

Being the only major economy record growth in 2020, Chinese economy expanded by 2.3 percent in 2020. Keeping the momentum going, the world's second largest economy's recovery quickened sharply in the first quarter to record growth of 18.3% year-on-year, fuelled by solid demand at home and abroad and continued government support for smaller firms. However, if first quarter performance is compared to the preceding one, China's economy grew by just 0.6 percent, below Bloomberg's analyst growth forecast of 1.4 percent and the 2.6 percent growth between the third and fourth quarters of 2020. Both comparisons have their own distortions though, as the first quarter of 2020 growth rate was subdued due to Covid-19 initial shock whilst the fourth quarter was boosted by unprecedented stimuli. In this regard, the renminbi has gained more than 10 percent over the last twelve months, buoyed by China's economic rebound from the corona virus pandemic. However, lately, Beijing has become concerned over ballooning commodity prices and increasing risk of asset bubbles. Against this background, earlier this month, China's cabinet said Beijing would manage "unreasonable" price increases for copper, coal, steel, and iron ore. The National Development and Reform Commission statement warned that companies "should not collude with each other to manipulate market prices...hoard goods and drive up prices," adding that the price increase was a result of multiple factors, including from overseas, but also reflected over-speculation. Normal production and sales in the industry are disrupted, it added. The aforementioned acted as a catalyst, sending commodity prices lower and Baltic indices in search of new lower equilibrium levels.

Most importantly though, concerns have been expressed from various sources that previous period China's strong economic momentum eased slightly in May, under the burden of surging raw material prices and squeezing profits.

With sport market galloping for the most part of the first five months though, five-year-old Capes changed authority for USD 37 mil. on May 2021 closing, or some USD 10 mil. above early January levels. Although some modern "eco" units were holding higher price tags at mid USD 43 mil., the aforementioned trend remained quite the same for them as well. The impressive year start was also catalytic for the course of the Kamsarmax asset prices, with modern units having a price tag in excess of USD 28m., or 27 percent higher year to date.

In a parallel universe not so far away, five-year-old Ultramaxes felt the same boost during the first quarter, trending strongly upwards to USD 24m. Indicative of the strong push in asset prices is that same description and age tonnage could be found in the market for less than USD 18m in late 2020. As far as the positive surprise of the current trading year goes, Handies managed to see their cash inflows increasing substantially during this fertile period and thus asset prices registered solid gain. In particular, lingering circa 36 percent above their December 2020 levels, five-year-old 38K Dwt Handies broke into the USD 20 mil. territory, currently balancing tick above this mark.

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Capesize

All indices dipped further south this week, with both; T/A and Pacific round trips losing equally circa \$9,300 W-o-W. The Baltic Capesize TCA index closed today at \$25,614 daily, or a 21% W-o-W loss.



Pacific

In the east, Chinese officials are closely investigating the recent iron ore and steel prices rally. The Chinese government is putting a lot of pressure to both steel and iron ore markets, in an attempt to control commodities' price rises. Chinese steel and iron ore prices slumped mid-week. Shanghai construction steel rebar trading fell 6% on Wednesday, closing at 4,667 yuan, really close to its lowest since March 24. Hot-rolled coil similarly lost 5.4% to 5,017 yuan a tonne, after hitting a two-month low of 5,011 yuan earlier this week. Iron ore on the Dalian Commodity Exchange dropped 6.1% to 994.50 yuan a tonne, close to its lowest levels since April 12. Similarly, iron ore on the Singapore Exchange fell 5.7% as well, reaching down to \$166.75 a tonne. This heavy sell-off was vigorously set off by the Chinese government, who is closely tracking market changes and inspecting in great detail all abnormal transactions. Besides politics, monsoon rains in South China and upcoming slow down in construction, dampened steel and iron ore prices further down. This anxiety was conveyed in the spot market as well. The leading C5 (west Australia/china) index closed at \$11.16 pmt, losing tick over \$2 W-o-W. One dollar drop was recorded in one day(between Thursday and closing Friday). Rio Tinto was linked to fixing a 170,000 10% iron ore stem out of West Australia to Qingdao just before Thursday, paying \$12 pmt for 12/15 June loading Dampier. Once more this week, some premium gains were paid in regards to coal trading out of East Australia to S. Korea. Polaris and Panocean won amongst others two Kepco tenders at circa \$20 region, for first half June loading out of East Australian ports.

