# Ship Recycling: Residual Values







## What happened?

# Only when the tide goes out do you discover who's been swimming naked

(Warren Buffett)



## What was being recycled?





## What is being recycled?





## What is being recycled?







## What else has changed?

#### **SELLERS**

- Not much.
  - Still,
    - Last cent
    - Beat last done
  - However,
    - Some movement towards environmentally safe and responsible ship recycling from Norwegian and Japanese companies.
      - Greek companies are conspicuous by their absence



## What else has changed?

#### **BUYERS**

- Not much.
  - Still,
    - Offers are ahead of market
    - Renegotiations if/when prices fall at time of delivery
  - However,
    - Maturity of players (Cash Buyers & recyclers)
    - Strong movement towards environmentally safe and responsible ship recycling from Chinese and Indian yards
    - Bangladesh and Pakistan trying to catch up slowly



## What else has changed?

#### **Macro environment**

- Supply..... Record levels
  - From 300 to 900 ships
  - USD 1 to 2 billon annual turnover
- Demand....Expansion
- Capacity has expanded in all major markets
- Greater intervention
- Media exposure
- Environmentally safe and responsible recycling (ESRSR)



## **Issues: Ship Values**

### Ship values

- Greek controlled companies still have significant inventory of "old" ships
- Loss of asset values by 75 to 50%
  - VLCC: USD 30mill USD 10mill USD 15mill
  - Aframax: USD 12mill 4mill 6 mill
- Volatility: 10% in a week!
- Fall in values anticipated
  - Supply
  - Regulations



## Ship recycling Funds: Are they necessary?

- - ESRSR..... USP
    - Wheel is NOT broken
      - China, India and Turkey
    - 5 vs. 80 pct
    - Infrastructure in place
- YES
  - Carrots i/o Sticks



## The best time to scrap?

## In the business world, the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield

(Warren Buffett)



### **Road Ahead**

- Safe & Responsible Ship Recycling
  - Worker Safety + Green Ship Recycling
  - Spotlight on major operators and owners of larger vessels: tankers, containers and PCCs
  - Adoption of IMO's Hong Kong Convention and implications



### **IMO Convention**

### What is the Hong Kong CONVENTION?

- Most comprehensive & consequential
- Key items:
  - Inventory of Hazardous Materials
  - Ship Recycling Plan: Identification, Removal and Disposal of Hazardous Materials
  - Worker Safety at Yards



### Hong Kong Convention

### Impact on sellers

- Awareness, Costs, Accountability and Responsibility
- Where to recycle
- Lower prices=Lack of interest?
- Will sellers accept?
- Effect on residual values



### Hong Kong Convention

### Opportunities

- Convergence of interests
  - IGOs, NGOs (not all), Owners, Buyers, Ship Recyclers, Class societies
- Raises the bar for the industry
- Inclusive NOT Exclusive
- Funds & Programs
  - World Bank, ILO, Basel, Owners' Assoc



### **Threats**

- Grossly misrepresented
- Unsophisticated industry groups
- Lack of industry participation
- Progress by sticks... few carrots
- Unexpected events... GP list
- Loss of asset values



## Is this an option?





## Or this?





## Or this?





## **Closing Thought**

- A healthy, vibrant ship recycling industry,
  - Is good for the environment
    - Steel from ship vs Iron Ore
    - Old ships at sea... accidents
    - Abandonment
  - For the shipping industry
    - Outlet for safe disposal of old/unsafe environmentally unfriendly vessels
    - Improves Residual values
  - Creates employment for about 300,000 people
  - Essential for growth of local economies



## THANK YOU