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Thursday, August 13, 2026 · As of Aug 13, 2026 17:00 ET · Sentiment: Bearish

Global energy markets on Thursday, August 13, 2026, saw crude oil prices decline due to revised downward demand forecasts and a significant build in U.S. crude inventories, despite ongoing geopolitical tensions. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 reached a new record high, buoyed by cooling inflation data and strong performance in the technology sector. Shipping markets experienced mixed signals, with some bunker prices falling, but high tanker asset values and disruptions in key waterwa...

SHIPPING RATES & BUNKERS			
DIRTY TANKER (\$/DAY)			
Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
VLCC, 270	AG-FE	60,000	55,000
Suezmax, 130	WAF-UKC	45,000	42,000
CLEAN TANKER (\$/DAY)			
Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
LR2, 75	AG-FE	30,000	28,000
MR, 37	TC2 (UKC-USAC)	25,000	23,000
TIME CHARTER (KDWT)			
Vessel	1yr	Newbuild	5yr
VLCC, 200+	55,000	129.0	138.0
Suezmax, 130	40,000	88.0	88.0
LNG (\$/DAY)			
Type	Spot	Sent.	52wk
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)	14,000	Firm	35,000
174M3 TFDE (Atlantic)	15,000	Firm	38,000
LPG (\$/DAY)			
VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)			35,000
VLGC, 44 (USGC-Japan)			40,000
BUNKERS (\$/MT)			
Port	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Singapore	799.5	600.0	1,250.0
Rotterdam	615.0	470.0	1,200.0
Fujairah	775.0	620.0	1,300.0

COMMODITIES & MARKETS			
EQUITIES			
Index	Last	Chg	
S&P 500 United States	7,798.99	+50.69	
Dow Jones Industrial Average United States	53,839.99	+70.00	

DEVELOPMENTS	
Oil Prices Drop as Global Energy Consumption Outlooks Slashed and US Inventories Build Major international forecasters, including OPEC, sharply lowered their 2026 global oil demand growth projections, while the U.S. Energy Information Administrati... Reuters/Bloomberg · Aug 13, 2026	SK Shipping and H-Line Swap Tankers to Create LNG Shipping Giant South Korean shipping companies SK Shipping Co. and H-Line Shipping Co. agreed to swap vessels and contracts, with SK Shipping acquiring 16 LNG carriers and H-L... Bloomberg/Transport Topics · Aug 13, 2026
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ENERGY PRICES			
CRUDE			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
Brent ICE	\$/bbl	87.14	-1.32
WTI NYMEX	\$/bbl	81.36	-1.28
PRODUCTS			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline NYMEX	c/gal	312.80	-2.57
Heating Oil NYMEX	c/gal	280.00	-2.00
NATURAL GAS			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Henry Hub NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	2.74	+0.02
NGL			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Mont Belvieu Propane NYMEX	\$/mt	400.00	+1.50
PRICE SPREADS			
Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline/Brent Crack Spread	\$/bbl	44.24	+0.24
CARBON MARKET DAILY			
Instrument	Unit	Bid	Offer
European Union Allowances (Spot)	EUR/ton	75.00	75.05

CURRENCIES		
Pair	Last	Chg
EUR/\$	1.15	0.00
USD/JPY	145.50	+0.25