Following the unfortunate news, in reference to the Australian coal stacked in Capers just off the Chinese coastline, the number seems to have dropped down to at least 19 ships, anchored and awaiting in despair. Bloomberg reported this week, that M/V Jag Anand (179,250 dwt, 2011) finally discharged and left the port of Jingtang after 11 months. The vessel had left Gladstone one year ago - May 26 last year- and has been sitting idle at Jingtang since mid June 2020, with 174,000 tonnes of coal on board. The Pacific round T/C index (C10_14) dropped heavily down this week, closing at \$30,976, losing \$9,270 compared to last week's closing.

Atlantic

In the Atlantic commodity news, according to MySteel, May iron ore shipments from both Australia's and Brazil's major mining hubs moved higher. In particular, exports out of 19 ports globally and 16 mining companies from both Australia and Brazil, totaled at 26.4 million, or at a 17% increase W-o-W. During week 20, iron ore shipments out of Brazil touched a 4-month high, amounting to 8 million tonnes, increasing by 2.2 million tonnes W-o-W. This registered 37.7% increase W-o-W, was not reflected in the spot market this week. In the spot market the benchmark C3 index fell by 7% W-o-W, closing today at \$24.25 pmt. On the early side of the week bids were slightly sliding off for mid June dates. Eventually C3 lost close to a dollar from Thursday to Friday bringing a negative sentiment right before the end of this trading week. An absent North Atlantic trading moved all indices further down this week. Some delays affecting operations at Puerto Bolivar, with strikes on the main rail route between the coal mine and its export terminal, moved C7 (Bolivar to Rotterdam) index further low today, at \$11.44 pmt. On the f/h side, out of West Africa, C17 (Saldanha Bay/Qingdao) index closed at a negative \$18.25 pmt. On T/C basis, C9 14 (f/h) index lost a lighter 14% W-o-W, concluding at \$40,100 on this Friday whilst, C8_14 (t/a) index lost 31% W-o-W, closing today at \$20,425 daily.

With physical market severely challenged and the FFA at collapsed levels no period activity reported this week.

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| Representative Capesize Fixtures | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Vessel Name | Loading Port | Laydays | Discharge Port | Freight | Charterers | Comment | | | | |
| Panocean tbn | Newcastle | 10-19 June | Hadong | \$19.62 | Kepco Tender | 145,000/10% coal | | | | |
| Polaris tbn | Newcastle | 05-11 June | Hadong | \$21.77 | Kepco Tender | 133,000/10% coal | | | | |
| tbn | Saldanha Bay | 15-25 June | Hamburg | \$13.10 | Salzgitter | 130,000/10% iore | | | | |
| tbn | Dampier | 13-15 June | Qingdao | \$11.15 | Rio Tinto | 170,000/10% iore | | | | |
| Cape Sandra | Saldanha Bay | 20-25 June | Qingdao | \$20.00 | Polaris | 150,000/10% iore | | | | |



Panamax

With the Panamax market blowing some more steam this week the 82 Average index concluded 3.3% lower W-o-W at \$24,841 daily.



Pacific

In the Pacific commodity news, given the recent volatility of commodity prices, China's banking regulator has asked lenders to stop selling investment products linked to commodities futures including soya beans according to local sources. The spot market behaved accordingly with the P3A 82 (Pac rv) Index concluding lower 5.6% W-o-W at \$26,750 and given the diminished demand from South Pacific and mainly Indonesia the P5_82 (Indo rv) Index also recorded similar losses concluding at \$26,700 daily. For a North Pacific round, the 'Pedhoulas Leader' (82,050 dwt, 2007) was linked to Caravel delivery Yosu 2 June at \$26,500 and at the same rate earlier in the week the smaller 'Bellatrix' (77,053 dwt, 2006) was fixed to Reachy from Zhoushan. From the land down-under 'Jupiter N' (93,099 dwt, 2011) agreed \$25,000 with Refined Success for a trip via DBCT to Malaysia and delivery Zhoushan 31 May. For India direction, as the premium still paid the scrubber fitted 'Aquagrace' (81,791 dwt, 2017) was heard to have fixed delivery Yingkou 31 May at \$30,500 with Phaethon. Further South, the 'Frontier Leader' (81,383 dwt, 2013) coming from N.China was fixed passing Taichung for a trip via Indonesia to Philippines at \$25,500 with Damico.

