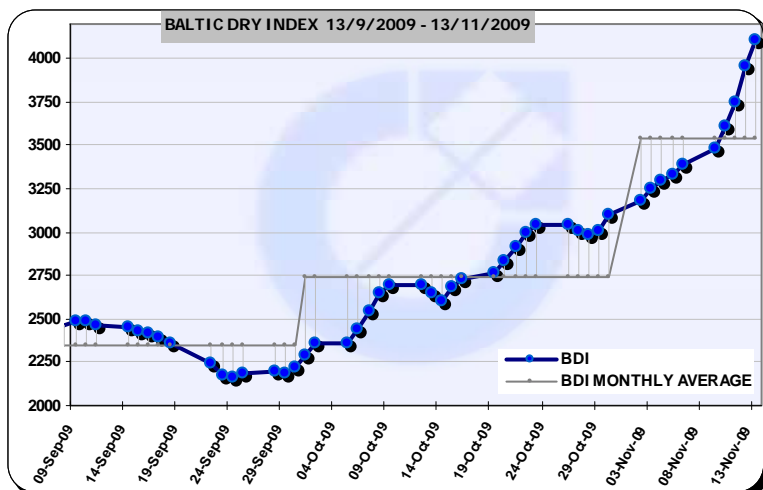


46th Week - Dry Cargo Market "Highlights" – 6/11/2009 until 13/11/2009

■ **The Baltic Dry index (BDI)** for nearly 2 months is on a steady rise. It had another very good week gaining every day more than 4.5% per day, and closed on Friday the 13th of November 2009 beyond the 4k mark, at **4111** points with a very strong gain of **21.16%** or **718** points. It continued with the strong momentum it gained from last week, and improved on that, pushing the freight market of all segments to nearly the peak levels obtained in June 4th 2009.

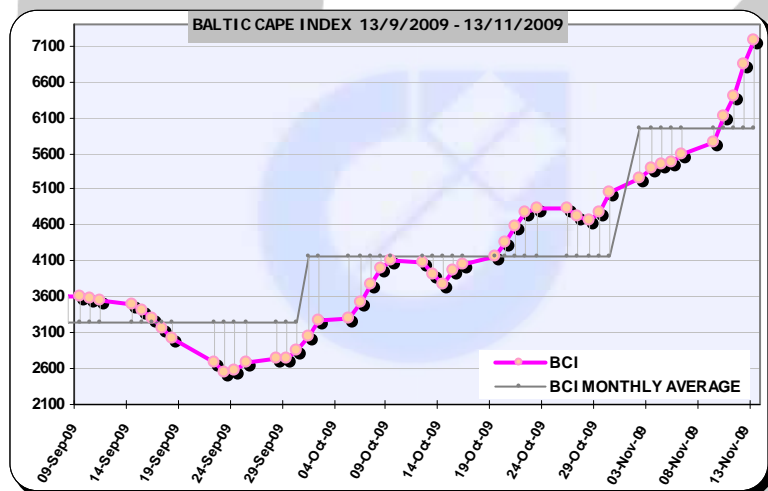


The Panamax index has achieved the record level for 2009 overtaking the levels of July 2007. The Cape index still has to surpass the 8k levels achieved in June 2009. The Baltic Supramax index passed above the 2k levels achieved in July 2009. As mentioned last week, and that is still the key element, the overall commodities market is continuing to show some strong signs of improvement helped by the increased demand for raw materials as the general world trade and production output has been on a steady increase over the past month.

This increased demand has caused a backlog of ships congested mainly in Chinese Iron Ore import ports. Add to this the improved and steadily rising US Grain trade that has pushed further the demand for cargo ships. Congestion is always a main factor that effectively reduces the active fleet from the daily competition for new biz and less ships being readily available for more cargoes out in the market inevitably creates a "better market" for shipowners, even if it may well be short-lived! However what is definitely here is the confidence that has brought global commerce back on its tracks with US Exports being up by 35% from year start and spot industrial commodity prices up by 33% from their lows of last year.

CAPE SIZE MARKET

■ **The Baltic Cape Index (BCI)** closed on Friday the 13th of November 2009 following the same exact pattern as the BDI with an overall gain beyond the 7,000 points mark, at **7,183** points which represents a gain of **28.66%** or **1600** points. Previous week's closing on Friday the 06th Nov was 5583 points. The yearly average of the BCI currently stands at 3932 points which is again improved by 65 points over last week's calculated annual average.



