

Market Insight

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China has started 2026 with two signals that matter for bulk shipping in different ways. One is policy-driven and hits steel trade flows directly. The other is balance-sheet driven and shows up first in iron ore restocking behaviour.

On the steel side, the introduction of export licensing from 1 January 2026 marks a clear change in how outbound steel trade is managed. A broad range of products across the steel value chain now require shipment-specific approval, supported by export contracts and manufacturer quality documentation. This does not represent a formal export cap, but it adds cost, lead time, and administrative friction to what had become an exceptionally fluid export channel over the past two years. As a result, the mechanism is designed to make low-margin, high-volume flows harder to push through, while higher-value, better-documented products remain easier to justify. That naturally pulls the market away from quantity. The immediate impact was visible into year-end. December 2025 steel exports reached 11.3 million tonnes, the strongest month on record, and full-year exports hit 119.02 million tonnes as cargoes were pulled forward ahead of the new regime. Against that backdrop, the more interesting question for shipping is not whether licensing "bans" exports, but what it does to the mix. That surge matters because exports have been doing much of the balancing work for the industry. Domestic steel demand remains under pressure, with the property sector still acting as a structural drag and total consumption continuing to trend lower. In that environment, exports became the primary release valve for excess capacity. The new licensing framework does not eliminate that outlet, but it does reshape it. Low-margin, high-volume products become harder to justify once each shipment carries incremental compliance cost, while higher-value or more processed steel can better absorb the burden. The direction of travel is therefore toward fewer tonnes and higher unit value, rather than a simple continuation of record volumes.

For dry bulk, the exposure is most acute in the smaller geared segments. The bulk of seaborne steel moves on geared vessels, with Supramax accounting for the largest share. Any moderation in export volumes disproportionately affects backhaul demand out of China, particularly into Southeast Asia and other nearby

markets where low-value products dominate. Even a partial pull-back from 2025's exceptional levels would be enough to soften utilisation and rates in these segments, especially in the first half of the year when seasonality is already working against cargo availability.

Iron ore presents a different dynamic. Here, the near-term signal is inventory. Portside stocks have climbed to around 155 million tonnes, close to historic highs and near the levels last seen during the 2018 peak. High port inventories do not automatically mean imports collapse, but they do change the rhythm; mills can run down port piles first, spot cargo urgency fades, and spot buying becomes more price-sensitive. That is especially relevant after 2025 imports reached about 1.26 billion tonnes, with December alone at 119.65 million tonnes. Looking further ahead, grade and trade-lane effects complicate the picture. Market talk is increasingly focused on how grade preferences and trading behaviour are shifting as mills stay cost-sensitive and as portside and seaborne markets interact more tightly. Simandou reinforces that theme. The first Simandou cargo, nearly 200,000 tonnes, has already arrived in China after a 46-day voyage, and the project is marketed as high-grade ore around 65% Fe with a nameplate ramp toward 120 million tonnes per year. Could more high-grade supply reduce China's total iron ore volume requirement at the margin? Directionally, yes; higher Fe content means fewer gross tonnes for the same contained iron, assuming the mill can use the grade efficiently in its blend. But the bigger shipping implication is not "less tonnage" so much as "different tonne-miles". A Guinea-to-China flow is structurally longer than Australia-to-China, so even a modest substitution can support Capesize tonne-mile demand, while the near-term inventory overhang and any steel output discipline work the opposite way.

Netting it out, 2026 starts with softer visibility for Supramax/Handy steel-export demand because policy is adding friction exactly where volumes had been doing the heavy lifting. For Capes, the call hinges on whether elevated port stocks translate into a sustained slowdown in restocking, or whether new high-grade Atlantic supply simply reshuffles trade lanes rather than shrinking the pie.

