

# **Product tanker earnings**



Employment	Avg for Dec	Trend 1 month	Avg	12 month ago	36 month ago
Spot global basket**	25 844	1	22 313	46 815	5 288
T/C 1 year	26 750	<b>→</b>	27 060	30 000	12 500
T/C 3 years	22 500	<b>→</b>	22 641	21 000	14 333

<sup>\*</sup>MR 47,000 DWT, non-scrubber, built after 2010

#### MR vessel values



	Ship type	Estimate	Trend 1 month	YTD Avg	12 month ago	36 month ago
	N/B Korea	47,5	<b>⇒</b>	45,9	44,0	34,0
	N/B China	42,5	<b>⇒</b>	40,8	40,0	31,0
	PPT resale	52,5	<b>^</b>	49,2	47,0	34,0
	5 yr old	43,5	<b>=</b>	41,5	40,0	26,0
2	10 yr old	34,0	<b>^</b>	32,6	30,0	17,0
	15 yr old	24,0	<b>^</b>	22,9	20,0	11,0

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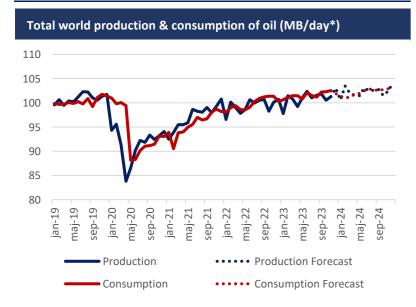
#### MR fleet size



Tanker (MR)	Avg for Dec	ago
Fleet size (No)	1 740	1 711
Orderbook (No)	159	108
Delivered (No)	35 YTD	66 YTD
Scrapped (No)	4 YTD	12 YTD
15+ years old (No)	591	474
20+ years old (No)	152	113

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# **Crude oil - volumes**

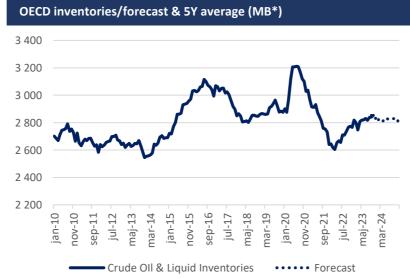


Volumes	Nov	1 month change	6 month change
Crude production m/bd*	101,3	+0,7%	-1,1%
Crude consumption m/bd	102,5	+0,3%	+0,4%

<sup>\*</sup>Million barrels per day.

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## **Crude oil & product inventories**

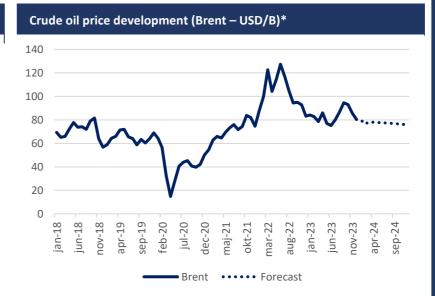


Inventories	Nov	1 month change	6 month change
OECD inventories	2 853	+0,4%	+1,2%
Avg 2007-2021	2 933	n.a.	n.a.

<sup>\*</sup>Million barrels. U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

OECD End-of-period Commercial Crude Oil and Other Liquids Inventories

### Crude oil - price



Price	Dec	change	change
Brent oil price, \$/BBL	80,5	-6,2%	+7,1%
WTI oil price\$/BBL	71,9	-7,4%	+2,4%

<sup>\*</sup>Refinitiv

# CONCORDIA MARITIME

Comment from Erik Lewenhaupt CEO, Concordia Maritime

#### Onwards and upwards?

2023 has been an eventful year with historically good returns due to changed trading patterns, firm demand and limited supply growth. We start this year with uncertainly due to wars, economic development and regulatory changes. The saying "expect the best but prepare for the worst" fits well. We thank HowRob for their excellent supply of data for this report as we head into 2024.

#### Freight market

The global MR index basket (non-eco non-scrubber fitted vessels) averaged \$25.8 k/day in Dec, rounding up the year with average earnings of \$22.3 k/day – down 15% from \$26.4 k/day in 2022. For a 12-months T/C the conditions were reversed. December ended at \$26.8 k/day and the full year average at \$27 k/day versus \$20.7 k/day average in 2022. A 3-year charter rate ended in Dec at \$22.5 k/day.

Shipping news are currently dominated by the attacks in the Red Sea where ~10% of global seaborne trade pass through. Since Nov 18th, there has been 25 attacks against merchant vessels. Add the ongoing delays at the Panama Canal and the ton-mile outlook looks volatile, especially for container and LNG segments.

#### S+F

End year transactions shows continued strength in values. At the end of the year a 5-year-old MR tanker was valued at \$43.5 mill. The yearly average was \$41.6 mill - up 21% from 2022's average \$34.3 mill. For older tonnage the YoY change in percentage terms was even higher.

#### Newbuilding and scrapping

The continued firm market in 2023 pushed newbuilding orders higher YoY in spite the price levels. Orders for product tankers and mid-size crude carriers grew the most. The VLCC orderbook still the lowest at 2.4%. The MR orderbook grew to 9 1%

In 2023 the tanker fleet grew by 1.9% in dwt, the container fleet grew by 7.8% in TEU, and dry bulk grew by 3% in dwt. China's first domestically built large cruise ship has started its maiden voyage. The Adora Magic City, with capacity for 5,200 passengers was built by CSSC's Shanghai Waigaoqiao yara It is a big step up the value chain for Chinese shipbuilding. Recycling activity remain limited with a lack of tonnage being circulated. Total tanker volume scrapped were 0.9 mdwt versus 5.2 mdwt last year - and 14.2 mdwt in 2021.

#### Crude marke

Brent averaged \$83 in 2023, outlook is uncertain for 2024. OPEC announced an additional 2.2 mb/d cuts for Q1, but markets viewed it as insufficient. Angola announced its exit from OPEC following disputes over production quotas. Chinese authorities released 179 m mt of crude import quotas for 2024, which compares to 112 m mt in the first quota for 2023. In Dec OFAC tightened its guidance on implementation of the price cap policy for crude and products of Russian origin.

#### Environment

COP28 outcome received mixed reception. The agreement target transition away from fossil fuels, tripling renewable energy capacity and doubling global energy efficiency by 2030 The EU ETS has now started to include shipping emissions, starting with a 40% phase-in period, rising to 70% in 2025 and 100% in 2026. Dual fuel vessels accounted for 49% of the total orderbook in 2023 (gross tonnage), according to Clarkson. LNG accounted for most of those orders, followed by methanol.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Global basket- simple Avg of Baltic exchange index routes TC2, TC14, TC10, TC11, and TC12

<sup>\*\*</sup>Jan 2010 = Index 100