# Tankers & Dry Bulk market update

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# Trends Shaping the Shipping Industry



**Geopolitical Shifts** 

How global events reshaped trade flows and disrupted key shipping routes.



Fleet Dynamics

The influence of fleet growth and reduced scrapping on freight rates.



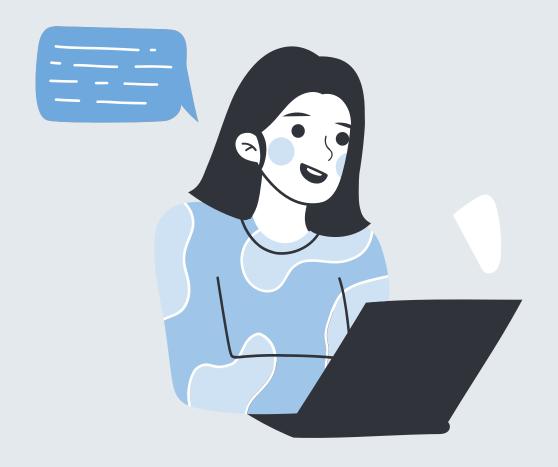
Supply & Demand

Which market is balanced in the short term in terms of supply / demand?



Resilient Valuations

Analyzing the stability of ship prices amidst market challenges.



# **Geopolitical Shifts**

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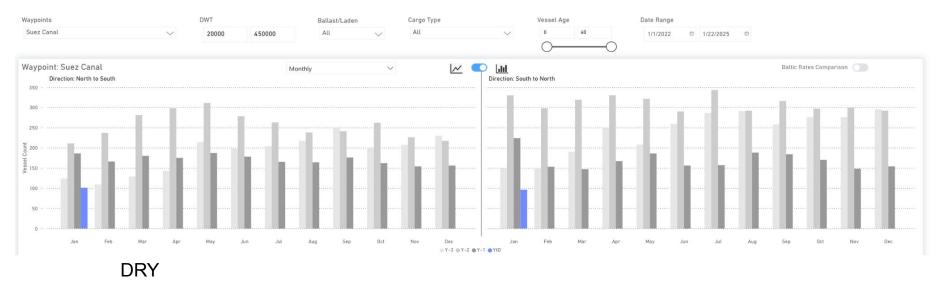
# The global freight market influenced by geopolitical challenges





