

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	22575	21925	-2.9%
Cape Q2 23	21450	20975	-2.2%
Cape Cal 24	16750	16625	-0.7%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Pmx 1 month forward	17525	17275	-1.4%
Pmx Q2 23	17112.5	16875	-1.4%
Pmx Cal 24	13675	13400	-2.0%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Smx 1 month forward	15975	15525	-2.8%
Smx Q2 23	15800	15375	-2.7%
Smx Cal 24	13675	13480	-1.4%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Brent	84.94	84.87	-0.1%
WTI	80.71	80.43	-0.3%
Iron ore	118.7	117.85	-0.7%

Iron Ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore extended its decline as China continued its sweeping campaign to tame prices. The steelmaking raw material has fallen almost 6% this week and neared a four-month low earlier Wednesday before paring losses as fresh regulatory pressures hit market sentiment. On Tuesday, China's National Development and Reform Commission urged futures companies to analyze the iron ore market in an objective manner to avoid exaggerating the atmosphere of price increases. The announcement arrived after China last month vowed to implement steel output cuts for a third year and in January summoned traders to explain iron ore price hikes. Tightening regulatory pressures come just as the market is aiming for a boost in steel consumption, led by the nation's usual peak construction period from April to June (Bloomberg). With the domestic market closed we have seen limited price movement today, the futures continued to move lower with the break in fractal support yesterday meaning we are now in divergence with the RSI. Technically bearish the divergence now needs to be monitored as it is warning we could see a momentum slowdown.

Copper

Copper fell for a fifth day after US jobs data pointed to the economy slowing, potentially undercutting demand for the metal. Vacancies at US employers dropped in February to the lowest since May 2021, a sign the Federal Reserve's monetary tightening campaign is impacting growth. It follows a gauge earlier in the week that showed manufacturing slumping to the lowest since the pandemic. Copper — which is often bought as a proxy for growth — has slid in recent days on growing concerns about a recession in the US at a time when China's economic rebound remains uncertain. Other metals have also slid, taking an index of major London Metal Exchange contracts to a two-week low (Bloomberg). We noted on the morning report that MA on the RSI suggested that momentum remained weak, resulting in the futures moving lower on the European open. We remain technically bearish but do have an intraday support candle on the 4-hour chart that suggest we are seeing some buyers coming back into the market.

Capesize

The index is USD 750 higher today at USD 16,233, suggesting buyside momentum remains supported at this point. The May futures moved lower with price trading down to the low of the 03/04 at USD 21,819. However, the MA on the RSI continues to suggest that this move lower looks to be countertrend, making USD 18,401 the key support level to follow. Relatively quite due to the holiday in China.

Panamax

A strong index today with price USD 797 higher at USD 14,978. The May futures are small lower on the day, for more information on the technical please follow the link. Panamax Technical Report 05/04/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/FIS-PANAMAX-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-05-04-23.pdf>

Supramax

Sell side momentum in the index continues to slowdown with price USD 75.00 lower at USD 12,866. We are seeing a correction in the May futures with price USD 425 lower at USD 15,55; key support is at USD 14,778, downside moves that hold above this level will support a bull argument, below it we have a neutral bias. The RSI is below its MA, but the average remains bullish, suggesting buyside momentum remains supported at this point. The futures are below the USD 16,496 level on the daily chart, this is a key level going forward, if it holds, support levels could come under pressure.

Oil

Oil was largely unchanged after US data showed stockpiles fell less than expected. West Texas Intermediate held near \$80 a barrel after closing at the highest level in almost 10 weeks. Domestic crude stockpiles fell 3.7 million barrels last week, according to an Energy Information Administration report. The stockpile draw is less than traders expected, causing the muted reaction in prices (Bloomberg). The futures are now consolidating between the price action from the 03/03, meaning the MA on the RSI is flattening, implying buyside momentum is starting to slowdown. As noted on the morning report upside moves above USD 86.44 will create a negative divergence with the RSI, suggesting caution on upside breakouts.

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