Onyx Brokerage: A Broker's Take



Long Nov'24 380 East/West

Trade Update

On Monday, the 14th, we recommended going long Nov 380 E/W at -\$3/mt based on our expectation of increased flows into Europe in the coming months, which we anticipated would put pressure on 3.5% Nov/Dec barges. We also observed heightened buying interest in 380 cracks, supporting 380 spreads further along the curve.

Since then, we've witnessed increased selling pressure on the 3.5% barge crack, which has dropped from -\$6.70/bbl to its current level of -\$7.90/bbl. This has also impacted the Nov/Dec 3.5% barge spreads, causing them to decline from \$17.50/mt to \$12.75/mt. Simultaneously, there's been increased buying activity in Nov/Dec 380 spreads, pushing them from \$7.50/mt to \$9.50/mt.

Meanwhile, increased buying of 380 cracks, mainly from European and Singaporean trade houses, has supported the 380 spreads down the curve. The Nov/Dec 380 spread has traded as high as \$7.50/mt, supporting the 380 E/W as 380 strengthened while 3.5% barges weakened. As a result, the Nov 380 E/W has rallied from -\$12.50/mt to -\$3.50/mt.

These significant movements have contributed to heightened volatility in the 380 E/W contract, which surged to \$5.50/mt this morning, exceeding our initial target of \$3/mt. Given the current volatility we recommend closing out the trade to lock in profits.