During the past four weeks the BCI has practically recovered a great part of the losses that had incurred during the last 3 full months. From Sep 2009 and until Nov 2009 on a comparison we see a near 180% increase in the BCI (from 2545 we are up to 7183 points!!!).

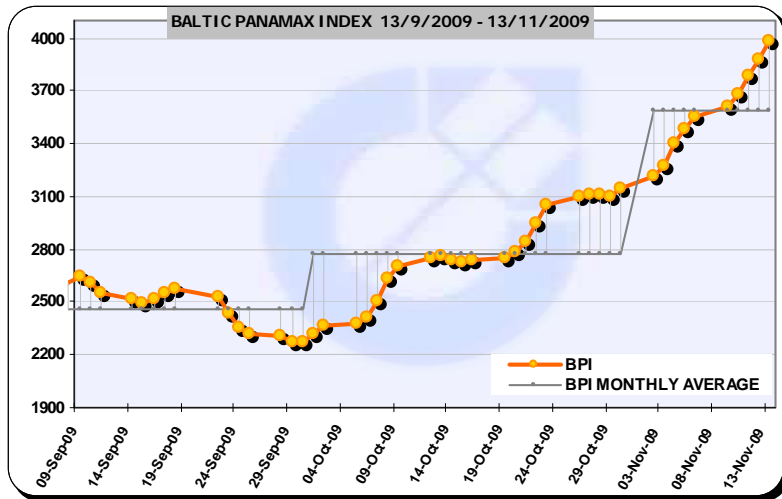
Freight levels both spot and T/C's have followed too, and this week's Capesize T/C average rate calculated by our N. Cotzias Shipping Consultants from all T/C fixture data reported during the current running week increased by **11.73%**, to above the 50k mark at **\$55,468** during this week, from \$49,643 which was last week's average.

Unlike the low numbers of Capes fixed on T/C over the past weeks this week we see a very good number of **twentyseven (27)** units of capesize vessel T/C fixtures were fixed on T/C. The daily rates as seen in our separate fixtures report for Capes this week, high/low margins ranged greatly improved over last week from \$28,000 (M/V "River" 132k/81blt/Undisclosed Chinese Charterer – for a trip via India) up to \$97,500 (M/V "Ocean Camelot" 177k/07blt/Undisclosed Charterer – for a trip via Brazil to Far East). (It is the first T/C fixture of this level we have seen for a very long time!) We had also two more T/C fixtures at 80k levels, the "Linda Dream" a MOSK relet 180k/07blt/Cetrappa - \$85,000 for a T/C trip and the "Harmonious" 174k/07blt/RTS - \$80,000 per day for a trip via West Australia.

Capesize Vessels sold this week: The M/V "Lotus", 177k/Shanghai Jiangnan Changxing China 2010 blt, sold for \$59mil to Undisclosed Buyers (Sellers are Orion Bulkers GmbH and Co. Germany).

PANAMAX MARKET

■ The Baltic Panamax Index (BPI) closed on Friday the 13th of November just below the 4k mark, greatly improved, up at **3,978** which represents a good increase of **11.87%** or **422** points more than 3556 points which was last Friday's the 06th of November closing. The BPI has reached record levels for 2009, and has surpassed the two peaks we had in June (4/6) and July 2009 (27/7).



For this running week the Cotzias calculated Panamax T/C average rate went up by the smallest percentage of all size segments. It improved by **3.22%** this week to **\$27,295** from \$26,444 which was last week's Panamax average. Pacific Market remained firm and continued to be strong like last week, while Atlantic Panamax market had another positive week with period activity on a stronger and improved level of activity.

