



SHIPPING RATES & BUNKERS (10:10 am ET)

DIRTY TANKER (KT - \$/day)	Voyage	Spot TCE earnings	2018 avg. rate	10 day trend
VLCC, 270	AG-FE	10,700	8,200	
Suezmax, 130	WAF-UKC	5,800	200	
Aframax, 70	CAR-USG	7,300	5,000	
Panamax, 50	CAR-USG	8,500	6,800	
CLEAN TANKER (KT - \$/day)	Voyage	Spot TCE earnings	2018 avg. rate	10 day trend
MR, 37	UKC-USAC	6,700	9,300	
MR, 38	USG-UKC	(3,000)	2,600	
TIME CHARTER (KDWT)	1yr eco vessel rate (\$/day)	Yearly trend	Newbuild price (\$M)	Secondhand 5yr old price (\$M)
VLCC, 200+	25,000		88.0	61.5
Suezmax, 130-200	18,000		60.0	40.0
Aframax, 80-130	15,000		48.0	29.5
LR2, 80-130	15,250		50.0	30.5
LR1, 60-80	14,000		42.0	29.0
MR, 42-60	14,750		36.0	26.5
Handymax, 30-42	12,750		33.0	23.0
US FLAG (KT - \$/day)	Voyage	Weekly spot rate	2018 avg. rate	10 week trend
Handy, 38	USG-USAC	66,948	63,707	
LNG (\$/day)	Weekly spot rate	Sentiment	Current month rate	2018 avg. rate
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (West)	47,000	Increasing	45,667	64,600
138-150M3 Steam turbine (West)	33,000	Increasing	31,667	42,500
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)	36,000	Increasing	35,333	53,800
138-150M3 Steam turbine (East)	26,000	Increasing	25,333	33,950
LPG (KT)	Last posted spot rate (\$/mt)	Spot TCE rate (\$/day)	1yr time charter rate (\$/day)	
VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)	29.64	4,934	16,447	
BUNKERS (\$/mt)	IFO 380	10 day trend	MDO	10 day trend
US Gulf	445.5		696.5	
Rotterdam	441.0		664.0	
Singapore	460.5		698.5	

DEVELOPMENTS

Kansai Electric Power to cut LNG purchases as it opts for nuclear power. Before the Fukushima nuclear disaster in 2011, the Japanese utility was predominantly reliant on nuclear power. Of the eight reactors that have resumed generating power in Japan – a fifth of available units – four were from Kansai Electric. On the whole, the company has seven reactors. Kansai has boosted its nuclear plant utilization rate to a six-year high of 18% in 2017/18, after three-years of virtually zero usage. This has contributed to a reduction in its LNG consumption of 16.3%, down to 7.56 MT. The company will focus first on reducing its spot and short-term volumes, which now account for 20%. It will increase the ratio of nuclear, hydro and renewables in its power generation mix up from roughly 25% to more than 50% in the coming years. [Reuters May 25, 2018](#)

Russia discusses 1 mbpd production rise with Saudi Arabia. In a meeting held in St Petersburg last night, energy ministers from both countries talked about loosening their commitments to the 17 month-old deal between OPEC members and others which has raised prices. With production from Venezuela falling and concerns over Iran's production rising, some producers have called for easing the deal as prices near \$80 bbl. The group will meet on June 22 in Vienna and decide how to proceed. [FT May 25, 2018](#)

National average gasoline prices rise to near \$3/gal. gal ahead of Memorial Day. Gasoline prices averaged \$2.92/gal. nationally on May 21, up from last year's \$2.40/gal. ahead of the holiday. This stems from a combination of rising crude oil spot prices, higher gasoline demand and falling gasoline inventories. Prices are projected to be higher this summer compared to last as the EIA expects Brent crude to be an average of \$22 bbl higher. [EIA May 25, 2018](#)

Eni looks to solar. Italian oil major Eni is working on a joint bid for Terra Firma's solar assets in Italy with Qatar Petroleum. Private equity investor Terra Firma is looking to sell its RTR solar portfolio in Italy in a deal that is expected to attract more than \$1.2B. [Reuters May 25, 2018](#)

