

Wednesday, 18 March 2020



The Cape market lifted today, predominately Atlantic led, to a level not seen in six to seven weeks. While cargo levels remain very low in the basin owners have looked elsewhere leaving the region to prime for a breakout. While many remain unconvinced of a substantial lift being possible in this current market, recent fixtures are drawing a picture of firming sentiment.





A day of further erosion in the Panamax market, led by EC South America, where lower fixtures drove the index down. Whilst this was in part due to weaker bunker prices, brokers also cited Owners preference to lock in a longer round voyage given the increasingly bleak macro outlook.



ax Average 4TC

Period	Open	Close	Change	Daily High	Daily Low
MAR20	90.00	90.40	▲ 0.40	91.50	90.30
APR20	87.70	88.65	▲ 0.95	91.00	87.50
MAY20	86.00	86.95	▲ 0.95	87.50	85.90
JUN20	84.75	85.70	▲ 0.95	86.80	84.65
Q220	86.15	87.10	▲ 0.95	88.30	87.10
Q320	83.10	84.02	▲ 0.92	83.80	83.20

Brazilian mining company Vale SA said on Wednesday it may temporarily halt activities at its Malaysian distribution center between March 21-31, as part of efforts to safeguard employees amid the coronavirus outbreak. In a securities filing, Vale added that restrictions imposed by the Malaysian government to transportation between cities may hinder workers' access to the Teluk Rubiah Maritime Terminal, so vessels will be redirected to other facilities in China.



						Singapore I	Fuel Oil 380cs
Period	Open	Close	Change	Highest Bid	Lowest Offer	Last Bid	Last Offer
MAR20	199.46	195.67	▼ 3.79				
APR20	180.44	173.38	▼7.06				
MAY20	182.34	175.65	▼ 6.69				
JUN20	184.22	178.18	▼ 6.04				
Q220	182.33	175.74	▼ 6.59				
Q320	188.02	182.99	▼ 5.03				

A drop in U.S. inventories of crude, gasoline and distillates, as reported by an industry group, provided some support to prices, but the demand outlook remains grim amid a price war among major producers. This may have helped prices overnight, but it hasn't helped things much this morning as we have again plunged into negative

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Daily Volumes

Asset Class	18-Mar	17-Mar	16-Mar	13-Mar	12-Mar
Capesize 5TC (Lots)	1020	490	1820	2325	1205
Panamax 4TC (Lots)	2200	1175	1695	1040	1295
Iron Ore 62% (MT)	1240000	2122000	811000	507500	1462000
FOS S380 (MT)	-	-	-	-	-

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