\$/day) as of 21-Feb-2020	Weekly spot rate	Sentiment	Current month rate	2020 avg. rate
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (West)	43,000	Decreasing	52,667	74,750
138-150M3 Steam turbine (West)	33,000	Decreasing	40,000	58,625
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)	40,000	Decreasing	48,333	66,250
138-150M3 Steam turbine (East)	30,000	Decreasing	36,000	51,000

LPG (KT)	Spot rate (\$/mt)	Spot TCE rate (\$/day)
VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)	65.25	49,177

BUNKERS (\$/mt)	VLSFO	10 day trend	HSFO	MGO
US Gulf	483.5		347.0	590.5
Rotterdam	419.0		292.0	527.5
Singapore	459.5		309.5	513.5

DEVELOPMENTS

Oil prices slide for fifth day to lowest in a year as virus fears grow. Oil prices plunged more than 4% on Thursday, down for a fifth day to their lowest since January 2019 as more new coronavirus cases outside China fed fears of a pandemic that could slow the global economy and dent demand for crude.

Reuters February 27, 2020

UK GAS-Prompt prices inch up on lower LNG supply. British prompt wholesale gas prices edged up in early trade on Thursday as strong winds continued to prevent some liquefied natural gas tankers from docking, resulting in undersupply.

Reuters February 27, 2020

Frontline confident on long-term tanker market outlook despite current headwinds. Despite the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on the tanker market at present John Fredriksen's Frontline remains confident on the longer-term outlook.

Seatrade Maritime News February 27, 2020

Another Canadian LNG project blocked as hits keep coming for natural gas producers. The Coastal GasLink pipeline connected to a massive liquefied natural gas export project in Kitimat is not the only gas project facing challenges on the West Coast.

Financial Post February 27, 2020

Tanker boom propels Frontline to biggest profit in 11 years. John Fredriksen tanker company Frontline has posted its best profit figures in more than a decade following a surge in tanker rates. The Oslo and New York-listed shipowner logged net earnings of nearly \$109m in the final three months of 2019, compared with \$25.5m a year ago.

TradeWinds February 27, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 19-20: South Asia LPG Expo

Feb 25-26: LNGgc Asia

Feb 25-27: LNG USA Summit

COMMODITIES, (8:30 am CT)

CRUDE	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
Brent	ICE	\$/bbl	51.46	↓ -1.97
WTI	NYMEX	\$/bbl	46.41	↓ -2.32

PRODUCTS	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
RBOB Gasoline	NYMEX	¢/gal	139.18	↓ -6.31
Heating Oil	NYMEX	¢/gal	145.02	↓ -4.92

NATURAL GAS	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
US Henry Hub	NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	1.74	↓ -0.08
UK National Balancing Point	ICE	\$/MMBtu	2.96	↓ -0.04

NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS	Source	Last Price (¢/gal)	Last Price (\$/mt)	Δ Prior day close (¢/gal)
US Mont Belvieu Propane (Spot)	Reuters	39.38	205.17	↓ -0.87

PRICE SPREADS (\$/bbl)	Source	Last price	Δ Prior day close
ICE RBOB Gasoline/Brent Crack Spread	ICE	11.73	↓ -0.55

MARKETS, (8:30 am CT)

EQUITIES	Region/Country	Last value	Δ Prior day close
S&P 500	United States	3,036.68	↓ -79.71
FTSE 100	United Kingdom	6,783.80	↓ -258.67
DAX	Germany	12,353.71	↓ -421.17
SH Composite	China	2,991.33	↑ 3.40

CURRENCIES	Region/Country	Last value	Δ Prior day close
£/\$	United Kingdom	1.29	↓ 0.00
€/\$	European Union	1.10	↑ 0.01
\$/JPY ¥	Japan	109.98	↓ -0.44
\$/CNY ¥	China	7.00	↓ -0.02

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