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Cape 1 month forward	17650	18700	5.9%	Pmx 1 month forward	15100	15950	5.6%
Cape Q3 23	22225	23125	4.0%	Pmx Q3 23	16450	17050	3.6%
Cape Cal 24	16125	16475	2.2%	Pmx Cal 24	13275	13350	0.6%

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Smx 1 month forward	15350	15900	3.6%	Brent	84.77	83.13	-1.9%
Smx Q23 23	16325	16950	3.8%	WTI	80.86	79.16	-2.1%
Smx Cal 24	13475	13550	0.6%	Iron ore	117.72	117.36	-0.3%

Iron Ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Having made a new high yesterday taking the intraday technical into bullish territory, the futures have move lower today. The downside move in the May futures has held above the USD 115.89 Fibonacci support, meaning the technical remains bullish, below this level we have a neutral bias. Momentum is currently conflicting, the MA is below 50 with the stochastic in over-bought territory, momentum is warning that the futures are vulnerable to further tests to the downside. However, the MA on the RSI would suggest momentum is supported at this point. Technically bullish, downside moves below USD 114.50 will create a positive divergence with the RSI, not a buy signal it would suggest caution on downside breakouts.

Copper

Industrial metals dropped as inflation worries and hawkish comments from policy makers hurt market sentiment, offsetting fresh signs of supply risks. Copper and aluminium fell more than 1% as the dollar strengthened and equities retreated, with traders weighing the chance of further monetary tightening. A report Tuesday showed strong US wage gains now outpacing spiralling prices in the economy, giving the Federal Reserve reason to hike rates further. Recent hawkish commentary from officials have also bolstered prospects for higher rates (Bloomberg). The technical this morning had been largely unchanged other than the RSI had rejected its MA, warning that support levels were vulnerable. The futures did move below the USD 8,919 support, meaning the technical has a neutral bias. However, we should note that the futures held above the USD 8,935 level on the 17/04 (61.8%) and above the USD 8,868 support today (78.6%). This is known as a bullish Gartley pattern (a 3-wave pattern) and warns we are still vulnerable to a move higher. Going into the close the futures are finding buyside support.

Capesize

We have seen a slowdown in the index today with price only USD 292 lower at USD 13,624. The futures opened higher this morning with price initially below the daily pivot point; however, buyside pressure did result in a close above the USD 18,108 level with the May closing the day at USD 18,375, up USD 725 on the day. The MA on the RSI continues to suggest that momentum is weak at this point with the futures below the 55-period EMA. The technical is bullish with a neutral bias, the USD 16,225 support remains vulnerable. Market buyers will want to see the intraday 4-hour candle close above and hold above the 55-period average (USD 19,114) with the MA on the RSI flattening out. Until we see this, we remain cautious on this upside move.

Panamax

The index has turned positive today with price USD 114 higher at USD 13,574, a close above USD 13,940 will mean that momentum based on price is aligned to the buy side. We noted yesterday that the futures looked like they could be in a corrective wave 4 rather than a bullish impulse wave 5; however, confirmation only comes below USD 14,200. We were bearish but had a note of caution due to the potential divergence on the intraday technical. From a technical perspective, although we look like we could weaken, the downside move could be limited, meaning the futures are not considered a technical sell at these levels. We were caught a little off guard this morning as the May futures gapped higher on the open resulting in price closing the day USD 850 higher at USD 15,950. The intraday Elliott wave cycle is still warning that support levels could be vulnerable; however, this is on a sub-1-hour count meaning it could be unreliable, but it also means we should remain cautious below the USD 16,755 resistance. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Panamax Technical Report 19/04/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/FIS-PANAMAX-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-19-04-23.pdf>

Supramax

We had concerns yesterday over the move higher, Wave B, or bullish impulse? With carry at USD 3,111 we noted we needed to see some strong indexes in the coming days. A strong move today, the index has moved USD 417 higher at USD 12,656. The May contract opened bid and closed the day USD 550 higher with the futures testing the USD 16,075 fractal resistance. However, we are no wiser regarding the matter of Wave B or bullish at this point, if we do trade above USD 16,496 it would suggest it is a bullish. Right now, resistance levels are vulnerable and price action is bullish, supported by the MA on the RSI.

Oil

On the close yesterday the futures had moved higher but we noted that the USD 83.50 support was vulnerable. The futures came under pressure in the Asian day session with price trading to a low of USD 82.39 before finding light buying support. We are now trading in the bullish window (Gap), a support zone; however, if the market follows form, then we could see market sellers try and close the gap, meaning we target the USD 79.80 level.

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