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Results in sight

The people united will never be defeated.

Anyone witnessing a demonstration in the United States will know of these powerful words, chanted by protesters demanding social or political changes. This year, the most vociferous voices have been those raising their anger at the distribution of wealth in the country, calling for a more equitable share between the haves and the have-nots.

A generation ago, it was the symbolic figurehead of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who came to epitomize the anger, and the hope, of disenfranchised people in the United States and around the world.

Back then, a photograph was taken of him and his wife Coretta Scott King. That very photograph was this year given as a token of appreciation to John Lewis, the Senator from Georgia and a legendary Civil Rights activist, when visiting Oslo on September 28th on an international campaign rally.

“Democracy is a powerful message of non-violence,” John Lewis said, summarizing his life-long commitment to the movement.

These ideas have this year spread with surprising speed and force, not only in the US and Europe but particularly in the Middle East. Exactly one year ago, a Tunisian vendor set himself on fire in protest against the authoritarian regime, igniting a wave of protests also in the Egyptian Tahrir Square, moving to Tripoli and to Teheran. Several authoritarian regimes have since been toppled, but the political future of these countries and the region as a whole are by no means certain. Either the Arab Spring could result in a pro-democratic development, as the impatient youths have been calling for, or the protests could backslash into chaos and repressive measures taken by government or anti-government forces.

The development of civil society is, if not a prerequisite, then at least a strong foundation for

commerce and free trade. A civil society built on the rule of law, transparency and participation will, in most cases, also be open for business and encourage movements of goods and services.



The WTO accepted Russia to its company. Source: AFP / EastNews

Twenty years ago, the Soviet Union collapsed when a coup by hardliners were defeated, marking the start of modern Russia.

This week-end, on December 16th, the World Trade Organization met in Geneva to pave the way for Russia's entry into the WTO.

According to Russian press reports, the ministerial conference of the WTO meeting confirmed the protocol for Russia's WTO membership. Now the only step remaining for Russia's accession is an approval of the protocol by the Russian State Duma within 220 days. The decision by the ministerial conference has brought to an end 18 years of negotiation.

A WTO membership for Russia will integrate the world's largest country into international trade that will have large repercussions on oil and gas production, energy exports and building of infrastructure. It also marks a commitment to upholding and strengthening international relations at a critical time in world affairs. As such, a WTO membership would be stating clearly that Russia needs the world, and the world needs Russia.

Have a continued nice week-end!

Nicolai Hansteen

**DRY**

SMX (max. 15 yr. old craned) grabber	Last Week (USD/day)	This week (USD/day)
T/A r/v	11 000	10 750
Pac. r/v	6 000	6 000
Cont./F.East	27 000	26 000
F.East/Europe	2 500	3 000
12 mos T/C 52,000 dwt	11 500	11 250

Supramax Pacific

Another quiet week in the pacific basin with the ships fixing at very low levels. The Amoy Action a 57000 dwt open Bayuquan ended up fixing USD 2250 for a trip via Indonesia to India.

There was slightly more activity for short period but those levels also remained very low.

Spot Fixtures

'Rea' 2003 53125 dwt dely retro Tonda 4 December trip via Nopac redel Philippines \$9500 daily - Quandra

'Mandarin Eagle' 2008 57000 dwt dely aps Samarinda 7/10 December trip redel India \$8000 daily + \$95000 bb - Klaveness

'Ingrid C' 2009 57000 dwt dely aps Indonesia spot trip redel India \$8000 daily + \$80000 bb - Oldendorff

'Heilan Aroma' 2011 56878 dwt dely aps Indonesia 10/12 December trip redel S.China \$6500 daily + \$95000 bb - Bluefield

'Desert Condor' 2009 56000 dwt dely aps Indonesia 10/12 December trip redel Thailand \$7000 daily + \$70000 bb - D'Amico

'Captain Andreadis' 2009 58760 dwt dely Indonesia 12/15 December trip redel S China \$8000 daily + \$100000 bb - cnr

'Amoy Action' 2010 57000 dwt dely Bayuquan spot trip via Indonesia redel India \$2250 daily - Harmony Innovation

'Kang Chang' 2001 52828 dwt dely aps Vancouver end December trip redel Singapore-Japan \$7000 daily + \$300000 bb - Norden

'U-Lucky' 2011 57000 dwt dely Tianjin spot trip via Se Asia redel China intention nickel ore \$5250 daily - cnr

Period Fixtures

'Equinox Dream' 2011 58000 dwt dely Lanshan spot 4/6 months trading redel worldwide \$11300 daily - Cargill

'Fratzis Star' 2005 53533 dwt dely aps Kaohsiung 13/16 December 3/5 months trading redel worldwide \$10000 daily - Daewoo Logistics

'Seapace' 2010 57000 dwt dely Rizhao spot approx 3/5 months trading redel worldwide \$9000 daily - Hudson

'Navios Astra' 2002 52382 dwt dely aps Weipa end December 90/140 days trading redel worldwide \$10500 daily + \$250000 bb - Gearbulk

Supramax Atlantic

Have the holidays come early?

A very quiet week across all areas of the Atlantic this week. Cargo seems to be paying too low levels for owners to move. Some forward business is being done, but on the prompt side it seems like no one are too keen on moving at the rates that are being shown. And the fixtures done are a sign of "need to cover".

South Atlantic still slow with far east tonnage quoting South Africa ETA's. USG are a touch



softer even though we have seen some high levels period and fronthaul fixing.

The Med and Black Sea area is also showing weaker signs and the continent stays fairly strong, but the scrap and fertz are paying low levels.

