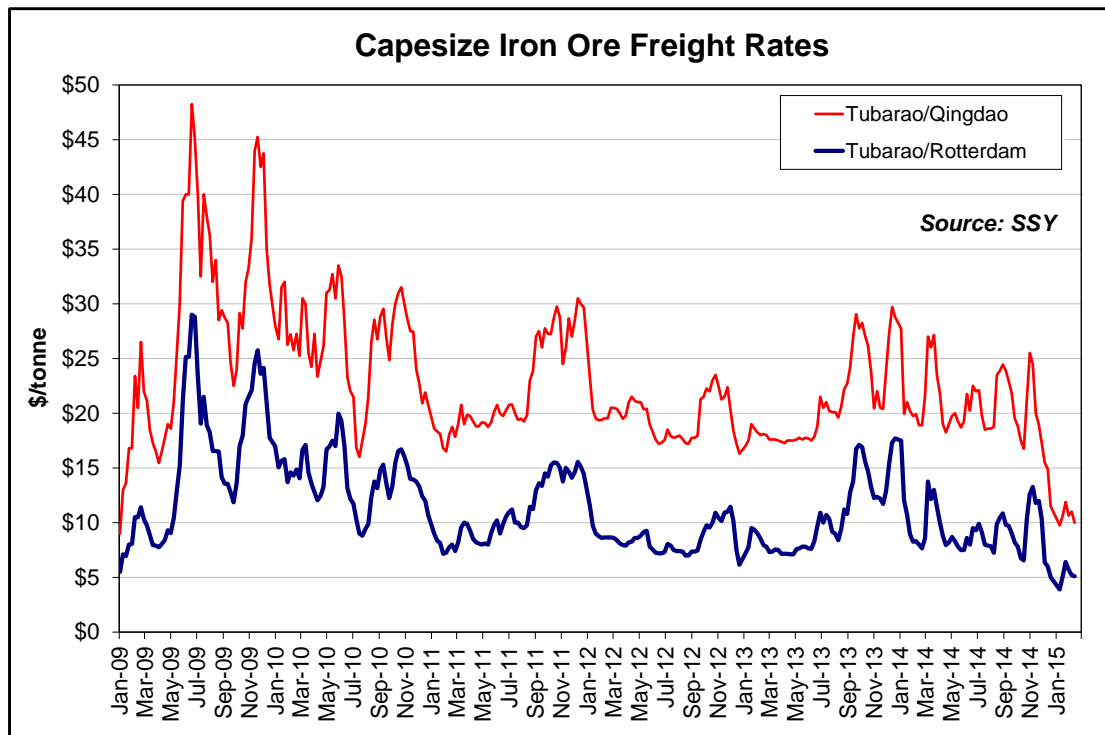


## CAPE SIZE/PANAMAX MARKET UPDATE (16 February 2015)

The Baltic Exchange Dry Index fell to an all-time low of 522 points on 16 February 2015. Although the composition of the BDI has been modified several times, this highlights the current weakness in the dry bulk freight market.

The Capesize market remained under pressure last week, with average charter rates for 172 kdw vessels falling by 13% week-on-week to \$4,937/day. This left the spot voyage rate from Tubarao to Qingdao at \$10.00/t compared with \$11.90/t three weeks ago, while the corresponding rate to Rotterdam edged lower by \$0.10/t week-on-week to \$5.10/t. Such depressed spot rates have negatively impacted on period rates. The current one-year rate for a Capesize has slipped to \$10,500/day, which is well below the 2014-high of \$31,000/day recorded in March.

We saw some very modest gains in the Panamax sector, after falling to a 7-month low of \$3,418/day on 5 February, at the time of writing average charter rates are standing above \$4,000/day. Nonetheless, the current average is still only \$698/day above the lowest ever 4 TC. The Panamax coal spot voyage rate from Puerto Bolivar to Rotterdam climbed by \$0.65/t from previous week to \$8.00/t.



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