Indicative Period Charters

| Vessel | Routes | 16/01/2026 | | 09/01/2026 | | \$/day | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------|----------------|------------|---------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | WS points | \$/day | WS points | \$/day | | | |
| VLCC | 265k MEG-SPORE | 119 | 107,436 | 76 | 60,774 | 76.8% | 60,510 | 37,255 |
| | 260k WAF-CHINA | 122 | 106,057 | 77 | 59,260 | 79.0% | 56,678 | 37,722 |
| Suezmax | 130k MED-MED | 230 | 190,476 | 135 | 94,234 | 102.1% | 61,085 | 50,058 |
| | 130k WAF-UKC | 171 | 79,480 | 134 | 57,352 | 38.6% | 25,082 | 11,031 |
| | 140k BSEA-MED | 252 | 163,535 | 160 | 84,761 | 92.9% | 61,085 | 50,058 |
| Aframax | 80k MEG-EAST | 185 | 45,842 | 172 | 42,383 | 8.2% | 37,201 | 39,357 |
| | 80k MED-MED | 208 | 69,473 | 170 | 49,092 | 41.5% | 41,877 | 43,235 |
| | 70k CARIBS-USG | 289 | 80,149 | 243 | 64,270 | 24.7% | 35,896 | 36,696 |
| Clean | 75k MEG-JAPAN | 219 | 54,614 | 182 | 43,598 | 25.3% | 30,129 | 40,263 |
| | 55k MEG-JAPAN | 229 | 39,687 | 191 | 31,766 | 24.9% | 22,544 | 30,922 |
| Dirty | 37K UKC-USAC | 122 | 7,002 | 117 | 6,361 | 10.1% | 12,309 | 15,955 |
| | 30K MED-MED | 204 | 26,019 | 154 | 12,167 | 113.8% | 19,313 | 27,508 |
| | 55K UKC-USG | 120 | 13,588 | 120 | 14,435 | -5.9% | 10,784 | 17,707 |
| | 55K MED-USG | 120 | 14,958 | 120 | 15,515 | -3.6% | 11,306 | 17,590 |
| | 50k ARA-UKC | 169 | 14,247 | 150 | 9,145 | 55.8% | 18,615 | 26,872 |

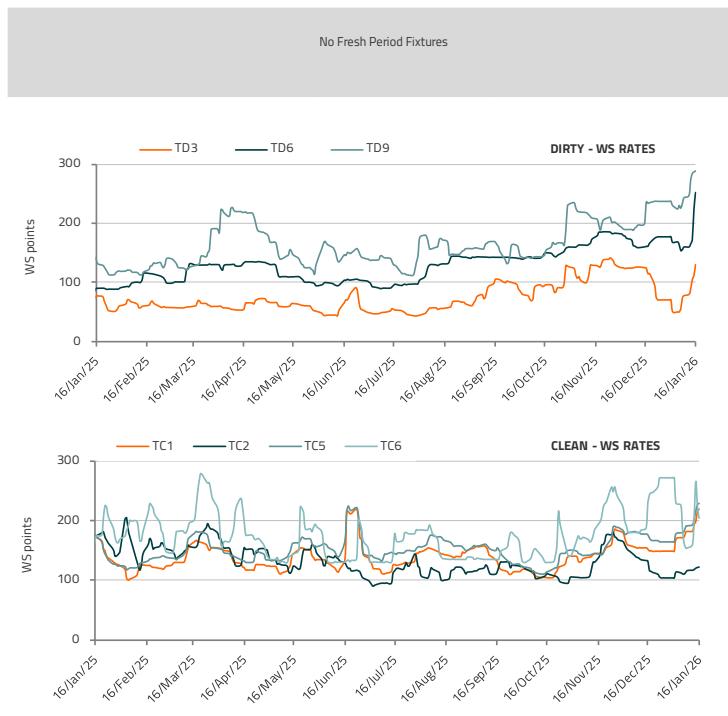
TC Rates

| | \$/day | 16/01/2026 | 09/01/2026 | ±% | Diff | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------|-------------|------------|------------|-------|------|--------|--------|
| VLCC | 300k 1yr TC | 65,000 | 59,000 | 10.2% | 6000 | 50,615 | 50,365 |
| | 300k 3yr TC | 49,000 | 48,250 | 1.6% | 750 | 44,931 | 47,339 |
| Suezmax | 150k 1yr TC | 47,500 | 47,000 | 1.1% | 500 | 38,144 | 45,394 |
| | 150k 3yr TC | 36,500 | 34,500 | 5.8% | 2000 | 33,479 | 38,412 |
| Aframax | 110k 1yr TC | 41,250 | 39,000 | 5.8% | 2250 | 33,870 | 45,168 |
| | 110k 3yr TC | 33,000 | 33,000 | 0.0% | 0 | 29,763 | 39,748 |
| Panamax | 75k 1yr TC | 28,000 | 26,500 | 5.7% | 1500 | 25,226 | 37,750 |
| | 75k 3yr TC | 24,500 | 20,500 | 19.5% | 4000 | 21,258 | 31,787 |
| MR | 52k 1yr TC | 23,500 | 23,500 | 0.0% | 0 | 21,909 | 30,764 |
| | 52k 3yr TC | 20,750 | 20,750 | 0.0% | 0 | 19,782 | 26,402 |
| Handy | 36k 1yr TC | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0.0% | 0 | 18,519 | 26,606 |
| | 36k 3yr TC | 16,000 | 16,000 | 0.0% | 0 | 16,902 | 19,993 |

Tanker Chartering

Last week, crude carrier markets strengthened across all segments, reflecting higher geopolitical risk premiums, solid demand, and regional supply constraints.