Fixtures

'Kastro' 2008 58780 dwt dely EC South America mid December trip redel Singapore-Japan approx \$18500 + abt \$350000 bb - STX Pan Ocean

'Ci Yun Shan' 2010 57000 dwt dely USGulf mid December trip redel Italy approx \$26250 daily - STX Pan Ocean

'Maroudio' 2003 56026 dwt dely aps Santana spot trip redel Singapore-Japan \$21000 daily + \$400000 bb - Pacific Bulk

'Hanjin Marugame' 2008 28343 dwt dely Up River 15/24 Dec trip redel Algeria \$15000 daily - cnr

'Stellar Eagle' 2009 55989 dwt dely USGulf spot trip redel EC Mexico intention pet coke approx \$18000 daily - cnr

'Royal Flush' 2010 56726 dwt dely USGulf spot about 3/5 months trading redel worldwide \$25000 daily - HBC - <fixed about a week ago

PANAMAX

Modern Panamax	Last Week (USD/day)	This Week (USD/day)
Trans Atlantic r/v	15 300	15 500
Pacific r/v	10 000	11 500
Trip Atl./F.East	25 000	25 250
Trip F.East/Atl.	3 200	3 500
12 mos. T/C	12 000	12 000

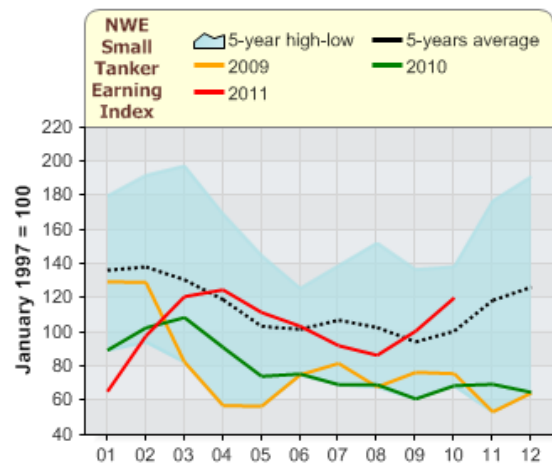
CAPE SIZE

Capesize	Last Week (USD/mt)	This Week (USD/mt)
Del.Cont.-Med. TCT F.East	54 000	54 500
Del. Gib-Hbg T/A r/v	31 000	32 000
Del.China-Jpn TCT Cont.-Med.	6 200	6 500
F.East r/v	26 000	32 000
One year T/C 170,000 dwt	16 500	16 500

TANKER

INTERMEDIATE/FLEXI (10/25,000 DWT) NWE

Outlook: Steady



CLEAN

Clean outlook: Steady

	Last Week	This Week	Average earnings
Handy/MR	(WS)	(WS)	This week (USD/day)
37.000 CONT/USAC R/V	155	166	9 250
25.000 CROSS UKC R/V	220	223	15 650
27.500 MED/UKCM R/V	185	200	15 150
28.500 CARIBS/USAC R/V	160	153	3 400
33.000 MEG/JAPAN R/V	185	175	8 000
30.000 SPORE/JAPAN R/V	158	155	5 750
LR1/LR2			
70.000 CONT/USAC R/V	120	120	9 800
55.000 MEG/JAPAN R/V	127	128	6 850

**DIRTY**

Crude outlook: Steady

	Last Week	This Week	Average earnings
VLCC	(WS)	(WS)	This week (USD/day)
MT 290.000 MEG/Continent	38	38	4 100
MT 250.000 MEG/Japan	59	58	7 750
Suezmax			
MT 130.000 WAF/USG	83	83	14 900
MT 130.000 Sidi Kerir/Lavera	80	88	13 050
Aframax			
80.000 N.Sea/USAC	108	120	17 500
80.000 N.Sea/UK-Cont	96	133	26 150
80.000 MEG/Singapore	115	115	11 900
70.000 Caribs/USAC-G	104	100	6 900
Panamax			
50.000 Caribs/USG	128	125	8 400

GAS

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**SALE & PURCHASE**

BULKERS							
TYPE	NAME	DWT	BUILT	YARD	BUYER	MUSD	COMMENT
CAPE	PACIFIC FORTUNE	171,075	2004	Hyundai Heavy	Swiss Marine	31,5	
CAPE	DAPHNE	169,159	2000	Samho	Swiss Marine	25	
PMAX	MAR REINA	72,474	1998	Sasebo	Greek	15,6	
PMAX	B INDONESIA	70,424	1990	Hyundai Heavy	Chinese	7,8	C4x25
HMAX	STAR SEA BULKER	42,717	1997	Ishikawajima	Greek	10,3	
MPP	CB CONFIDENCE	16,248	1986	Aesa Sevilla	Undisc	3,25	

TANKER								
TYPE	NAME	DWT	BUILT	YARD	BUYER	MUSD	IMO	COMMENT
VLCC	AROSA	291,381	1993	Hitachi Zosen	Nathalin Group	23,5		For conversion
AMAX	SUMITOMO 1372	104,28	2012	Sumitomo	Undisclosed	43,5		Samos Steamship
LR1	NEWLEAD FORTUNE	73,495	2004	New Century	BW Group			
LR1	NEWLEAD AVRA	73,400	2004	New Century	BW Group	145		En bloc
LR1	NEWLEAD COMPASSION	72,782	2006	New Century	BW Group			
LR1	NEWLEAD COMPASS	72,768	2006	New Century	BW Group			
MR	SELENDANG PARMATA	45,974	1997	Dalian	Undisclosed	7,5	II	
MR	TAMBOV	40,727	1996	Brodosplit	Undisclosed	11,2	III	