

++ Shipbuilding News ++

Delivery "Below 100m GT"

(http://www.asiasis.com/view_new.php?bbs_id=news&doc_num=17644)

Mizuho Corporate Bank prospected that global newbuilding delivery for 2012 will fall below 100m gt, according to its recent report '2012: Japan's industrial market forecast'. Statistical data states 131m-gt delivery scheduled this year. However, cancellation, postponement of delivery, etc., amid over-tonnage and tightened ship financing, will shrink delivery to 95m gt, by around 30% against previously estimated tonnage. Japanese shipyards are to deliver overall 19m gt in 2012, declined by 2% year-on-year, while Korean and Chinese will deliver 31m gt and 35m gt, down by 14% and 5%, respectively.

KEPCO to order 7 capes

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Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) is to launch a bidding for a newbuilding charter for seven capesize bulkers. The state-owned utility is about to issue a formal tender next month. The Korean corporation is now coming under ever increasing pressure to order the newbuildings at home shipbuilders through domestic shipping firms. KEPCO is reportedly planning to take the seven 150,000-dwt bulkers on long-term consecutive voyage contracts (CVCs) for 18 years after receiving delivery of the first ship in the second half of 2014 and the remaining six in 2016.

++ Shipping News ++

Isaac strikes Stolt

(<http://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/282639/isaac-strikes-stolt>)

Hurricane Isaac has left Stolt-Nielsen's Southern Louisiana terminal sitting under seven feet of water. Failure of surge protection levees at the Braithwaite facility led to the severe flooding, Stolt told investors today. The terminal was closed prior to the category one hurricane striking the shore and force majeure has now been declared. No injuries have been reported following the event. Stolt explains it is not yet clear how badly the facility has been damaged or how long it will be before it comes back on line. Stolthaven Terminals recorded an operating profit of \$41.39m in the first six months of 2012 and was the most profitable of the company's four divisions.

Shell Wins U.S. Permit To Prepare For Arctic Drilling

(<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-08-30/shell-wins-u-s-permit-to-prepare-for-arctic-drilling.html>)

Royal Dutch Shell Plc (RDSA) said it will be difficult to complete an exploratory well in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska this year even after the company received a permit to begin limited preparatory work. Shell will be allowed to drill 1,400 feet under the seabed with the permit granted yesterday by the U.S. Interior Department. The company still needs U.S. Coast Guard approval for a spill-containment barge before a permit can be issued to drill about 4,000 feet deeper, into oil reservoirs. Royal Dutch Shell Plc can dig a 40-foot hole on the floor of the Chukchi Sea to install equipment that will prevent well blowouts, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said

today. For the company that spent \$4.5 billion to explore the Chukchi and Beaufort seas time is running out -- it takes at least 20 days to complete a well and Shell has to stop drilling in the oil-bearing zone in the Chukchi Sea by Sept. 24. The company asked for an extension, a request the Interior Department said it is still considering. Completing a well in the Chukchi "will be very, very difficult without the extension," Pete Slaiby, Shell's head of Alaska operations, told reporters during a conference call from Anchorage yesterday. Shell, which initially planned five wells this year, was delayed by ice and getting approvals for a barge it plans to use for oil spill containment.

Oil Set For First Weekly Drop Since July As Gulf Output R

(<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-08-30/oil-set-for-first-weekly-drop-since-july-as-gulf-output-to-start.html>)

Oil headed for the first weekly decline since July in New York as producers worked to restore Gulf of Mexico output and refiners prepared to resume operations after Hurricane Isaac passed. Futures were little changed after dropping to the lowest close in two weeks yesterday. Companies including BP Plc (BP/) and Chevron Corp. (CVX) said they are assessing offshore facilities before returning workers. Isaac was downgraded to a tropical depression after pounding the New Orleans area on the seventh anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke is scheduled to speak today at a symposium where in 2010 he foreshadowed economic stimulus measures by the bank. "Oil went up and came back very quickly because the U.S. was prepared for the hurricane," said Jonathan Barratt, the chief executive officer of Barratt's Bulletin, a commodity newsletter in Sydney who predicts New York crude has support at \$94.50 a barrel. "It's going to have to be bigger than Katrina to have an impact. We'll see what Bernanke

has to say.” Oil for October delivery was at \$94.79 a barrel, up 17 cents, in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange at 3:12 p.m. Singapore time. The contract yesterday dropped 0.9 percent to \$94.62, the lowest close since Aug. 15. Prices are down 1.4 percent this week, the first weekly decline since July 27.

++ Finance News ++

Hoegh LNG sneaks profit

(<http://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/282691/hoegh-lng-in-profit>)

Oslo-listed Hoegh LNG has moved into profit in the second quarter of 2012 helped to a large degree by higher revenues. It eked out net income of \$600,000 for the three months period compared to a loss of \$2.7m this time last year. Total revenues for the second quarter were \$32.3m, some 22% higher than the \$26.5m achieved twelve months earlier. Income for the quarter includes \$5.1m in revenues from engineering work for two planned FLNG projects, one off Israel and a second in South-East Asia. Hoegh LNG said operating profits before depreciation was \$9.7m, up from the \$7.3m in the second quarter of 2011. This was mainly attributed to the award of the paid engineering studies within the FPSO business area and capitalized costs relating to the FSRU newbuilding program. During the first half of 2012 revenues were \$60m versus the \$52.5m seen a year ago, while net losses improved from \$7.3m to \$3.3m.

Evergreen turns red

(<http://www.tradewindsnews.com/liner/282693/evergreen->

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Taiwanese container line Evergreen has posted a big reversal in fortunes for the first half as investment losses took their toll. The boxship giant said the net loss to 30 June was TWD 2.4bn (\$80.19m), against a profit of TWD 1.38bn in 2011. Revenue edged up to TWD 7.9bn, from TWD 7.58bn, while costs rose to TWD 7.57bn, compared to TWD 7.38bn the year before. Operating profit rose to TWD 321.91m, from TWD 203.09m, but it suffered losses from long-term investments of TWD 2.52bn, against a gain of TWD 1.44bn in 2011.

Atlantic back in the black

(<http://www.tradewindsnews.com/offshore/282689/atlantic-back-in-the-black>)

Atlantic Offshore has returned to the black in the second quarter of 2012 after managing to halve its costs. Operating profits at the shipowner were just under NOK18.5m (\$3.2m). This compares with an operating loss of NOK8.7m a year ago. Freight revenues were down over 36% year-on-year to NOK113m. Total revenue for the quarter was also down 36% at NOK129.8m. However, the company was able to cut operating costs to NOK111m from the NOK212m seen a year ago. "The present spot markets for PSV and AHTS tonnage is strongly in favour of the charterers, with low utilisation giving day rates below operating costs for vessel owners," it said. However, the company said the industry may see some improvement in the spot market sometime during the fourth quarter.