Geopolitical factors and rising demand underpinned the VLCC market, driving a sharp improvement in earnings. VLCC TCE rates surpassed the \$100k/day threshold toward week's end, averaging \$86,768, up 84% w-o-w. Heightened geopolitical risk in Iran, due to internal unrest and concerns over potential U.S. military involvement, led the market in Middle East to factor in elevated war-risk premiums. Rising enquiry following the release of the Basra loading program, combined with tighter tonnage availability, supported a rapid rise, with TCEs nearly doubling to close above \$115k/day. In the Americas, strong enquiry and a thin position list allowed owners to retain leverage, drawing tonnage from other regions, notably West Africa. Subsequently, the West African market also firmed, supported by reduced supply and steady enquiry.



Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Tankers

| Vessel 5yrs old | Jan-26 avg | Dec-25 avg | ±% | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| VLCC 300KT DH | 123.3 | 119.0 | 3.6% | 115.5 | 113.0 | 99.5 |
| Suezmax 150KT DH | 82.7 | 82.7 | 0.0% | 76.5 | 81.0 | 71.5 |
| Aframax 110KT DH | 69.8 | 67.1 | 4.0% | 63.6 | 71.0 | 64.4 |
| LR1 75KT DH | 49.3 | 47.0 | 5.0% | 47.9 | 53.8 | 49.2 |
| MR 52KT DH | 43.7 | 43.0 | 1.6% | 41.4 | 45.8 | 41.4 |

The Suezmax sector firmed across key trading regions, with TCE earnings averaging \$91,398/day, up 31% w-o-w, underpinned by limited prompt tonnage. In the Black Sea, drone strikes to tankers near the CPC terminal raised concerns, prompting some owners to avoid the area and driving spot rates sharply higher. Elsewhere, positive VLCC sentiment supported Suezmax rates in the MEG, while tight tonnage and strong enquiry in West Africa contributed to further gains. Healthy pace of activity in the Americas also maintained a steady market environment.

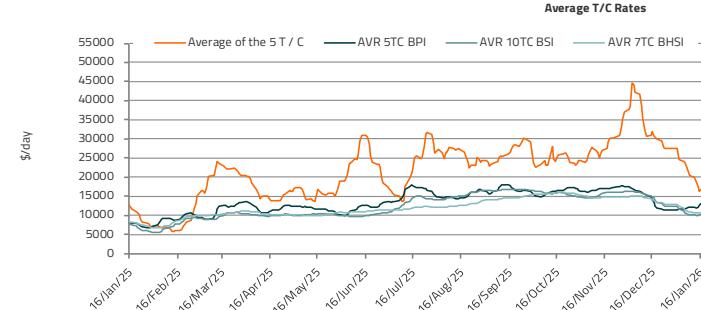
In the Aframax segment, weekly average TCE rates reached \$60,267/day, up 22% w-o-w, amid tightened supply conditions. The Mediterranean led gains, supported by replacement loadings and weather-related port disruptions, limiting active supply. North Sea rates remained firm as ballasting to the Americas reduced available vessels, while East of Suez, longer-haul voyages further limited active tonnage and sustained market strength.

Baltic Indices

| | 16/01/2026 | | 09/01/2026 | | Point Diff | \$/day ±% | 2025 | 2024 |
|------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| | Index | \$/day | Index | \$/day | | | Index | Index |
| BDI | 1,567 | | 1,688 | | -121 | | 1,677 | 1,743 |
| BCI | 2,224 | \$16,670 | 2,640 | \$20,444 | -416 | -18.5% | 2,566 | 2,696 |
| BPI | 1,458 | \$13,120 | 1,345 | \$12,108 | 113 | 8.4% | 1,476 | 1,561 |
| BSI | 967 | \$10,186 | 967 | \$10,189 | 0 | 0.0% | 1,127 | 1,238 |
| BHSI | 588 | \$10,578 | 605 | \$10,897 | -17 | -2.9% | 661 | 702 |