## **Suez Canal example**

#### **TANKERS**



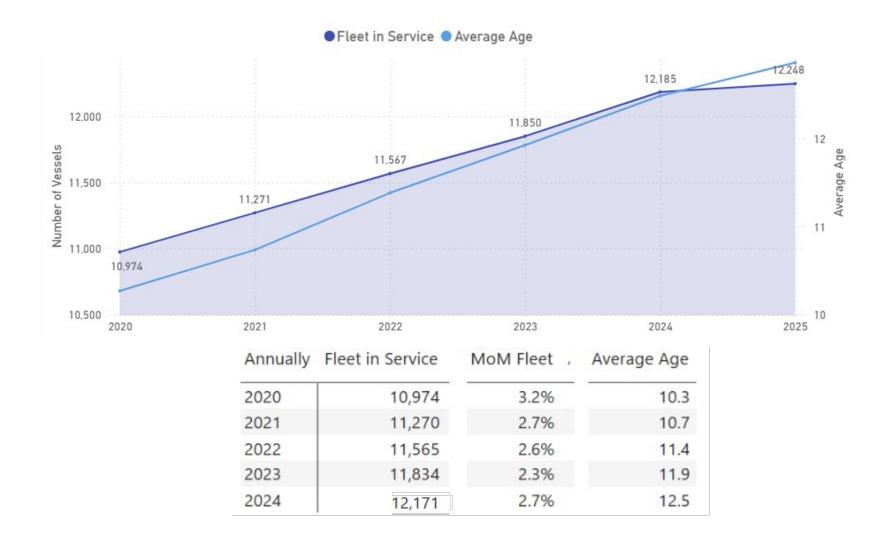






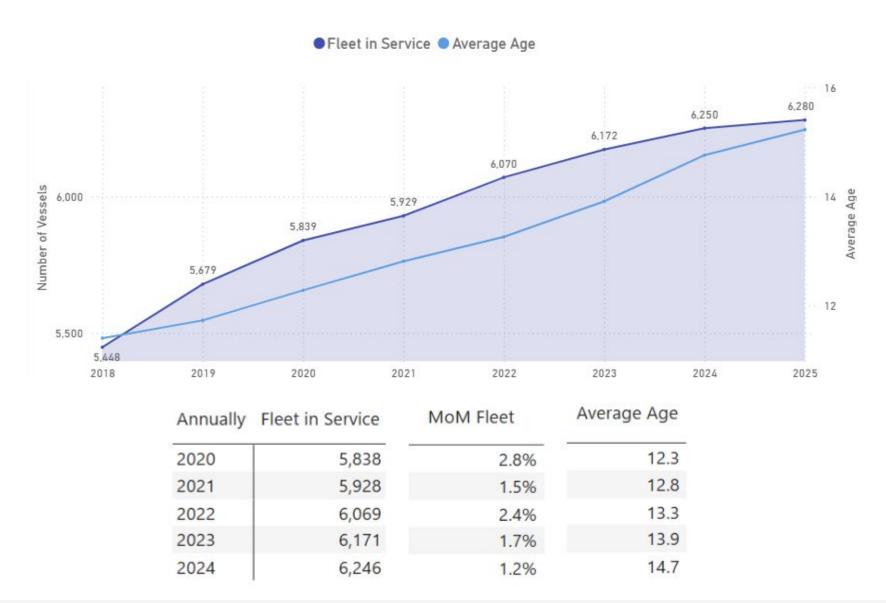
# Fleet Dynamics

2024 ended with more than 12,000 vessels

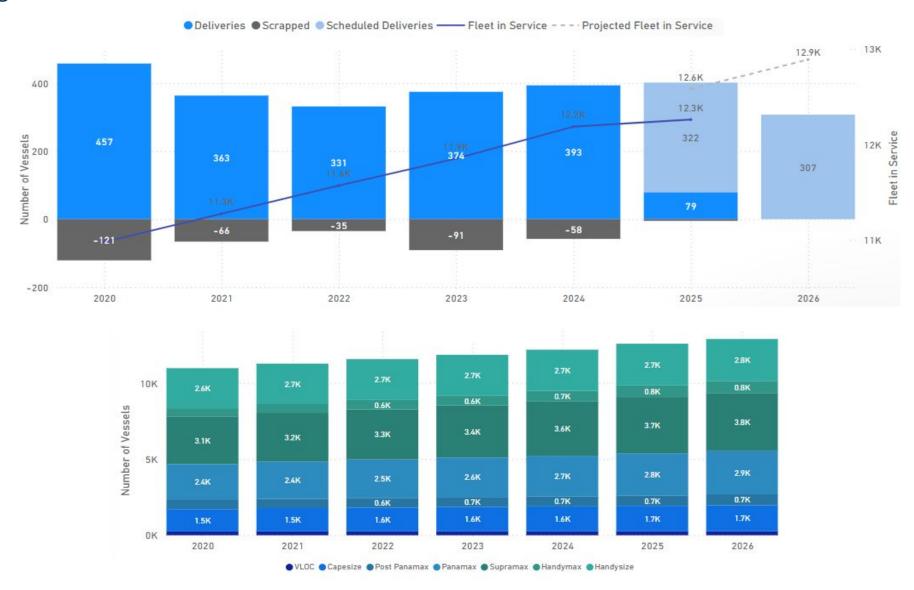




2024 ended with more than 6,000 vessels

