



European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	22425	30250	34.9%	Pmx 1 month forward	27750	28075	1.2%
Cape Q222	29575	28600	-3.3%	Pmx Q1222	28575	27575	-3.5%
Cape Cal 23	22250	22000	-1.1%	Pmx Cal 23	16750	16250	-3.0%

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Smx 1 month forward	31750	31250	-1.6%	Brent	112.76	108.31	-3.9%
Smx Q2 22	32200	31200	-3.1%	WTI	107.46	104.06	-3.2%
Smx Cal 23	16475	16125	-2.1%	Iron ore	160.25	159.7	-0.3%

Iron ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

The futures remain in a bullish trending environment with price looking to target that USD 167.15 fractal resistance; however, there is an issue with momentum that the market needs to be aware of, it is in the technical report. Please click on the link. Iron Ore May 22 (rolling Front Month) 31/03/22 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FIS-Technical-Iron-Ore-31-03-22.pdf>

Copper

We continue to see lots of bullish rhetoric on the wire regarding copper due to the tight supply and expectations that once the lockdowns in China have finished, we could see increased consumption. The issue right now is China is lockdown and has imposed transport restrictions in various regions, meaning right now the demand is light. The technical had a bit of a bad day yesterday with price producing a bearish rejection candle, resulting in a test to the downside; however, going into the E.U close price is flat on the day, indicating there is indecision in the market. A bullish rejection candle on the 28/03 and a bearish one on the 30/03, meaning the market now has a neutral bias with breakout ranges at USD 10,520 and USD 10,166.

Capesize

The index has turned positive today with price USD 9,38 higher at USD 14,593. However, the futures have rolled into May where price had been trading at a USD 8,500 premium to the April. The technical is now bullish based on price having made a new high, but it leaves the futures with a mean reversion gap with the 55-period EMA of over USD 5,000, whilst the futures are trading at a premium of nearly USD 16,000. There is no point of looking at this from a technical perspective, it really is a case of big moves must come in the index, and soon, otherwise the futures will have to retrace. Technically bullish the May contract is not a technical buy at this point.

Panamax

The index lost another USD 850 today and is now at USD 26,973. The May futures came under pressure early on as price opened around USD 2,000 higher on the rolling front month contract. Price was immediately offered down to the April levels with the futures trading to a low of USD 27,000. This downside move put the futures in our daily EMA support band, resulting in market buyers stepping in to push price up to USD 27,900 into the E.U close. We are lower on the day, but support levels keep holding with the 3-year seasonality chart due to turn in around 1 week. Technically corrective, the futures are not considered a technical sell at this point.

Supramax

The index is bearish and is another USD 746 lower at USD 30,883. The May futures had been trading at a premium of around USD 1,500 on the close yesterday; however, a roll into the front month contract means we have seen a bit of a re-balance, with price correcting USD 1,750 to USD 31,250 due to the weakness in the physical market. Technically we are basically where the April contract was yesterday, on our EMA support band, the technical is corrective but it is not considered a technical sell at this point due to support band. The index might be in trouble and the futures may move lower, but from a technical perspective this is a dangerous area to go short.

Oil

The U.S. will release roughly a million barrels of oil a day from its reserves for six months beginning in May, a historic draw-down underscoring White House concern about rising gas prices and supply shortages following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. President Joe Biden also will invoke Cold War powers to encourage domestic production of critical minerals for batteries for electric-vehicles and other uses, the White House said in a statement. Battery materials will join the list of items covered by the 1950 Defense Production Act (Bloomberg). Technically bullish with a neutral bias, upside moves that close above the USD 114.83 level could signal another upside move in the market. On paper, below the USD 104.84 low it will signal technical weakness; however, this is into the EMA support band, technically it is not a sell. Will it hold after the U.S announcement to release a million barrels of oil a day? Only time will tell, I'm keeping my bull hat on until the technical tells me something different (Bloomberg). A technical report for your perusal. FIS Technical – Brent June 22 31/03/22 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FIS-Technical-Oil-Report-31-03-22.pdf>

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