Indicative Period Charters

| | | | |
|--|----------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 12 to 14 mos Delivery Qingdao 30 Jan redelivery worldwide | Pan Bicom \$15,750/day | 2012 | 82,158 dwt Oldendorff |
| 11 to 14 mos Delivery Nantong 17 Jan redelivery worldwide | DSI Altair \$14,750/day | 2016 | 60,309 dwt Bunge |



TC Rates

| | \$/day | 16/01/2026 | | 09/01/2026 | | ±% | Diff | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | 180K 1yr TC | 25,000 | 29,250 | -0.9% | | | 25,238 | 27,014 |
| Capesize | 180K 3yr TC | 25,000 | 24,500 | 2.0% | 500 | 21,438 | 22,572 | | |
| | 76K 1yr TC | 15,500 | 14,000 | 10.7% | 1,500 | 13,226 | 15,024 | | |
| Panamax | 76K 3yr TC | 12,500 | 12,000 | 4.2% | 500 | 11,048 | 12,567 | | |
| | 58K 1yr TC | 14,750 | 13,750 | 7.3% | 1,000 | 12,798 | 15,529 | | |
| Supramax | 58K 3yr TC | 12,500 | 12,250 | 2.0% | 250 | 12,327 | 12,692 | | |
| | 32K 1yr TC | 11,250 | 11,250 | 0.0% | 0 | 10,543 | 12,385 | | |
| Handysize | 32K 3yr TC | 11,000 | 11,000 | 0.0% | 0 | 10,394 | 9,740 | | |

Dry Bulk Chartering

The dry bulk market as a whole remained under strain over the week, with oversupply in most basins outweighing cargo demand, though isolated signs of stabilisation began to surface toward the close. The Capesize segment faced another difficult week, marked by fading confidence across both the Pacific and Atlantic. In Asia, steady participation from miners and operators failed to absorb growing vessel availability, keeping pressure on key iron ore routes despite tentative late-week improvement. The Atlantic saw sharper midweek weakness, particularly on Brazil and West Africa trades to Asia, as reduced demand and aggressive competition pushed sentiment lower. While the North Atlantic recorded the most pronounced softening across fronthaul and transatlantic business, modest end-week activity hinted that losses may be slowing. Panamax conditions were mixed but gradually improved. Early weakness from discounted mineral cargoes contrasted with relatively firmer grain demand, while fronthaul employment continued to underpin utilisation. Excess tonnage in the Atlantic lim-

ited momentum for much of the week, though Indonesian and Pacific demand provided alternatives for modern units. By the latter part of the week, firmer sentiment emerged across both basins, supported by healthier enquiry, narrowing Atlantic discounts and encouraging period interest.

The Ultramax and Supramax market remained highly positional. The US Gulf showed improved activity and tightening supply, while the South Atlantic struggled to gain traction. Europe was balanced with selective improvement, whereas Asia remained challenging for owners, albeit with indications that downside pressure was easing. The Indian Ocean lacked fresh drivers, reinforcing the uneven tone. Handysize trading stayed subdued overall. Vessel supply continued to outweigh cargo demand across regions, keeping activity limited and sentiment cautious. While some areas hinted at stabilisation, particularly in parts of the South Atlantic, most basins closed the week with muted confidence and only sporadic period interest.

Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Bulk Carriers

| Vessel 5 yrs old | Jan-26 avg | Dec-25 avg | ±% | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------|-------|------|------|
| Capesize Eco | 180k | 67.0 | 66.0 | 1.5% | 63.1 | 62.0 |
| Kamsarmax | 82K | 33.0 | 33.8 | -2.2% | 32.3 | 36.6 |
| Ultramax | 63k | 32.0 | 32.8 | -2.3% | 31.3 | 34.4 |
| Handysize | 37K | 27.0 | 26.6 | 1.4% | 25.9 | 27.6 |

Tankers

| Size | Name | Dwt | Built | Yard | M/E | SS due | Hull | Price | Buyers | Comments |
|------|--------------|--------|-------|-------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|----------------|----------|
| LR1 | HAMBURG STAR | 73,869 | 2005 | HYUNDAI, S. Korea | MAN B&W | Mar-26 | DH | \$ 10.2m | Middle Eastern | |
| J19 | T VEGA | 19,807 | 2006 | KINANIHON, Japan | Mitsubishi | Oct-26 | DH | \$ 14.0m | Chinese | StSt |

