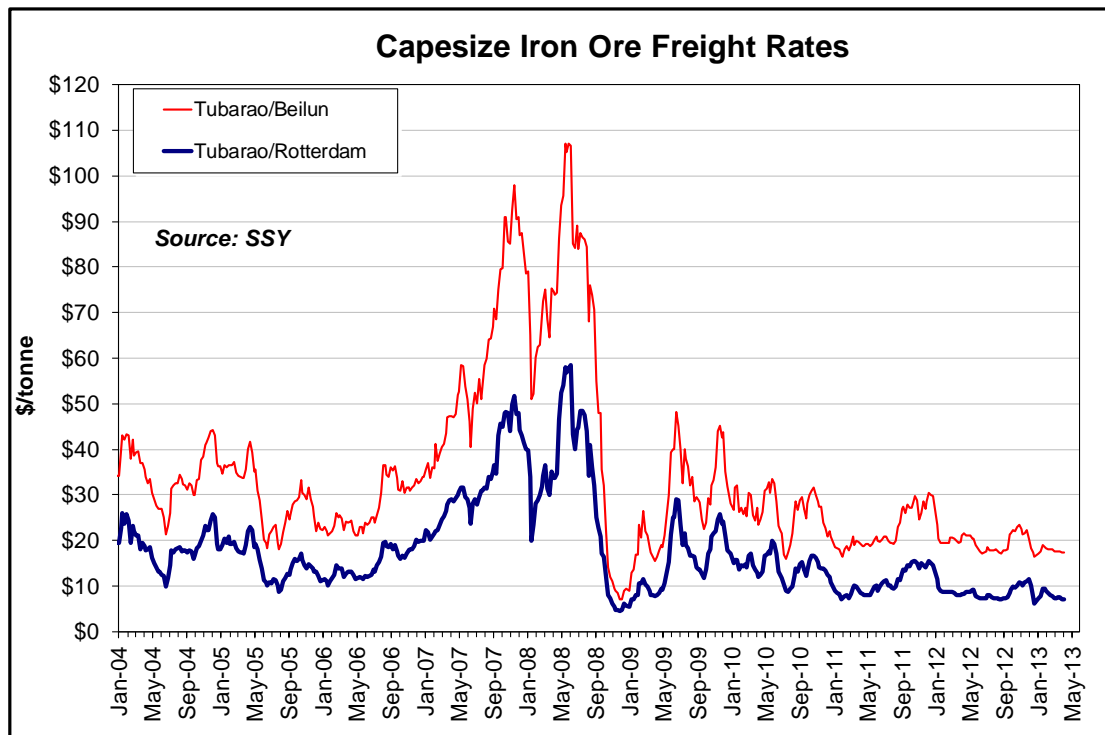


CAPE SIZE/PANAMAX MARKET UPDATE (8 April 2013)

Last week saw dry bulk freight rates for all vessel sizes continue to soften after the Easter break. Capesize average earnings eased from \$4,530/day a week ago to their current level of \$4,297/day. A high number of available ships have kept Capesize Atlantic round voyage rates under downward pressure at around \$4,500/day. By contrast, Pacific round voyage rates firmed to \$5,000/day, with shipbrokers reporting iron ore shipments from South Africa and West Australia to China as the main drivers of demand. The Capesize iron ore voyage rate from Tubarao to Rotterdam remained at a year-to-date low of \$7.15/t, while the rates from Tubarao to Qingdao declined by \$0.15/t to \$17.25/t.

In the Panamax sector a gradual decline has been in evidence following steady strengthening in the 1q13. From an 11-month high of \$9,680/day two weeks ago, average earnings for Panamax have since softened to \$8,675/day. The market has suffered from a decline in fresh enquiries from charterers looking to ship grain cargoes from East Coast South America. The Panamax spot rate from Bolivar to Rotterdam fell by \$0.35/t to a 7-week low of \$13.40/t.



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