Atlantic

In the Atlantic commodity news, Brazil, the world's largest producer and exporter of oilseed reached a daily average of soybean exports of 842,900 thousand tons by the 3rd week of May, up 19.5% year-onyear, which may set a new monthly sales record, around 17.7 million tons, should the rate be maintained until the end of the month, according to government data. In May, Brazil has already shipped 12.64 million tons of soy. In the spot arena, ECSA was holding the market from drifting further for most part of the week despite the drop of P6A 82(ECSA) Index which traded 3.6% lower W-o-W at \$27,360. 'Kesaria' (81,932 dwt, 2009) was fixed retro Singapore 17 May for a trip to Spore/Jpn range at \$27,750 with Bunge and for a trip to Skaw/Gib range via ECSA the 'YM Opus' (81,863 dwt 2015) was heard to have fixed on subs with Cargill delivery Jorf Lasfar 27-29 May at \$23,000 daily. The P1A 82 (T/A) Index was the only route to conclude marginally higher at \$20,375, gaining \$1,285 on the last trading day of the week. For a trip via NCSA to Skaw/Gib the 'Yasa H Mulla' (83,482 dwt, 2011) also fixed Bunge delivery Gib beg June at \$21,000. China's substantial purchases of grain booked from the US for next season are to the tune of a half of its expected corn requirements. So the scarcity of Fronthaul runs which pushed the P2A Index drop by 4% W-o-W at \$33,727 cannot be received as a surprise. Bids basis Gib for trips to the east were at 32k levels upon the weeks conclusion however the super eco 'HSL Athens' (81,000 dwt, 2021) managed to exceed this bid with delivery Amsterdam 6-7 June for a trip via PDM to Qingdao at \$36,000.

On the period front, 'Balos' (82,025 dwt, 2018) was fixed basis delivery Yantai prompt for 10 to 12 months period at \$25,000. Other than that few deals were concluded on 2ll basis in the Feast in the mid/high 20's.

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| Representative Panamax Fixtures | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Vessel Name | Year Built | Delivery | Laycan | Redelivery | Rate | Charterers | Comment | | | |
| Bellatrix | 77,053 | 2006 | Zhoushan | prompt | Spore-Jpn | \$26,500 | Reachy | via Nopac | | |
| Pedhoulas Leader | 82,050 | 2007 | Yosu | 02-Jun | Spore-Jpn | \$26,500 | Caravel | via Nopac | | |
| Jupiter N | 93,099 | 2011 | Zhoushan | 31-May | Cigading | \$25,000 | Refined Success | via DBCT | | |
| Aquagrace (Scrubber) | 81,791 | 2017 | Yingkou | 31-May | India | \$30,500 | Phaethon | via EC Australia | | |
| Frontier Leader | 81,383 | 2013 | psg Taichung | prompt | Philippines | \$25,500 | Damico | via Indonesia | | |
| Kesaria | 81,932 | 2009 | retro Spore | 17-May | Spore-Jpn | \$27,750 | Bunge | via ECSA | | |
| YM Opus | 81,863 | 2015 | Jorf Lasfar | 27-29 May | Skaw-Gib | \$23,000 | Cargill | via ECSA | | |
| Yasa H Mulla | 83,482 | 2011 | Gib | Beg June | Skaw-Gib | \$21,000 | Bunge | via NCSA | | |
| HSL Athens | 81,000 | 2021 | Gib | 6-7 June | China | \$36,000 | Cargill | via PDM | | |
| Balos | 82,025 | 2018 | Yantai | prompt | W-W | \$25,000 | Cargill | 10-12 mos | | |



Supramax

A redistribution of forces is currently taking place on the Supramax segment. While the week started on a mildly positive tone across both basins, it soon turned out that the Atlantic was headed for a swift comeback, to be followed by a sharp correction in the Pacific. After nineteen consecutive days of positive results and a high score \$27,720, the BSI 10 TCA slipped today into negative territory.