Bulk Carriers

| Size | Name | Dwt | Built | Yard | M/E | SS due | Gear | Price | Buyers | Comments |
|-------|-------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|------------|--------|----------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| CAPE | FRONTIER KOTOBUKI | 174,810 | 2011 | NAMURA, Japan | MAN B&W | Jan-31 | | \$ 31.5m | European | |
| UMAX | STARRY NIGHT | 61,222 | 2022 | NACKS, China | MAN B&W | Jan-27 | 4 X 30t CRANES | \$ 32.5m | Chinese | Eco |
| HANDY | SOUTH SPIRIT | 29,482 | 1998 | SHIN KURUSHIMA, Japan | Mitsubishi | May-28 | 4 X 30t CRANES | \$ 4.5m | undisclosed | |

Last week revealed a plethora of newbuilding orders with 15 reported totalling 41 firm vessels plus 12 options.

In the dry bulk segment, Kumiai Navigation placed an order for 2 units of 210k dwt bulkers at Kawasaki HI priced at \$75m each with delivery scheduled in 2029. Chinese owner Cosco Shipping Bulk ordered 3 units of 210k dwt each at Qingdao Beihai, capable of carrying containers, for 2029. Additionally, Yangzijiang Maritime contracted Qidong Qianyao HI for 2 firm plus 2 optional 40k dwt bulkers at \$30m each, with delivery in 2027-2028.

In tanker nbs, Dynacom placed an order for 4 units of 306k dwt at Hengli Shipbuilding, priced at \$120m each, while Seatankers secured 2 units of 306k dwt at the same yard. Omani Asyad Shipping ordered 3 tankers of 30k dwt each at Hanwha Ocean at \$129.5m each. Lavinia Tankers agreed for 2 units of 157k

dwt tankers with DH Shipbuilding, priced at \$85m each. Yangzijiang Maritime signed for 2 firm plus 2 optional 115k dwt tankers at Jiangsu Haifeng Shipbuilding for delivery in 2028-2029 and 2 firm plus 6 optional 50k dwt tankers at Jiangsu Haifeng Shipbuilding. Additionally, Jiaying Shipping contracted a 115k dwt tanker at Wanlong Ship HI.

In the containership front, PIL ordered 4 units of 13k teu at Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding and another 4 units at HD Hyundai, each priced at \$190m, with delivery spanning 2028-2029. Cosco Shipping secured 6 units of 3k teu at Cosco Zhoushan, for delivery in 2028 at \$47.3m each.

On other orders, Aygaz ordered a 93k cbm LPG carrier at Hyundai Samho for \$119m and Nordic Hamburg contracted 3 plus 2 options 13.3k dwt MPPs at Wuhu Shipyard valued \$30m each.

Indicative Newbuilding Prices (\$ Million)

| | Vessel | 16-Jan-26 | 9-Jan-26 | ±% | YTD | | 5-year | | Average | | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | High | Low | High | Low | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | |
| Bulkers | Newcastlemax | 205k | 78.0 | 78.0 | 0.0% | 78.0 | 78.0 | 80.0 | 49.5 | 76.8 | 66.2 | 66.5 |
| | Capesize | 180k | 75.0 | 75.0 | 0.0% | 75.0 | 75.0 | 76.5 | 49.0 | 73.3 | 63.15 | 62.6 |
| | Kamsarmax | 82k | 36.5 | 36.5 | 0.0% | 36.5 | 36.5 | 37.5 | 27.75 | 37.1 | 34.85 | 34.8 |
| | Ultramax | 63k | 33.5 | 33.5 | 0.0% | 33.5 | 33.5 | 35.5 | 25.75 | 34.2 | 34.2 | 33.95 |
| | Handysize | 38k | 29.5 | 29.5 | 0.0% | 29.5 | 29.5 | 31.0 | 19.5 | 30.3 | 29.75 | 30.4 |
| Tankers | VLCC | 300k | 128.5 | 128.0 | 0.4% | 128.5 | 128.0 | 130.5 | 84.5 | 129.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 |
| | Suezmax | 160k | 86.5 | 86.0 | 0.6% | 86.5 | 86.0 | 90.0 | 55.0 | 88.5 | 88.5 | 82.2 |
| | Aframax | 115k | 75.0 | 75.0 | 0.0% | 75.0 | 75.0 | 77.5 | 46.0 | 76.0 | 76.0 | 68.7 |
| | MR | 50k | 49.5 | 49.5 | 0.0% | 49.5 | 49.0 | 51.5 | 34.0 | 50.5 | 50.5 | 45.8 |
| Gas | LNG 174k cbm | | 248.0 | 248.0 | 0.0% | 248.0 | 248.0 | 265.0 | 186.0 | 262.9 | 263.0 | 259.0 |
| | MGC LPG 55k cbm | | 84.0 | 84.0 | 0.0% | 84.0 | 84.0 | 94.0 | 43.0 | 93.26 | 84.9 | 73.9 |
| | SGC LPG 25k cbm | | 59.5 | 59.5 | 0.0% | 59.5 | 59.5 | 62.0 | 40.0 | 60.6 | 55.7 | 51.0 |