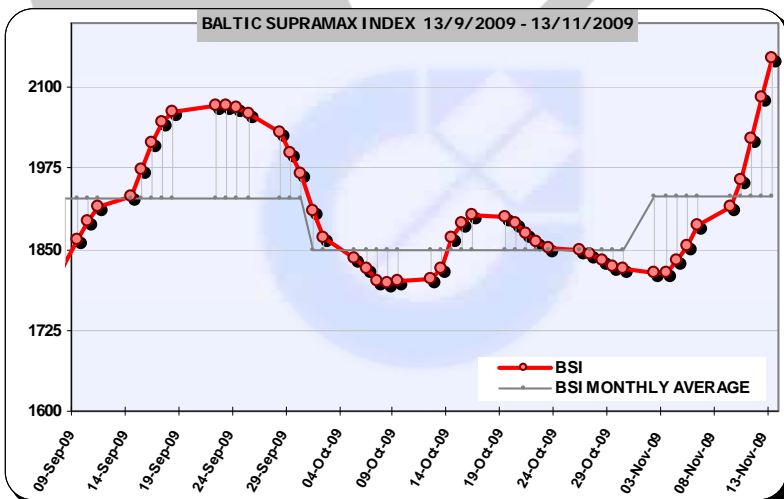
Looking at units chartered on period this week we are still very strong and greatly improved over last week, much above normal T/C activity with **one hundred (100)** Panamax vessels being chartered on Period and T/C's this week (week46). The daily rates as seen in our separate fixtures report for Panamaxes this week, with better levels compared to last week ranged from \$10,500 (M/V *"Theodoros P"* 64k/80blt/ SW Shipping for a T/C trip via Indonesia) up to \$42,500 for the (M/V *"Giuseppe Rizzo"* 77.7k/04blt/ CTP – for a T/C trip with \$825,000 Ballast Bonus).

Panamax vessels we reported sold this week:

The M/V *"Kater Wave"*, 70k/Sanoyas Japan 1989 blt, sold for \$11.5mil to Undisclosed Greek Buyers, the M/V *"Iguana"*, 70.3k/Sanoyas Japan 1996 blt, sold for \$23.5mil to Undisclosed Chinese Buyers, the M/V *"Paschalis"*, 69k/Mitsui Tamano Japan 1984 blt, sold for \$7.4mil to Undisclosed Chinese Buyers, the M/V *"Sun Harvest"*, 64.7k/Hashihama Tadosu Japan 1982 blt, sold for \$3.9mil to Undisclosed Chinese Buyers with SS/DD due, the M/V *"Mahakam"*, 69.97k/Hudong Japan 1996 blt, sold for \$17.5mil to Undisclosed Greek Buyers, and the M/V *"Cape Courage"*, 63.7k/Kasado Japan 1982 blt, sold for \$4.5mil to Undisclosed Chinese Buyers (2006 she was sold as *"Ateni"* for \$10.75mil)

SUPRAMAX & HANDYMAX MARKET

■ Acceleration was the keyword for both the Supramax and Handymax Indices which have well reversed their downfalls. More specifically the Baltic Supramax Index (BSI), closed at **2147** points, this week on Friday the 13th of November, gaining **13.72%** or **259** points based on the previous closing of 1888 points we had last Friday 06th of November 2009.

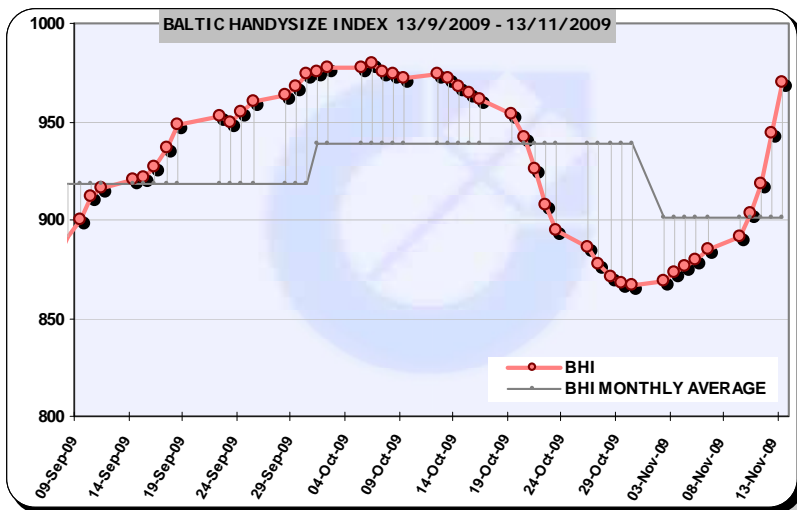


For this week following the rise of the Baltic Supramax Index, this week's Supramax Time Charter Cotzias rate average absorbed the increase in the index and is calculated well up at **\$23,301** or **11.83%** up from \$20,836 which was last week's Supramax average.

