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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	2024 avg. rate	10 day trend
VLCC, 270	AG-FE		47,700	42,400	
Suezmax, 130	WAF-UKC		56,000	49,300	
Aframax, 70	CAR-USG		132,100	84,200	
Panamax, 50	CAR-USG		68,700	52,400	

CLEAN TANKER (KT - \$/day)		Voyage	Spot TCE earnings	2024 avg. rate	10 day trend
MR, 37	UKC-USAC		13,400	9,900	
MR, 38	USG-UKC		15,900	17,500	
LR1, 55	AG-FE		35,500	31,500	
LR2, 75	AG-FE		40,100	38,200	

TIME CHARTER (KDW)		1yr eco vessel rate (\$/day)	Yearly trend	Newbuild price (\$M)	Secondhand 5yr old price (\$M)
VLCC, 200+		53,000		130.0	105.0
Suezmax, 130-200		49,000		83.0	78.0
Aframax, 80-130		46,500		70.0	70.0
LR2, 80-130		46,500		72.0	72.0
LR1, 60-80		37,500		57.0	52.0
MR, 42-60		30,500		47.0	45.0
Handymax, 30-42		28,500		42.0	35.0

US FLAG (KT - \$/day)		Voyage	Weekly spot rate	2024 avg. rate	10 week trend
Handy, 38	USG-USAC		85,007	84,976	

LNG (\$/day) as of 12-January-2024		Weekly spot rate	Sentiment	Current month rate	2024 avg. rate
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (West)		70,000	Decreasing	80,000	80,000
138-150M3 Steam turbine (West)		55,000	Decreasing	57,500	57,500
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)		60,000	Decreasing	67,500	67,500
138-150M3 Steam turbine (East)		40,000	Decreasing	45,000	45,000

LNG Spot Index Assessment - Baltic		Spot rate (\$/day)	Last Price	Δ Prior assessment day close
BLNG1g (Gladstone / Tokyo RV)		44,880	47,551	↓ -2,671
BLNG2g (Sabine / UK Cont RV)		52,711	63,380	↓ -10,669
BLNG3g (Sabine / Tokyo RV)		56,180	66,323	↓ -10,143

LNG Spot Index Assessment - Spark		Spot rate (\$/day)	Last Price	Δ Prior assessment day close
Spark255 (NWS / Tianjin)		61,250	62,000	↓ -750
Spark305 (Sabine Pass / Gate)		58,000	60,250	↓ -2,250

LPG (KT)		Spot rate (\$/mt)	Spot TCE rate (\$/day)
VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)		64.05	42.887

BUNKERS (\$/mt)		VLSFO	10 day trend	HSFO	MGO
US Gulf		584.0		466.0	801.0
Rotterdam		542.0		435.0	768.0
Singapore		601.0		452.0	777.0

DEVELOPMENTS

Oil prices rise on strong IEA and OPEC demand estimates. Oil prices rose on Thursday as the IEA joined producer group OPEC in forecasting relatively strong growth in global oil demand this year, with price impetus also coming from disruption to U.S. output and geopolitical risks in the Middle East. Brent crude futures gained 31 cents, or 0.4%, to \$78.19 a barrel by 1411 GMT while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose 60 cents, or 0.8%, to \$73.16. Reuters January 18, 2024

China boosted crude oil storage in December, to keep filling tanks. China boosted the volume of crude oil being stockpiled in December as lower prices encouraged refiners to lift imports and maintain high levels of throughput at their plants. About 1.39 million barrels per day (bpd) were added to inventories in December, up sharply from about 20,000 bpd in November and the highest flows to storage tanks since June last year. Reuters January 18, 2024

German Enviros Seeking to Prevent Venture Global's CP2 LNG Approval. German environmental groups are urging FERC to deny authorization for Venture Global LNG Inc.'s CP2 LNG project, calling a further buildout of U.S. export capacity a threat to each country's climate goals. Natural Gas Intelligence January 18, 2024

Deep Freeze Forces US LNG Exporters to Cancel, Delay Cargoes. The recent freeze across Texas and Louisiana disrupted scheduled exports of US liquefied natural gas, temporarily tightening some supply of the heating and power-plant fuel. Bloomberg News January 17, 2024

Ksi Lisims LNG signs first sale and purchase agreement. This is a major step for the Ksi Lisims LNG Limited Partnership (Ksi Lisims LNG), a co-development of the Nisga'a Nation, Rockies LNG Limited Partnership and Western LNG LLC, which will utilise cutting-edge floating LNG production units constructed by Samsung Heavy Industries. Lloyd's List January 18, 2024

John Fredriksen's Flex LNG picks up two-year charter extension with 'super major' BP. John Fredriksen's Flex LNG has locked away one of its 13 LNG carriers until 2027 after a major trading house confirmed a charter extension. Flex said a "super major" has exercised its first extension option on the 173,400-cbm Flex Resolute (built 2020). TradeWinds News January 18, 2024

COMMODITIES, (8:30 am CT)

CRUDE	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
Brent	ICE	\$/bbl	78.31	↑ 0.43
WTI	NYMEX	\$/bbl	73.23	↑ 0.67

PRODUCTS	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
RBOB Gasoline	NYMEX	¢/gal	214.67	↑ 1.13
Heating Oil	NYMEX	¢/gal	266.86	↑ 1.50

NATURAL GAS	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
US Henry Hub	NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	2.74	↓ -0.13
UK National Balancing Point	ICE	\$/MMBtu	8.82	↑ 0.16

NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS	Source	Last Price (¢/gal)	Last Price (\$/mt)	Δ Prior day close (¢/gal)
US Mont Belvieu Propane (Spot)	NYMEX	79.82	415.88	↑ 3.00

PRICE SPREADS (\$/bbl)	Source	Last price	Δ Prior day close
ICE RBOB Gasoline/Brent Crack Spread	ICE	12.80	0.02

WEBINARS & EVENTS

BI Panel Webinar - Poten's 2024 LNG Outlook | January 24. Last year saw a continuation of the high level of activity that we witnessed in 2022, with tens of millions of tons of new contracts and several new FIDs. Warm weather and sluggish demand in Asia combined to keep prices under control and while the current winter is colder than last year, inventories appear to be holding up well. As we reflect on the dynamic LNG landscape of 2023, Poten invites you to join our LNG analysts for an insightful panel discussion on the prospects and challenges shaping the LNG industry in 2024.

- How active was 2023 in terms of new contracts and what is the commercial outlook for 2024?
- Will we continue to see a heightened level of deal-making and continued progress on new liquefaction projects?
- Even without many new FIDs in 2024, are we overbuilding capacity?
- What is the outlook for key countries that have been driving demand? Will Chinese demand pick up? Will European demand continue to grow?

MARKETS, (8:30 am CT)

EQUITIES		Region/Country	Last value	Δ Prior day close
S&P 500		United States	3,842.93	↓ -1.89
FTSE 100		United Kingdom	7,454.11	↑ 7.82
DAX		Germany	16,562.78	↑ 131.09

CURRENCIES		Region/Country	Last value	Δ Prior day close
£/\$		United Kingdom	1.27	↓ 0.00
€/\$		European Union	1.09	↓ 0.00
\$/JPY ¥		Japan	148.17	↑ 0.02
\$/CNY ¥		China	7.20	↑ 0.00