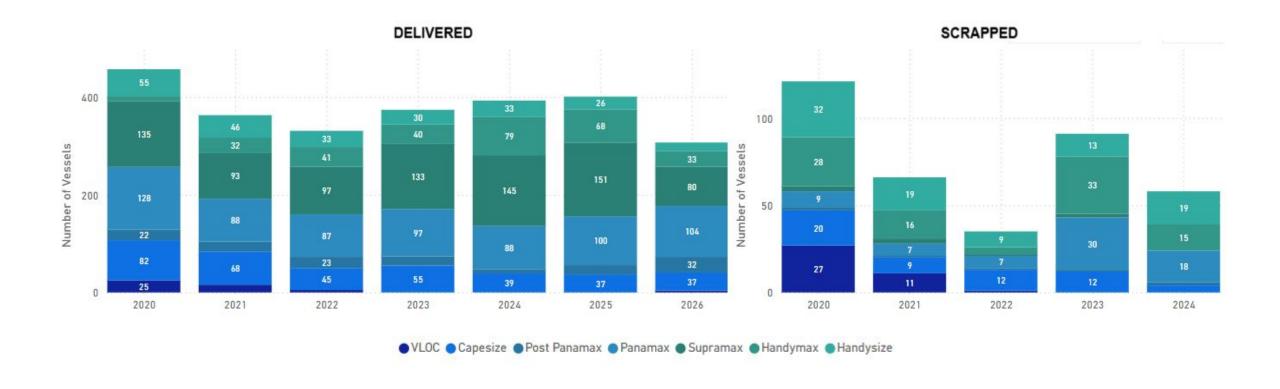


## Ongoing delivery schedule for the next two years



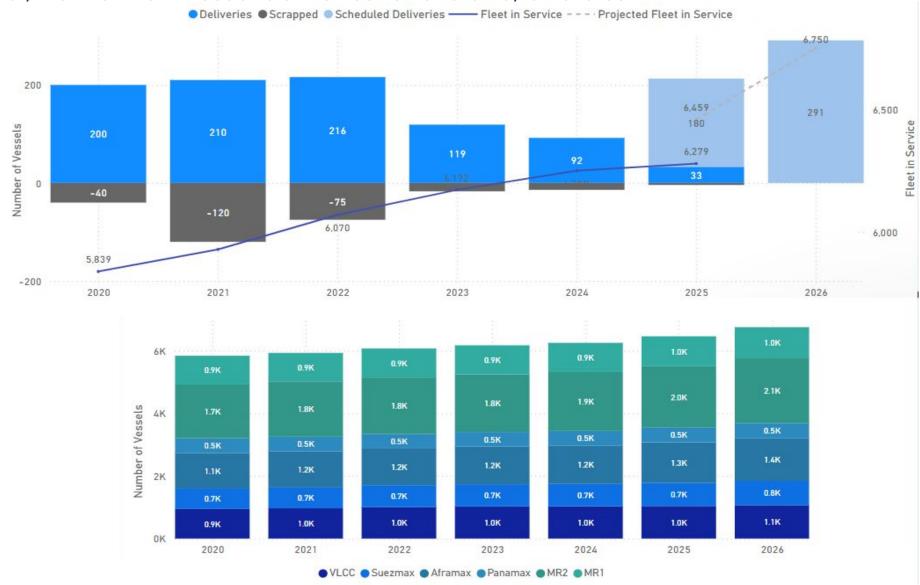


Significant fleet expansion in the Panamax

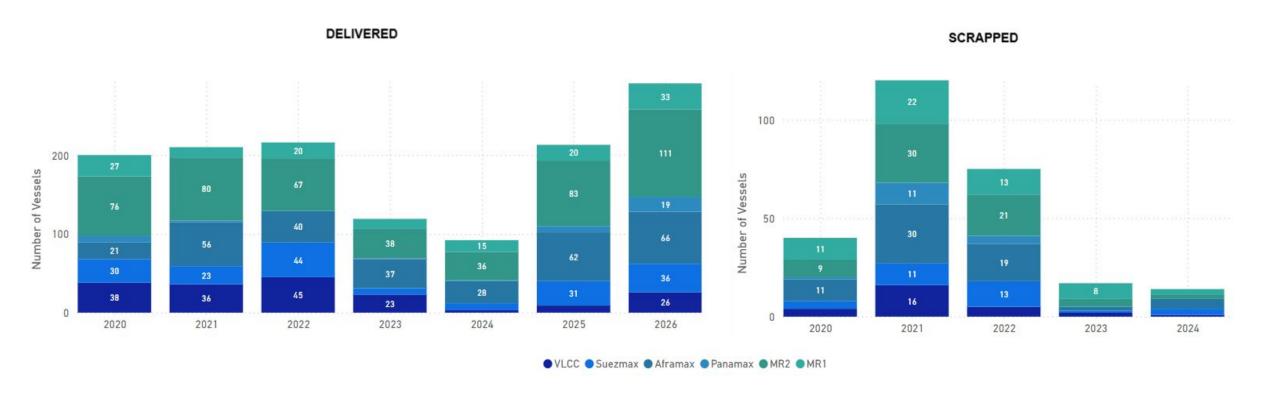