Newbuilding Orders

| Units | Type | Size | Yard | Delivery | Buyer | Price | Comments | |
|-------|---------------|---------|------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------|--|
| 2 | Bulker | 210,000 | dwt | Kawasaki HI, Japan | 2029 | Japanese (Kumiai Navigation) | \$ 75.0m | Scrubber fitted |
| 3 | Bulker | 210,000 | dwt | Qingdao Beihai, China | 2029 | Chinese (Cosco Shipping Bulk) | undisclosed | 1,000+ Container carrying capacity, methanol and ammonia ready |
| 2+2 | Bulker | 40,000 | dwt | Qidong Qianyao HI, China | 2027-2028 | Chinese (Yangzijiang Maritime) | \$ 30.0m | |
| 4 | Tanker | 306,000 | dwt | Hengli Shipbuilding, China | 2028 | Greek (Dynacom) | \$ 120.0m | |
| 2 | Tanker | 306,000 | dwt | Hengli Shipbuilding, China | 2028 | Norwegian (Seatankers) | undisclosed | |
| 2 | Tanker | 157,000 | dwt | DH Shipbuilding, S. Korea | 2029 | Greek (Lavinia Tankers) | \$ 85.0m | |
| 2+2 | Tanker | 115,000 | dwt | Jiangsu Haifeng Shipbuilding, China | 2028-2029 | Chinese (Yangzijiang Maritime) | undisclosed | |
| 1 | Tanker | 115,000 | dwt | Wanlong Ship HI, China | 2028 | Hong Kong based (Jiaying Shipping) | undisclosed | |
| 2+6 | Tanker | 50,000 | dwt | Jiangsu Haifeng Shipbuilding, China | 2027-2029 | Chinese (Yangzijiang Maritime) | undisclosed | |
| 3 | Tanker | 30,000 | dwt | Hanwha Ocean, S. Korea | 2028-2029 | Omani (Asyad Shipping) | \$ 129.5m | Scrubber fitted, dual fuel ready |
| 4 | Containership | 13,000 | teu | Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding, China | 2028-2029 | Singaporean (Pacific International Lines) | \$ 190.0m | |
| 4 | Containership | 13,000 | teu | HD Hyundai, S. Korea | 2028-2029 | Singaporean (Pacific International Lines) | \$ 190.0m | |
| 6 | Containership | 3,000 | teu | Cosco Zhoushan, China | 2028 | Chinese (Cosco Shipping) | \$ 47.3m | |
| 1 | LPG | 93,000 | cbm | Hyundai Samho, S.Korea | 2028 | Turkish (Aygaz) | \$ 119.0m | |
| 3+2 | MPP | 13,300 | dwt | Wuhu Shipyard, China | | German (Nordic Hamburg) | \$ 30.0m | |

The ship recycling markets showed signs of recovery last week, with selective buying activity, firmer regional steel fundamentals and cautious optimism emerging.

Sentiment in the Indian market showed modest improvement, supported by a pickup in activity amid renewed buying interest and the circulation of a few candidates. The outlook was further supported by a recovery in the local steel market, with steel plate prices edging modestly higher. However, end-consumer demand remains subdued, tempering confidence. Meanwhile, the Indian Rupee continued to depreciate against the U.S. dollar. On the policy front, the Indian government is considering withdrawing from the port development project in Chabahar, Iran, in response to U.S. warnings of potential tariffs on countries engaging in commercial activity with Iran.