Rosneft to supply Ghana and Mongolia with energy. The Russian oil major announced it is signing long-term contracts worth \$2.1B to supply gasoline and diesel fuel to the largest Mongolian importers of oil products. Further, it signed a package of documents to deliver LNG to the port of Tema in Ghana. Under the terms, Rosneft will supply 1.7 Mmta of LNG in a 12-year deal. [Reuters May 25, 2018](#)

COMMODITIES, (9:40 am ET)

CRUDE	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
Brent	ICE	\$/bbl	77.05	↓ -1.74
WTI	NYMEX	\$/bbl	68.87	↓ -1.84
Dubai (Spot)	Bloomberg	\$/bbl	74.12	↓ -1.62
PRODUCTS	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
RBOB Gasoline	NYMEX	¢/gal	219.28	↓ -4.10
Heating Oil	NYMEX	¢/gal	222.54	↓ -4.13
NATURAL GAS	Source	Unit	Last price	Δ Prior day close
US Henry Hub	NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	2.95	↑ 0.01
UK National Balancing Point	ICE	\$/MMBtu	7.43	↓ -0.22
NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS	Source	Last Price (¢/gal)	Last Price (\$/mt)	Δ Prior day close (¢/gal)
US Mont Belvieu Propane (Spot)	Bloomberg	95.63	498.49	↑ 0.75
PRICE SPREADS (\$/bbl)	Source	Last price	Δ Prior day close	
Brent 3-2-1 Crack	ICE	15.29	↑ 0.02	

MARKET ANALYSIS

Asphalt: Rockies retail price assessments firmed in some areas last week. May wholesale prices were steady.

LPG: Spot propane and butane prices in the ARA region in Europe have risen \$99 pmt and \$80.5 pmt respectively in just a 6-week period as a combination of bullish crude runs, lower domestic supply and flat US imports have pushed up paper and physical.

Saudi Arabia suggests Aramco IPO likely to take place in 2019.

Oil prices fall behind as Russia and Saudi Arabia consider boosting output.

European shares pulled lower by autos stocks.

MARKETS, (9:40 am ET)

EQUITIES	Region/Country	Last value	Δ Prior day close
S&P 500	United States	2,727.76	↓ -5.53
FTSE 100	United Kingdom	7,710.29	↓ -6.45
DAX	Germany	12,899.84	↑ 44.75
Nikkei	Japan	22,450.79	↑ 13.78
SH Composite	China	3,141.30	↓ -13.35
CURRENCIES	Region/Country	Last value	Δ Prior day close
£/\$	United Kingdom	1.33	↓ -0.01
€/€	European Union	1.17	↓ -0.01
\$/¥	Japan	109.26	↓ -0.01
\$/¥	China	6.39	↑ 0.01

POTEN EVENTS

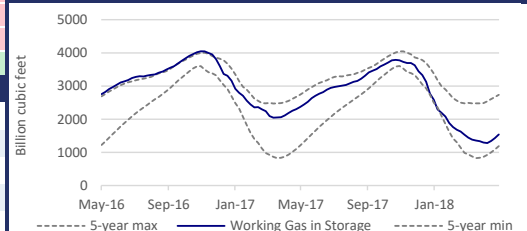
WORLD EVENTS

June: 18-19: LNG101 Energy for a Cleaner Future, Poten Training in with New York University School of Professional Studies.

May 25: Baker Hughes Rig Count, 1:00pm, ET.

May 31: EIA Natural Gas s Report, 10:30am, ET.

EIA US WORKING NATURAL GAS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE (May, 2016 - May, 2018)



MAY POSTED / SPOT PRICES (\$/mt)	Propane	Butane
Saudi Aramco	500.00	505.00
Sonatrach	470.00	485.00
OPIs North Sea	462.00	458.50
Spot AG	583.00	583.00
CFR Japan	596.75	597.50