A steady flow of new vessel deliveries for the dirty and clean

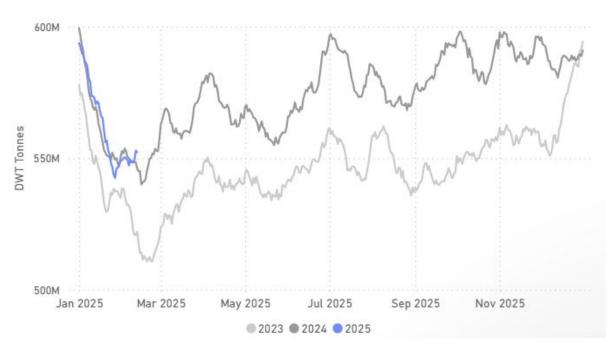


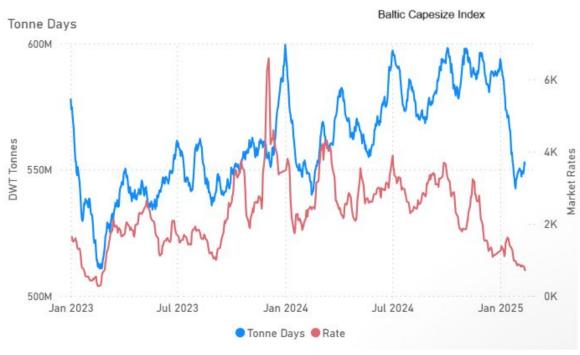
Oversupply concerns for the Aframax and Suezmax





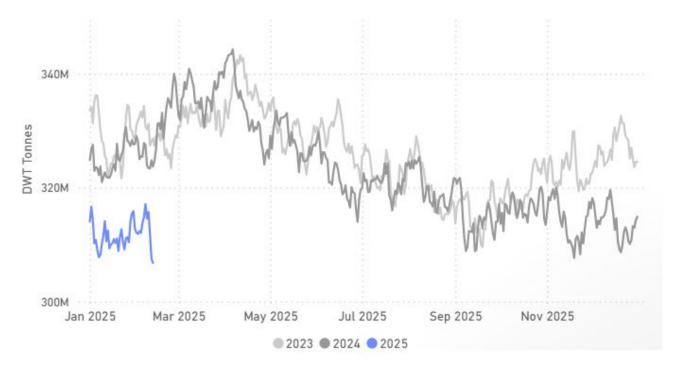
Capesize freight struggles with Chinese economic Slowdown