The Chattogram recycling segment remains largely in a holding pattern. While there is some interest in smaller units, buyers are generally adopting a wait-and-see approach ahead of the February elections. Local steel market conditions have weakened,

adding further pressure. At the same time, the broader economy continues to face challenges, including elevated inflation and tight bank liquidity, prompting the central bank to inject the equivalent of \$750m in Taka to ease funding constraints. Market participants hope that the upcoming elections will serve as a turning point and help restore confidence.

Pakistan continued to see measured activity during the week, marked by the conclusion of a dry bulk candidate. Market confidence is gradually improving, supported by strengthening conditions in the steel sector. The suspension of Iranian steel imports amid political unrest has lifted demand for locally produced steel, providing a boost to the domestic steel segment and lending cautious optimism to recyclers and end buyers alike.

Turkish recycling yards staged a notable comeback last week, marked by the finalization of several transactions involving European Ro/Ro units. This renewed activity helped lift overall market sentiment, supported by relatively stable conditions in the domestic steel sector.

Currencies

| Markets | 16/01/2026 | 09/01/2026 | ±% | YTD | | | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | Markets | 16-Jan-26 | 9-Jan-26 | ±% | YTD High |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|
| | | | | High | Low | 2025 | | | | | | | | |
| Tanker | | | | | | | | | | Markets | | | | |
| Bangladesh | 420 | 420 | 0.0% | 420 | 420 | 442 | 503 | 550 | | USD/BDT | 122.31 | 122.20 | 0.09% | 122.31 |
| India | 400 | 400 | 0.0% | 400 | 400 | 431 | 501 | 540 | | USD/INR | 90.71 | 90.24 | 0.52% | 90.71 |
| Pakistan | 410 | 410 | 0.0% | 410 | 410 | 436 | 500 | 525 | | USD/PKR | 280.00 | 280.00 | 0.00% | 280.05 |
| Turkey | 280 | 280 | 0.0% | 280 | 280 | 276 | 347 | 207 | | USD/TRY | 43.28 | 43.05 | 0.54% | 43.28 |
| Dry Bulk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bangladesh | 400 | 400 | 0.0% | 400 | 400 | 425 | 492 | 535 | | | | | | |
| India | 380 | 380 | 0.0% | 380 | 380 | 415 | 485 | 522 | | | | | | |
| Pakistan | 390 | 390 | 0.0% | 390 | 390 | 418 | 482 | 515 | | | | | | |
| Turkey | 270 | 270 | 0.0% | 270 | 270 | 266 | 337 | 315 | | | | | | |

| Name | Size | Ldt | Built | Yard | Type | \$/ldt | Breakers | Comments |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------|------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| AN SHUN | 74,761 | 9,881 | 1998 | NKK, Japan | BC | \$412/ldt | Pakistani | Incl 150Ts ROB |
| SHENG LE C | 27,940 | 7,125 | 1996 | NAIKAI ZOSEN, Japan | BC | \$398/ldt | undisclosed | Incl 250Ts ROB |

Market Data

| Stock Exchange Data | 16-Jan-26 | 15-Jan-26 | 14-Jan-26 | 13-Jan-26 | 12-Jan-26 | W-O-W Change | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | % | |
| 10year US Bond | 4,231 | 4,160 | 4,140 | 4,171 | 4,187 | 1.4% | |
| S&P 500 | 6,940.01 | 6,944.47 | 6,926.60 | 6,963.74 | 6,977.27 | -0.4% | |
| Nasdaq | 25,529.26 | 25,547.08 | 25,465.94 | 25,741.95 | 25,787.66 | -0.9% | |
| Dow Jones | 49,359.33 | 49,442.44 | 49,149.63 | 49,191.63 | 49,590.20 | -0.3% | |
| FTSE 100 | 10,235.29 | 10,238.94 | 10,184.35 | 10,137.35 | 10,140.70 | 1.1% | |
| FTSE All-Share UK | 5,517.96 | 5,518.66 | 5,483.97 | 5,460.99 | 5,465.32 | 1.1% | |
| CAC40 | 8,258.94 | 8,313.12 | 8,330.97 | 8,347.20 | 8,358.76 | -1.2% | |
| Xetra Dax | 25,297.13 | 25,352.39 | 25,286.24 | 25,420.66 | 25,405.34 | 0.1% | |
| Nikkei | 53,936.17 | 54,110.50 | 54,341.23 | 53,549.16 | 51,939.89 | 3.8% | |
| Hang Seng | 26,844.96 | 26,923.62 | 26,999.81 | 26,848.47 | 26,608.48 | 2.3% | |
| DJ US Maritime | 413.20 | 414.62 | 408.08 | 406.51 | 411.79 | 0.3% | |
| € / \$ | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.17 | -0.3% | |
| £ / \$ | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.35 | -0.1% | |
| \$ / ¥ | 158.09 | 158.64 | 158.43 | 159.12 | 158.15 | 0.1% | |
| \$ / NoK | 10.08 | 10.09 | 10.05 | 10.08 | 10.06 | 0.1% | |
| Yuan / \$ | 6.97 | 6.97 | 6.97 | 6.98 | 6.97 | -0.1% | |
| Won / \$ | 1,473.29 | 1,469.97 | 1,462.89 | 1,475.07 | 1,466.87 | 1.1% | |
| \$ INDEX | 99.39 | 99.32 | 99.13 | 99.13 | 98.86 | 0.3% | |