Pacific

In the Pacific, the market is showing signs of saturation. Having completed an impressive run during which, for the first time in decades, rates for pacific round trips outperformed by far those for transatlantic trips and backhaul trades were effectively turned into fronthauls, the regional market is now taking a breather. The Asia BSI 3TC shed 2.7% of its value w-o-w, being assessed today at \$28,045. Despite the bearish mood on inter-Pacific trades, the S3_58 (N.China to Wafr) didn't seem to soften, thereby indicating that Owners still favour regional employment. Early into the week, the 'Swan' (53,487 dwt, 2006) secured \$30,300 daily basis delivery Zhoushan for a trip via Muara Pentai to South China - CJK range with coal. This level, though, might not represent market levels anymore as yesterday we heard that a Supramax had been fixed at \$24,000 basis delivery CJK for a trip via Russia Pacific to China. On long haul employment, the 'Dionysus' (63,158 dwt, 2015) got \$31k basis delivery Tianjin for steels via S. Korea to the USG and the 'Emilia' (53,098 dwt, 2002) was fixed for bagged rice to W. Africa, excl. Nigeria, at \$30k basis delivery CJK. In contrast to the rapid changes currently being registered in Asia, the Indian Ocean seemed virtually unaffected, as most fixture reports reflected similar lvls to those seen in recent weeks.

The 'Samir' (52,454 dwt, 2005) got \$35k basis delivery Dharamtar for a trip via PG to Bangladesh and the 'Frosso K' (57,047 dwt, 2010) was reportedly gone close to \$33,000 basis delivery Colombo for a trip via WC India to the Continent with steels. On a similar fashion, little has changed in the South African submarket. The 'Newseas Crystal' (63,548 dwt, 2013) was rumoured today at \$19,750 + \$975,000 basis delivery Durban for a trip to the Far East.

Atlantic

The Atlantic continued to post strong profits throughout the week, with North America at the epicenter of a momentum buildup that created a ripple effect resonating across the pond as a bringer of stimulus to the European submarkets. The S4A 58 (USG to Skaw-Passero) gained an astonishing 34.4% w-o-w ending up today at \$26,625. On fixture reports, the 'Port Imabari' (63,475 dwt, 2019) was gone at \$30,000 daily basis delivery Savannah for a trip to the UK and the 'Ultra Passion' (63,472 dwt, 2017) fetched \$35,000 basis delivery SW Pass for a trip to the Far East. Positive developments were registered from the South Atlantic submarkets too. The 'STH Montreal' (60.362 dwt. 2018) got \$34,000 basis delivery Douala for a trip via West Africa to China and the 'Dubai Sun' (61,344 dwt, 2010) was reportedly fixed for a trip to PG at \$21,000 daily plus \$1.1 million ballast bonus basis delivery Upriver. On a transatlantic trip, the 'Genco Languedoc' (58,020 dwt, 2010) secured \$30,000 basis delivery Aratu via Argentina to the Mediterranean. The Continent appeared fairly active with a large number of fixtures, mainly on scrap exports to Turkey, being reported. On one such trade, the 'SSI Avenger' (52,949 dwt, 2004) concluded \$25,000 basis delivery Ghent. Last but not least, the Black Sea is finally waking up, with visible results on the rates that are now reaching into the 30's for eastbound trips basis delivery Mediterranean. The 'Tomini Majesty' (56,942 dwt, 2010) was heard fixed into the low \$30,000 basis delivery Taranto for a trip to Thailand with fertilizers.

Following a correction on FFA values, period rates appeared to soften. A 56k open Pacific was heard to have locked \$26k for 3-5 months trading and the 'Seagull' (58,609 dwt, 2010) was fixed at \$28k basis dely New York for 4-6 months period with redely Atlantic.