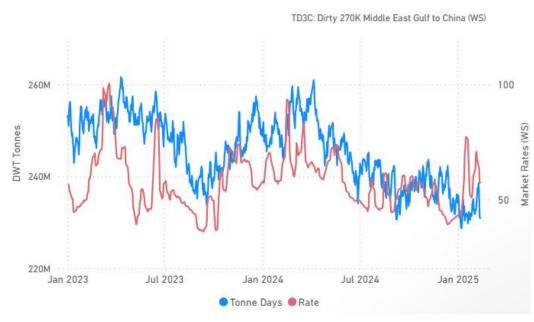






Amid 2024 downturn, renewed U.S. Sanctions propel dirty tanker freight rates









# Supply & Demand

Capes & C3



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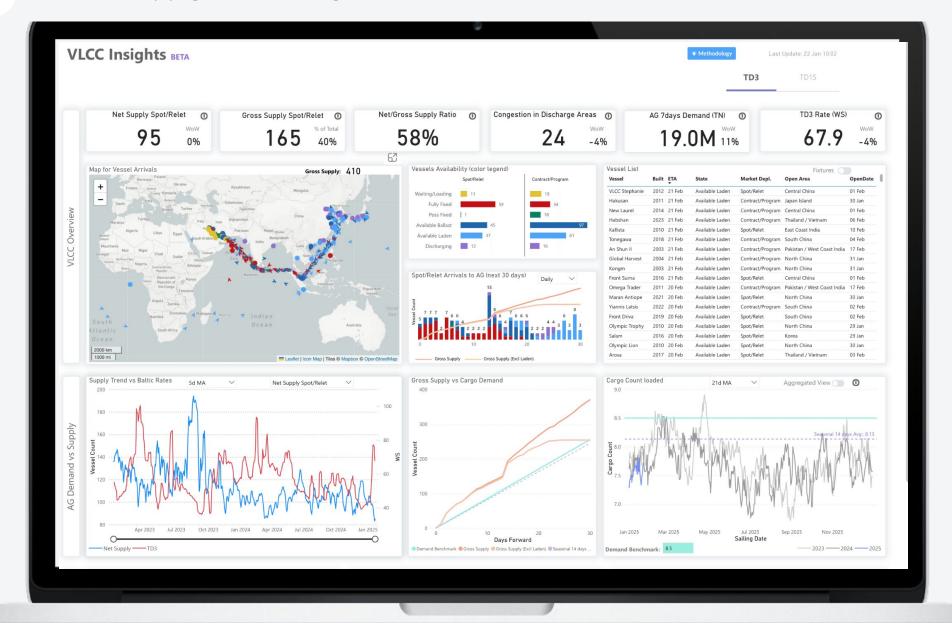
## **Capes Supply Demand dynamics**



