



## Asian Oil Intelligence Desk - Daily Briefing

Friday, June 19, 2026 · As of Jun 19, 2026 17:00 ET · Sentiment: Neutral

Energy markets on Friday, June 19, 2026, were largely influenced by the formal signing of a US-Iran memorandum of understanding, which is expected to facilitate the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. Crude oil prices saw gains, recovering from earlier volatility, while product tanker markets softened despite a firmer tone in crude tankers. US equity markets were closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

### SHIPPING RATES & BUNKERS

#### DIRTY TANKER (\$/DAY)

Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
VLCC, 270	AG-FE	42,000	39,000
Suezmax, 130	WAFR-UKC	30,000	28,000
Aframax, 80	Med-Med	22,000	23,000

#### CLEAN TANKER (\$/DAY)

Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
LR2, 75	AG-FE	19,500	25,000
MR, 37	TC2 (Cont-USAC)	18,000	20,000

#### TIME CHARTER (KDWT)

Vessel	1yr	Newbuild	5yr
VLCC, 200+	49,000	127.0	112.0

#### LNG (\$/DAY)

Type	Spot	Sent.	52wk
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)	13,000	Flat	30,231

#### LPG (\$/DAY)

VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)	34,643
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#### BUNKERS (\$/MT)

Port	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Singapore	663.0	550.0	750.0

### COMMODITIES & MARKETS

#### EQUITIES

Index	Last	Chg
S&P 500 United States	7,500.58	0.00

### ENERGY PRICES

#### CRUDE

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
Brent ICE	\$/bbl	80.38	+1.03
WTI NYMEX	\$/bbl	77.54	+1.98

#### PRODUCTS

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline NYMEX	c/gal	213.67	+1.50

#### NATURAL GAS

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Henry Hub NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	3.12	+0.09

#### NGL

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Mont Belvieu Propane NYMEX	\$/mt	377.48	+2.10

#### PRICE SPREADS

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline/Brent Crack Spread	\$/bbl	23.00	-0.50

### CARBON MARKET DAILY

Instrument	Unit	Bid	Offer
European Union Allowances (Spot)	EUR/ton	69.80	70.20

### CURRENCIES

Pair	Last	Chg
EUR/\$	1.15	+0.00

### DEVELOPMENTS

#### US-Iran Deal Signed, Strait of Hormuz Reopening Expected to Ease Oil Supply Concerns

A memorandum of understanding between the US and Iran was formally signed, with provisions aimed at restoring normal shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a key energy corridor.

Vantage Markets/Affinity Shipping · Jun 19, 2026

#### Crude Oil Prices Show Mixed Reaction Amid Geopolitical Tensions and Hormuz Agreement

Brent and WTI crude oil prices saw gains on Friday, recovering from earlier dips, as markets weighed the positive impact of the Hormuz reopening against renewed tensions in the Middle East.

ARMENPRESS/Vantage Markets · Jun 19, 2026

#### US Equity Markets Closed for Juneteenth Holiday; S&P 500 Holds Strong Gains from Prior Session

US stock exchanges, including the NYSE and Nasdaq, were closed on Friday, June 19, 2026, in observance of the Juneteenth federal holiday. The S&P 500's last close was 7,500.58.

Meta Trading Club/S&P Global · Jun 19, 2026

#### US Crude Oil Inventories Decrease, Refineries Operate at High Capacity

For the week ending June 19, 2026, US commercial crude oil inventories decreased by 6.1 million barrels, falling below the five-year average. US refineries processed 10.1 million barrels per day.

EIA/FXStreet · Jun 24, 2026

#### Product Tanker Markets Softer, Crude Tankers Show Gradual Strengthening

The product tanker market experienced a softer week, particularly for LR2s in the Arabian Gulf, due to logistical constraints. In contrast, crude tanker markets showed signs of gradual strengthening.

Affinity Tanker Weekly · Jun 19, 2026

#### US Natural Gas Inventories Rise, LNG Exports Remain Robust

US natural gas inventories for the week ended June 19 rose by 76 billion cubic feet, keeping stockpiles above seasonal norms. Despite this, strong LNG export demand remained.

Trading Economics/Barchart.com · Jun 30, 2026