Despite the mildly positive tone across both basins early this week, the Atlantic was headed for a swift comeback, to be followed by a sharp correction in the Pacific.

| Representative Supramax Fixtures | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Vessel Name | Deadweight | Year Built | Delivery | Laycan | Redelivery | Rate | Charterers | Comment | | |
| Swan | 53,487 | 2006 | Zhoushan | 6-10 June | S.China - CJK | \$30,300 | cnr | via Muara Pantai / int. coal | | |
| Dionysus | 63,158 | 2015 | Tianjin | 28-May | US Gulf | \$31,000 | Panocean | via Korea / int. steels | | |
| Cebihan | 57,318 | 2009 | Ho Chi Minh | prompt | India | \$33,500 | Fastfreight | via Indo | | |
| Emilia | 53,098 | 2002 | CJK | end May | W. Africa | \$30,000 | cnr | int. bgd rice / excl. Nigeria | | |
| Samir | 52,454 | 2005 | Dharamtar | prompt | Bangladesh | \$35,000 | cnr | via PG | | |
| Frosso K | 57,047 | 2010 | Colombo | prompt | Continent | arnd \$33,000 | Amarante | via WCI / int. steels | | |
| Newseas Crystal | 63,548 | 2013 | S. Africa | prompt | F. East | \$19,750 + \$975k bb | cnr | | | |
| Courageous | 52,346 | 2005 | SW Pass | prompt | SE. Asia | \$27,500 | cnr | int. grains | | |
| Ultra Passion | 63,472 | 2017 | SW Pass | prompt | F. East | \$35,000 | cnr | | | |
| Port Imabari | 63,475 | 2019 | Savannah | 4-5 June | UK | \$30,000 | PCL | | | |
| STH Montreal | 60,362 | 2018 | Douala | 44354 | China | \$34,000 | Minmetals | via W. Africa | | |
| Genco Languedoc | 58,020 | 2010 | Aratu | prompt | Med | \$30,000 | cnr | via Recalada | | |
| SSI Avenger | 52,949 | 2004 | Ghent | 2-4 June | E. Med | \$25,000 | Falcon | int. scrap | | |
| Tomini Majesty | 56,942 | 2010 | Taranto | prompt | Kosichang | low \$30,000s | Evomarine | int. ferts | | |
| Seagull | 58,609 | 2010 | New York | 01-Jun | Atlantic | \$28,000 | PCL | period for 4-6 mos | | |



Handysize

A week with mixed sentiment came to an end for the Handysize. The week that ended today, started on a positive mood but it quickly took a turn especially in the Far East, and although the overall levels are still quite strong, there are some concerns building up for the immediate to mid-term future. The 7TC average came back to the top levels of 65 days ago, at \$24,170 registering a small increase of 1.9% W-o-W mostly due to the Far East drop the last couple of days. Regardless, today was the fifth highest day in 2021 as far as the index is concerned and a really long way from the same day last year when the 7TC average was 5 times less at \$4,809!



The Far East the last two days lost all the ground it gained the rest of the week and while the numbers are still strong compared to the other areas, or even worse to last year's levels, some concerns are building up in Owners' offices. The three Far East indices dropped on average a 0.3% W-o-W, but the HS5 still holds the first place on the routes' tableau at \$28,706. Australia was a rather active market, with rumours of a 36,000 dwt vessel open in S. Korea having fixed a trip via Australia to South East Asia at \$25,000 or of a 32,000 dwt open in W. Australia fixing a trip to China at a strong \$40,000. In the North we heard of a 28,000 dwt ship fixing a trip to SE Asia at a rather strong \$26,000. Indian Ocean was for another week active, seemingly clueless about Covid or Typhoons and Monsoons. Marker sources reported a 34,000 dwt ship fixing a rice cargo from Yangon to Continent at \$22,750 and a 28,000 dwt fixing a WCI to Colombo grains at \$28,000. For next week, most people wish that the last couple of days were just a minor correction and that the market will not surprise us all. It remains to be seen.