## VLCCs & TD3



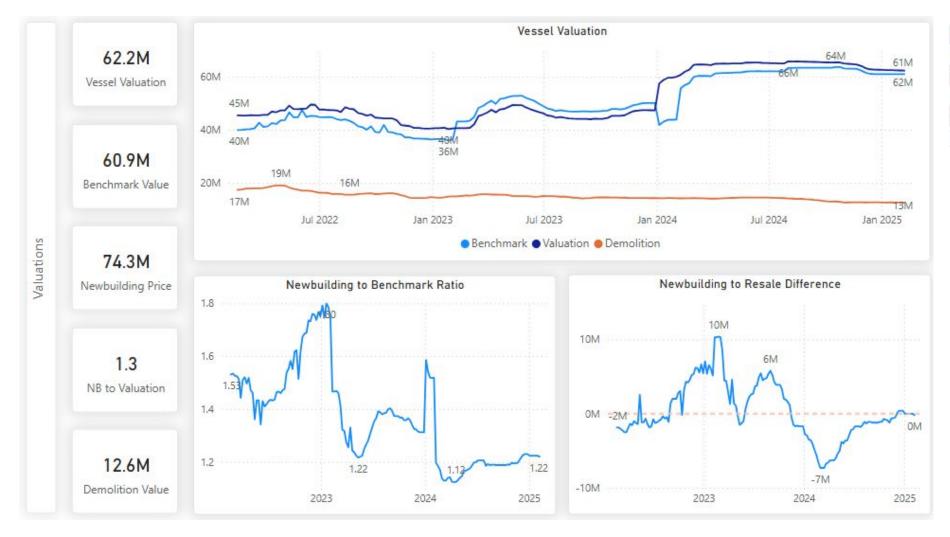
## **VLCC Supply Demand dynamics**





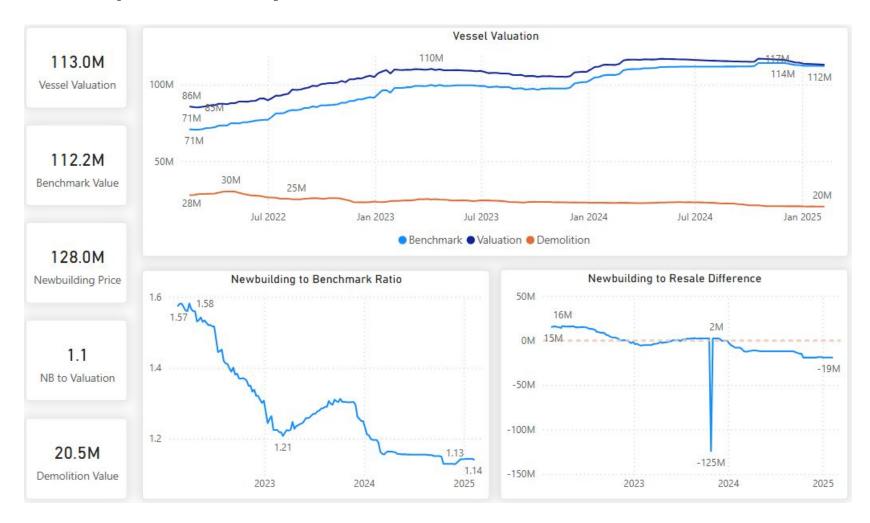
# **Ship Prices**

## **Dry Bulk | Capesize Example**



Vessel Type	Dry
Vessel Class	Capesize
Year Built	2021
Age	4
Deadweight	208000
Built Country	China

## **Tanker | VLCC Example**



Vessel Type	Tanker
Vessel Class	VLCC
Year Built	2020
Age	5
Deadweight	312135
Built Country	Japan

https://app.signalocean.com/dry/reports/bllastersview



# **Summary Review**

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## The Challenge from the Growth of the Global Fleet

#### **Global Fleet Growth**

- Significant growth over the past eight years.
- Average fleet age increasing due to a sharp decline in scrapping older vessels.
- Oversupply leading to downward pressure on freight rates and market imbalance.



#### 2025 Outlook & Key Challenges

- Uncertainty due to geopolitical tensions, reduced scrapping, and shifting trade policies.
- China's slowdown: Weaker economic growth, reduced coal dependency, and lower crude oil imports dampen demand.

#### **Dry Bulk Segment**

- Demand driven by coal, iron ore, and grain, supported by activity in China and India.
- Market volatility caused by geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, and stricter environmental regulations.



#### **Tanker Segment**

- Affected by fluctuating crude oil demand, production cuts, and energy market transitions.
- Some recovery from rebounding refined product demand, but geopolitical shifts remain challenges.

#### **Maritime Security Risks**

- Houthi attacks in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and Red Sea disrupt shipping and increase risks.
- Rising insurance costs and shipment delays due to increased maritime threats.
- U.S. naval forces providing some protection, but incidents persist, affecting trade routes.



#### **Key Impacts 2025**

- Shipping companies must navigate market volatility, escalating regulations, and geopolitical risks.
- Strategic adjustments and careful monitoring are essential to adapt to evolving challenges in global trade.

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