

A worker in a white protective suit and helmet is working on a ship's deck. The background shows the ship's structure and equipment. A blue geometric overlay is present on the right side of the image.

Bunkering Market Report

August 2022

Brent Crude Market Analysis & Forecast

August kicked off with Brent crude at just below the \$100/b level at \$99.83 after spending most of July above \$100/b.

The main reason for Brent coming off at the start of the month were fears about the Chinese economy and China's zero tolerance Covid policy which led to a contraction in Chinese factory activity.

Early August

Just a few days into the new month, Brent crude plunged further to \$93.56/b on the news that US gasoline stocks grew by 200k barrels in the weekly US DoE stats, signalling that US drivers were limiting their gasoline purchases as prices remained high for US consumers.

Brent crude prices continued to tumble in the first half of the month as economic fears continued to dominate the market.

By the 10th of August, crude prices had started to recover as supply fears took a back seat to the demand picture.

Mid August

By mid-month, news about the potential revival of the Iran Nuclear deal helped crude prices drop below \$90/b for the WTI benchmark, a cut in the GDP growth forecast for China to 4% also helped keep a lid on prices.

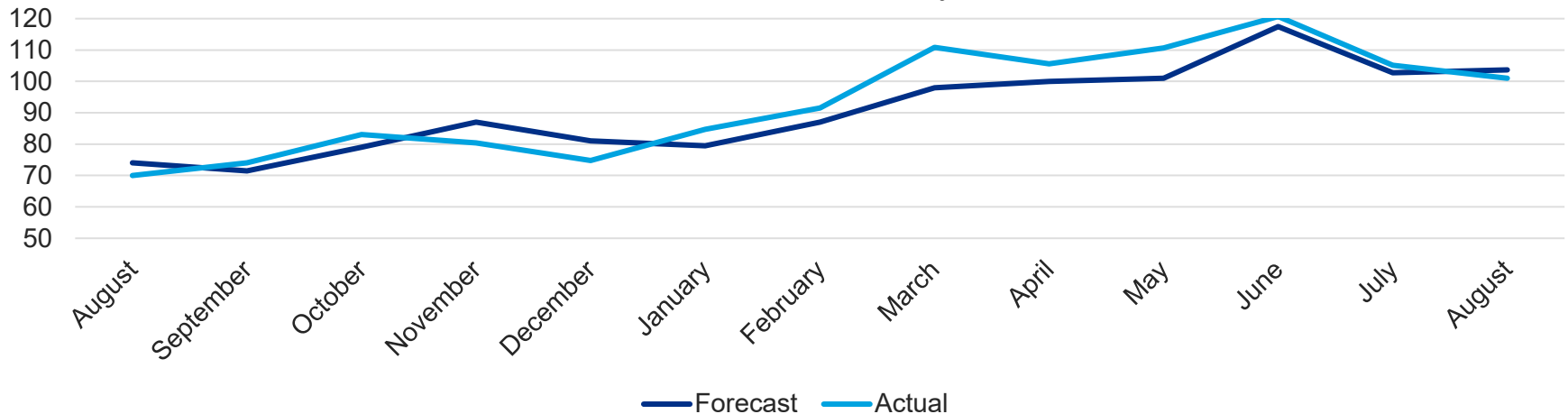
Also by mid August, VLSFO prices globally had come back down to pre Ukraine invasion levels in welcome news for bunker consumers.

Late August

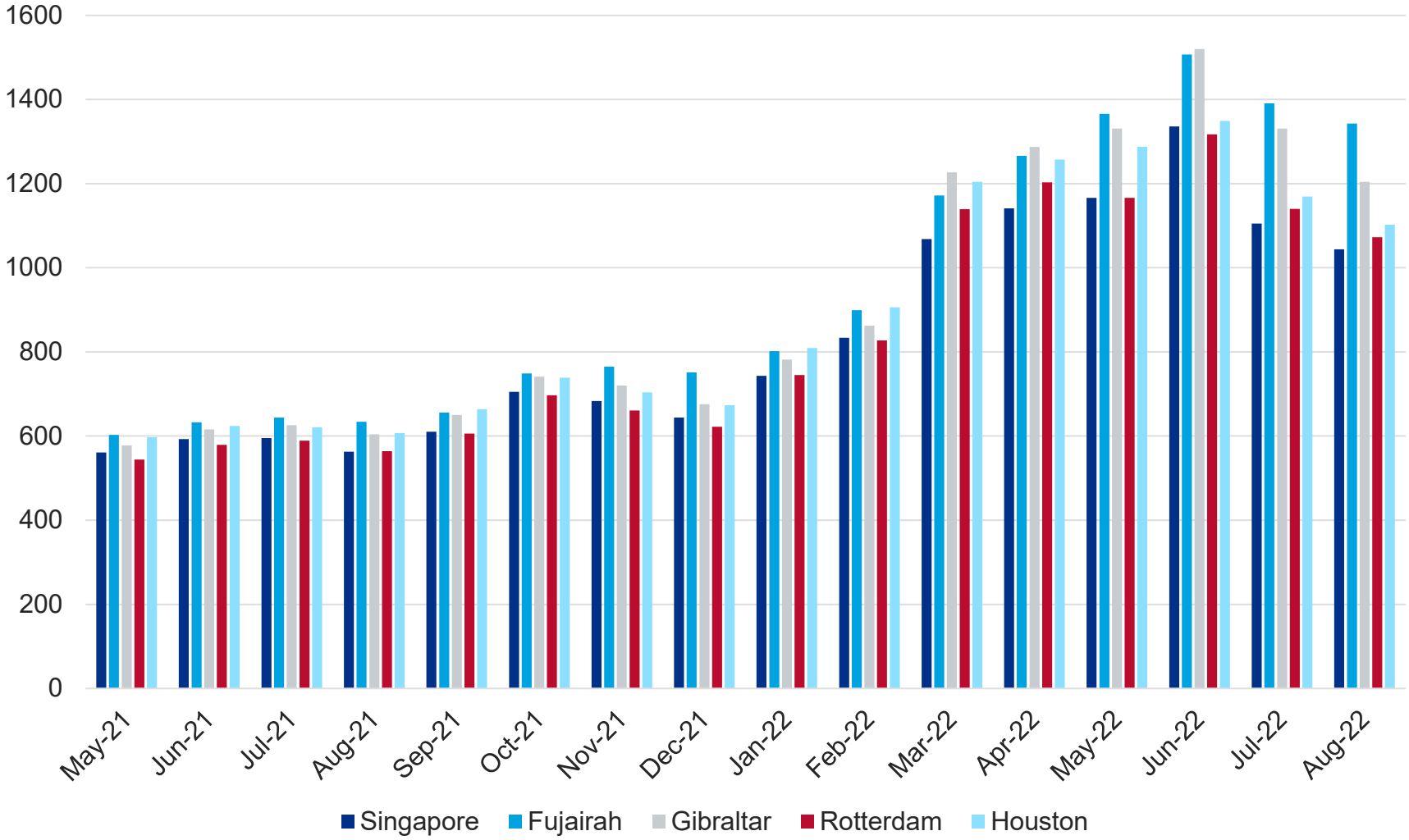
Towards the end of the month, oil prices once again plunged as oil traders feared a US Fed interest rate hike, and then on the third to last day of the month prices shot upwards, highlighting the volatility in the market.

Brent crude ended the month trading at \$92.16/b.

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Global LSMGO Average Prices



Global VLSFO Average Prices