Atlantic

In the Atlantic the market moved into higher ground this past week and as a result the average of the 4 indices gained 4.8% W-o-W, with the HS3 leading the pack at 5.4% and moving up in the 2nd place of the highest routes list at \$27,894. With that in mind it was of no surprise that ECSA fixtures that surfaced were rather strong. Like a 38,700 dwt lady that fixed from Santos a trip to Caribs at \$29,500, which was topped only for a trip fixed for a WCSA direction. Next week we expect market to keep moving into higher ground. Further North in the USG, the index moved 4.5% or \$850 W-o-W higher this week, something that it was expected when a lot more activity and fixtures were done, quite more than what we have seen the last few weeks from the area. A lot of grains and mostly aid cargo to all around Africa, along with the usual woodpellets pushed the numbers upwards. Next week we expect market to keep moving on this direction. Across the pond the Continent market kept moving slowly and mostly on the backing of the scrap movements. Large handies are easily getting \$18,000 for scrap down to Turkey, somewhat less than the previous weeks, but relatively healthy still. We also heard of a 28,000dwt ship getting \$16,000 for a grain cargo down to S. Africa. Next week we expect again a balanced market. Finally the Med/Bl. Sea area moved higher than expected with a lot more activity present. A lot of grain cargoes put the, low on tonnage, market under a stress and pushed the levels higher. A 38,900 dwt was reportedly trading a cargo to USG at a stronger than last week \$25,000 and also a 34,000 dwt fixing from Adriatic 2 legs with redelivery Far East at \$23,000. Next week we expect market to keep on the same track.

On the period desk we had again a busy week. Indicatively 'Sun Aquamarine' (32,300 dwt, 2008) fixed 1 year period within Atlantic but excluding W. Africa at \$15,000 from Dakar and 'Paiwan Wisdom' (31,967 dwt, 2010) fixed 4/6 months from S. Japan with W. Wide redelivery excluding India at \$25,000.

Today was the fifth highest market day in 2021 with the index at 1343 and the 7TC average at \$24,170.

| Representative Handysize Fixtures | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Vessel Name | Deadweight | Year Built | Delivery | Laycan | Redelivery | Rate | Charterers | Comment | | |
| Bunun Hero | 37,811 | 2015 | Zhoushan | prompt | China | \$25,200 | cnr | concs via Indonesia | | |
| Thalis | 37,189 | 2012 | Antonina | prompt | Continent | \$25,000 | WBC | via Plate | | |
| Dodo | 39,017 | 2013 | Recalada | prompt | WCSA | \$32,000 | LDC | | | |
| Clipper Talent | 30,475 | 2009 | Antwerp | prompt | E.Med | \$19,500 | Weco | scrap | | |
| Michalis | 33,723 | 2011 | Abu Qir | prompt | Span Med | \$23,500 | ТКВ | via Bl. Sea | | |
| Navios Lyra | 34,718 | 2012 | Taranto | prompt | Haiti | \$20,000 | Cargill | bgd cement | | |
| Strategic Unity | 39,821 | 2014 | Texas City | prompt | Greece | \$22,000 | Bulk Trading | | | |
| Nile Confidante | 37,405 | 2012 | Houston | prompt | S. Africa | \$25,000 | Sealift | | | |



Sale & Purchase

The freight market rolls on mightily like a freight train, and as a result 2nd hand assets are tagged with firm asking prices by sellers and are highly sought after by many buyers. And it seems that we have arrived at a nice intersection, with sales activity that leaves both sellers and buyers satisfied, the former seeing nice earnings on their assets (and definitely in ligt of the slide we witnessed in 2020), and the latter finding entry into this hot market (albeit a pricey one). The dynamic has certainly changed drastically in the last 5 months or so. Once upon a time, in the 2nd half of 2020, buyers were keen to snatch up cheap assets, with some venturing past their comfort zone and pondering/making acquisitions of larger vessels; falling prices allowed them to use their allotted budget for something bigger. But now, with prices moving in the other direction, buyers express their faith and interest in the prevailing freight market by paying the higher price of admission or tweak their expectations and target vessels by moving down in age or size. And there are those not moving at all, whether the reason is inability to make an acquisition, unwillingness to pay the present premium, or even remaining scepticism regarding the market's buoyancy.

