

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	6650	6225	-6.4%
Cape Q1 23	8500	8250	-2.9%
Cape Cal 24	16100	15900	-1.2%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Pmx 1 month forward	9500	9725	2.4%
Pmx Q1 23	10200	10362.5	1.6%
Pmx Cal 24	13425	13400	-0.2%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Smx 1 month forward	9500	9500	0.0%
Smx Q1 23	9875	9925	0.5%
Smx Cal 24	13300	13375	0.6%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Brent	86.42	86.34	-0.1%
WTI	80.26	80.61	0.4%
Iron ore	125.5	125.2	-0.2%

Copper

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Copper hovered around the strongest level in more than seven months as supply risks mount in South America and optimism grows over a recovery in demand from top consumer China. The metal has rallied 11% on the London Metal Exchange this year. Chile's Codelco produced 10% less copper than planned in 2022 due to setbacks at mines and projects. In Peru, MMG's Las Bambas copper complex is also mining at a reduced rate because of blockade-related supply challenges. While the blockades predate current political protests, the complex has had to contend "with intermittent disruptions to logistics due to the recent unrest," MMG said (Bloomberg). Technically unchanged, the futures are bullish with a neutral bias with upside moves above USD 9,550.50 going into divergence with the RSI. The futures are consolidating as it is the CNY.

Freightos Index v's Supramax 10 TC average

The index and the spread against the Supramax today. Freightos Index v's Supramax 10 TC average 25/01/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Freightos-Index-v-Supramax-index-TECHNICAL-REPORT-25-01-23.pdf>

Capesize

Another bear day in the index today with price dropping USD 453 to USD 5,231. The Feb contract is following the index lower, but at a more sedate pace due to the time value and the fact the futures are already in divergence. We are technically bearish, but it is worth noting that in 5 of the last 7 years the Feb index has settled above USD 6,225 (current market price). However, on the years we did, we settled sub 3k (both leap years). Caution needed at these levels due to the divergence and the statistical probability.

Panamax

The index has produced a positive number, it is a small one, but we are USD 5.00 higher at USD 7,982. The futures traded but held the USD 9,225 support yesterday, meaning we have now matched the August 22 low. Technically we are bearish but with price moving higher on the back of a positive divergence, it would suggest the futures are not considered a technical sell at these levels. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 9,943 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level we have a neutral bias. It is a green shoot, from the index but we will need to see a close above USD 8,149 for momentum based on price to be aligned to the buy side.

Supramax

The index is USD 11.00 lower today at USD 7,127, we need to see a close above USD 7,164 for momentum based on price to be aligned to the buy side. An uneventful day in terms of price movement in the Feb futures, we opened bid on the back of yesterday's positive divergence, but gave back the small dollar gain and closed unchanged on the day. Bearish, but not a technical sell.

Oil

Oil pared its losses after a smaller-than-expected rise in US crude inventories. West Texas Intermediate edged higher to trade near \$81 a barrel, fluctuating throughout the session on Wednesday. US inventories rose 533,000 barrels last week, much less than anticipated after an industry report forecast crude increasing over 3 million barrels. Gains though were muted by ongoing outlook concerns. Earlier, mixed company earnings and weaker business activity reinforced worries about the US economy on Wall Street. While there's an expectation that China's oil demand will rise after it ditched restrictive Covid rules, uncertainty lingers over the strength of the rebound (Bloomberg). As we know, my view on the technical is the Elliott wave is bearish with key resistance on the daily chart at USD 89.50, this has been recently rejected. The intraday technical has now spent the last 24 hours trading around the primary trend line, if we hold above it, then it supports a buyers argument. However, if we close below and hold below the trend (USD 86.06), then we could see support levels come under pressure. The downside move today means the intraday technical now has a neutral bias. I'm rooting for a downside move, partly due to the technical, but mostly due to my car being an automatic! Bearish and looking vulnerable.

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