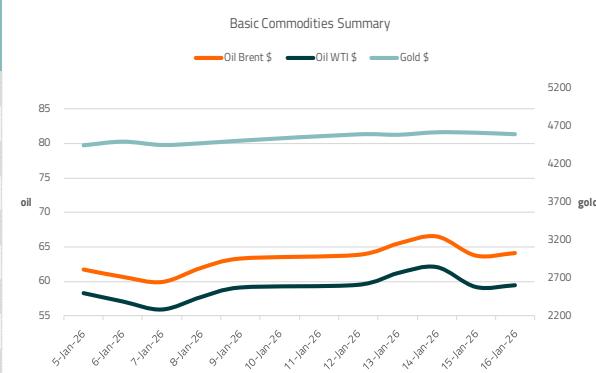
Bunker Prices

| | 16-Jan-26 | 9-Jan-26 | Change % |
|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| MGO 380cst | Rotterdam | 625.0 | 622.0 0.5% |
| | Houston | 608.0 | 603.0 0.8% |
| | Singapore | 613.0 | 596.0 2.9% |
| | Rotterdam | 366.0 | 353.0 3.7% |
| | Houston | 334.0 | 322.0 3.7% |
| | Singapore | 375.0 | 361.0 3.9% |
| | Rotterdam | 431.0 | 419.0 2.9% |
| | Houston | 412.0 | 411.0 0.2% |
| VLSFO | Singapore | 444.0 | 433.0 2.5% |
| | Brent | 64.1 | 63.3 1.2% |
| OIL | WTI | 59.4 | 59.1 0.5% |

Maritime Stock Data

| Company | Stock Exchange | Curr | 16-Jan-26 | 09-Jan-26 | W-O-W Change |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| CAPITAL PRODUCT PARTNERS LP | NASDAQ | USD | 21.51 | 20.15 | 6.7% |
| COSTAMARE INC | NYSE | USD | 15.51 | 16.19 | -4.2% |
| DANAOS CORPORATION | NYSE | USD | 99.36 | 98.73 | 0.6% |
| DIANA SHIPPING | NYSE | USD | 2.05 | 1.86 | 10.2% |
| EUROSEAS LTD. | NASDAQ | USD | 53.87 | 55.06 | -2.2% |
| GLOBUS MARITIME LIMITED | NASDAQ | USD | 1.67 | 1.65 | 1.2% |
| SAFE BULKERS INC | NYSE | USD | 5.12 | 5.17 | -1.0% |
| SEANERGY MARITIME HOLDINGS | NASDAQ | USD | 9.37 | 9.43 | -0.6% |
| STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP | NASDAQ | USD | 20.37 | 19.64 | 3.7% |
| STEALTHGAS INC | NASDAQ | USD | 7.84 | 7.86 | -0.3% |
| TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION | NYSE | USD | 25.52 | 25.15 | 1.5% |

Basic Commodities Weekly Summary



Macro-economic headlines

- In China, the PBoC kept its benchmark loan rates unchanged for the eighth consecutive month in January, in line with market expectations. The one-year LPR, reference rate for most business and consumer loans, stayed at 3.0%, while the five-year LPR, basis for mortgage pricing, remained at 3.5%.
- In Japan, Industrial Production retreated by 2.7% m-o-m in November, close to market forecasts of a 2.6% decline, reversing October's 1.5% expansion.
- In Germany, the CPI remained unchanged m-o-m in December, in line with market expectations, following November's contraction of 0.2%.
- In the United States, Manufacturing Production rose by 0.2% m-o-m in December, defying market expectations of a 0.2% decline, while November remained unchanged.

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