In real action, starting from the Capes, Greek-based outfit Seanergy purportedly struck for yet another time this year in the second-hand arena, acquiring the bwts and scrubber fitted "Australia Maru" (180k dwt, Koyo, Jpn, 2012) for \$ 33.7 mio; price depicts a slight upturn in comparison to the "last done" of the "Eibhlin". The "Mineral Kyoto" (180k dwt, Koyo, Jpn, 2004) was sold for \$15.5 mio (vessel is scrubber

committed to undisclosed interests for \$ 16.5 mio, a tick north of the benchmark set by sister "Bottiglieri Challenger" at the end of April.

In the Kmax/Pmax segment, the Tess 82 "Ioanna L" (82k dwt, Tsuneishi, Jpn, 2017) was reported sold to Greek interest for \$ 29.5 mio, while Japanese buyers secured the "Twinkle Island" (82k dwt, Tsuneishi, Japan, 2012) for \$ 21 mio – prices is in line with the levels fetched by same-aged sister "Tangerine Island" last week.

On another note, the "Sorocco" (78k dwt, Sanoyas, Japan, 2008) was reported sold for \$ 15.5 mio to undisclosed buyers; as a reminder, the one year younger, bwts fitted, sister "Pantera Rosa" had gone for \$13mio back at the beginning of the year.

Moving down the totem pole, undisclosed buyers have committed the "Darya Laksmi" (55k dwt, Mitsui, Japan, 2009) for \$ 14.2 mio, in line with the levels obtained by the "Indigo Traveller" last week. The Vietnamese built "Archagelos Michael" (53k dwt, Ha Long, Vietnam, 2007) changed hands for \$ 8.2 mio.

In the Handies, the modern large "Dry Beam Neo" (38k dwt, Shin Kochi, japan, 2019) found a new home for a price in the region of \$24 mio. The BWTS fitted "Sredna Gora" (37k dwt, Huatai, China, 2010) was committed to Greek interests for a competitive \$ 11.6 mio.In an enbloc transaction, Greek buyers reportedly acquired a handy trio, namely the "Orient Adventure" (33k dwt, Samjin, China, 2011), "Orient Alliance" (33k dwt, Samjin, China, 2011) and "Manzanillo" (34k dwt, SPP, S. Korea, 2010) – terms of the agreements have not been yet disclosed, however we understand the sale included TCs attached. Elsewhere, Taylor's buying spree continues as another 28k Handy sale is brought to the surface; reports pointing to Taylor as the

fitted), whereas in an old sale that has now come into light, the "Phoenix Beauty" (170k dwt, Sungdong, S.Korea, 2010) changed hands for a competitive \$ 23.5 mio – sources show Minerva as the new owners. The Post–Panamax "Bottiglieri Sophie Green" (93k dwt, Jiangsu, PRC, 2011) was

And it seems that we have arrived at a nice intersection, with sales activity that leaves both sellers and buyers satisfied, the former seeing nice earnings on their assets, and the latter finding entry into this hot market new owner of "Leap Hart" (28k dwt, Imabari, Japan, 2012) for a price in the region of \$ 10 mio, right on par with the "Loveland Isalnd" and the "Crystal Island" concluded last week. Finally, smaller unit "Magnate" (18k

dwt, Yamanishi, Jpn, 2004) ended up to Chinese buyers for \$ 4.6 mio.