A medium to lower than average number of **eighteen (18)** Supramaxes were on T/C this week, which in terms of volume/rate is similar over previous week's stats. The daily rates in the fixtures reported this week, for Supramaxes ranged from \$17,000 (for the M/V *"Pacific Sea"* 53k/04blt/ Eitzen for a T/C of 12 months trading) up to \$45,000 (for the M/V *"Tenko Maru"* 58.7k/09 blt / Undisclosed Charterer for a T/C trip and the M/V *"African Kookaburra"* 55.6k/08 blt / Mitsui for a T/C trip.)

■ The Baltic Handysize index (BHI) is going on a roller coaster shaped upward rise. It closed on Friday the 13th November 2009 up at **970** points and this represents a good and positive gain of **9.60%** or **85** points. This week's Handysize Time Charter that is calculated by NCSG went up by **4.51%** this week to **\$21,425** from \$20,500 which was last week's average.

A great deal less emphasis was given on Handymax fixed this week, and a very low number of only **four (4)** Handymax vessels were reported on T/C this week with their weekly T/C daily rates for Handy sized vessels ranging still on unchanged levels from



\$16,500 (for the M/V *"Livanita"* 45.4k/97 bht / Scandinavian Undisclosed Charterer for a T/C period of 8 to 10 months trading) up to \$31,000 (for the M/V *"Storm Ranger"* 45.7k/95 bht / Windrose for a T/C trip).

A great number of sale and purchase deals were reported this week. It is clearly obvious that the rising indexes made potential willing buyers to rush into deals they were otherwise "stalling" and delaying expecting somehow to negotiate further on these deals, by trying hard to reduce the sellers appetite, but that has changed as the market has improved so much in one week that deals were accelerated.

Sales of Supramaxes and Handymaxes this week include:

The M/V *"Progress II"*, 46.6k/Japan 1995 bht was sold to Undisclosed buyers for an above average price of \$17.5mil, while Chinese undisclosed buyers have acquired 3 mid 90's Sanko Handies, the M/V *"Sanko Reliance"*, 42.5k/Namura Japan 1995 bht, the M/V *"Sanko Rose"*, 42.5k/Namura Japan 1995 bht, the M/V *"Sanko Rejoice"*, 42.5k/Namura Japan 1994 bht, sold for \$43.1mil all 3 units (\$14.3mil, \$ 14.3mil & \$14.5mil each unit price breakdown – Sanko Reliance, and Sanko Rose have SS/DD due so that is why they obtained \$0.2mil less although 1 year younger than the Sanko Rejoice.)

The M/V *"Medi Trader"*, 48.2k/Oshima Japan 1999 bht, sold for \$21.5mil to Undisclosed Chinese buyers, the M/V *"K. Gold"*, 43.8k/Daewoo Heavy Ind Korea 1996 bht, despite being sold last month for \$18.2mil to Middle Eastern Buyers was reported sold this month to Fujian of China for \$17.5mil usd. The M/V *"Ulcas"*, 42.2k/Mitsubishi Japan 1985, sold to Undisclosed south American buyers for \$7.6mil, the M/V *"World Trader I"*, 41.8k/Hyundai Korea 1986, sold to Undisclosed Chinese buyers for \$8.9mil, while the M/V *"Searider"*, 41.5k/Mitsui Chiba Ichihara Japan 1984, sold to Singapore/Mexican JV buyers for \$5.5mil, and the sister M/V *"Seaboxer II"*, 41.5k/Mitsui Chiba Ichihara Japan 1983, sold to Undisclosed Greek buyers for \$5.5mil (*"Seaboxer"* was sold with SS passed) . The M/V *"Silver Sen"*, 41.4k/NipponKai Japan 1982, sold to Chinese/Hong-Kong buyers for \$5.1mil while the M/V *"Scanda"*, 40.2k/Georgi Dimitrov Bulgaria 1990, sold to Turkish Undisclosed buyers for \$9mil. Finally we have the *"Moon Sea"*, 38.3k/Kawasaki Japan 1984 built, was sold to undisclosed buyers for \$6.9mil usd.

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