| Reported Recent S&P Activity | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|------|----------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Vessel Name | DWT | Built | Yard/Country | Pric | e \$Mil. | Buyer | Comments | | | |
| Grand Venture | 206,296 | 2005 | Imabari/Japan | | 16 | Greek buyers | | | | |
| Australia Maru | 181,415 | 2012 | Koyo Mihara/Japan | | 33.7 | Greek buyers | BWTS fitted & scrubber fitted | | | |
| Mineral Kyoto | 180,310 | 2004 | Koyo Mihara/Japan | mid | 15 | Undisclosed buyers | scrubber fitted | | | |
| Phoenix Beauty | 169,150 | 2010 | Sungdong S./S.Korea | mid | 23 | Greek buyers | BWTS fitted / old sale | | | |
| Bottiglieri Sophie Green | 93,283 | 2011 | Jiangsu Newyangzi/China | | 16.6 | Undisclosed buyers | | | | |
| Xiao May | 85,200 | 2021 | Chengxi/China | mid | 28 | Undisclosed buyers | | | | |
| Ioanna L | 81,837 | 2017 | Tsuneishi Zhoushan/China | | 29 | Greek buyers | BWTS fitted | | | |
| Twinkle Island | 82,265 | 2012 | Tsuneishi/Japan | | 21 | Japanese buyers | | | | |
| Countess I | 79,235 | 2013 | Jiangsu Eastern | | 18.85 | Chinese buyers | Tier II / ice class 1C | | | |
| Soroco | 78,888 | 2008 | Sanoyas/Japan | mid | 15 | Undisclosed buyers | | | | |
| New Emperor | 76,585 | 2006 | Imabari/Japan | | 12 | Undisclosed buyers | SS/DD due 08/21 | | | |
| Blessed Luck | 76,704 | 2004 | Sasebo/Japan | rge | 12.5 | Undisclosed buyers | BWTS fitted | | | |
| Rosalia D'Amato | 74,716 | 2001 | Hudong-Zhonghua/China | | 5.6 | Chinese buyers | damaged | | | |
| Dalian Cosco KHI DE107 | 61,000 | 2022 | DACKS/China | | 29.2 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 30 | | | |
| Guo Qiang 8 | 63,376 | 2018 | Guangzhou Huangpu/China | | 23 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 30 / Tier II - BWTS fitted | | | |
| GH Seabird | 63,553 | 2016 | Yangfan/China | mid | 21 | Greek buyers | C 4 x 30 | | | |
| Neo Beachwood | 61,418 | 2011 | lwagi/Japan | | 16.7 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 31 - SS/DD/BWTS due | | | |
| Indigo Traveller | 55,596 | 2011 | Mitsui Tamano/Japan | | 15.8 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 30 / BWTS fitted / subject IPO | | | |
| Archagelos Michael | 53,460 | 2007 | Ha Long/Vietnam | | 8.2 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 36 | | | |
| Hua Rong 5 | 52,713 | 2012 | Zhejiang Donghong/China | | 11.34 | Chinese buyers | C 4 x 30 | | | |
| Tai Hawk | 52,686 | 2004 | Oshima/Japan | | 10.8 | Chinese buyers | C 4 x 30 / BWTS fitted | | | |
| Fushun | 48,224 | 1997 | Oshima/Japan | mid | 6 | Chinese buyers | C 4 x 25 | | | |
| Nordrubicon | 37,985 | 2016 | Ouhua/China | | 18.28 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 30 / subject IPO | | | |
| Basic Rainbow | 38,468 | 2011 | Minami-Nippon/Japan | | 14.4 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 30 / subject IPO | | | |
| Sredna Gora | 37,302 | 2010 | Huatai/China | | 11.6 | Greek buyers | C 4 x 30 / BWTS fitted | | | |
| Crystal Island | 28,228 | 2011 | Shimanami/Japan | | 9.6 | Undisclosed buyers | C 4 x 30.5 / BWTS fitted | | | |
| Mir | 28,493 | 1990 | Imabari/Japan | | 2.02 | Chinese buyers | C 4 x 30.5 / auction sale | | | |
| Beagle VII | 16,822 | 2007 | Kanasashi HI/Japan | | 5.85 | Undisclosed buyers | C 3 x 30.7 | | | |
| Magnate | 18,828 | 2004 | Yamanishi/Japan | | 4.6 | Chinese buyers | C 3 x 30.5 | | | |
| Apollo Troth | 10,255 | 2010 | Shin Kurushima/Japan | | 4.1 | Chinese buyers | C 2 x 30.7 / D 1 x 30 | | | |

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