

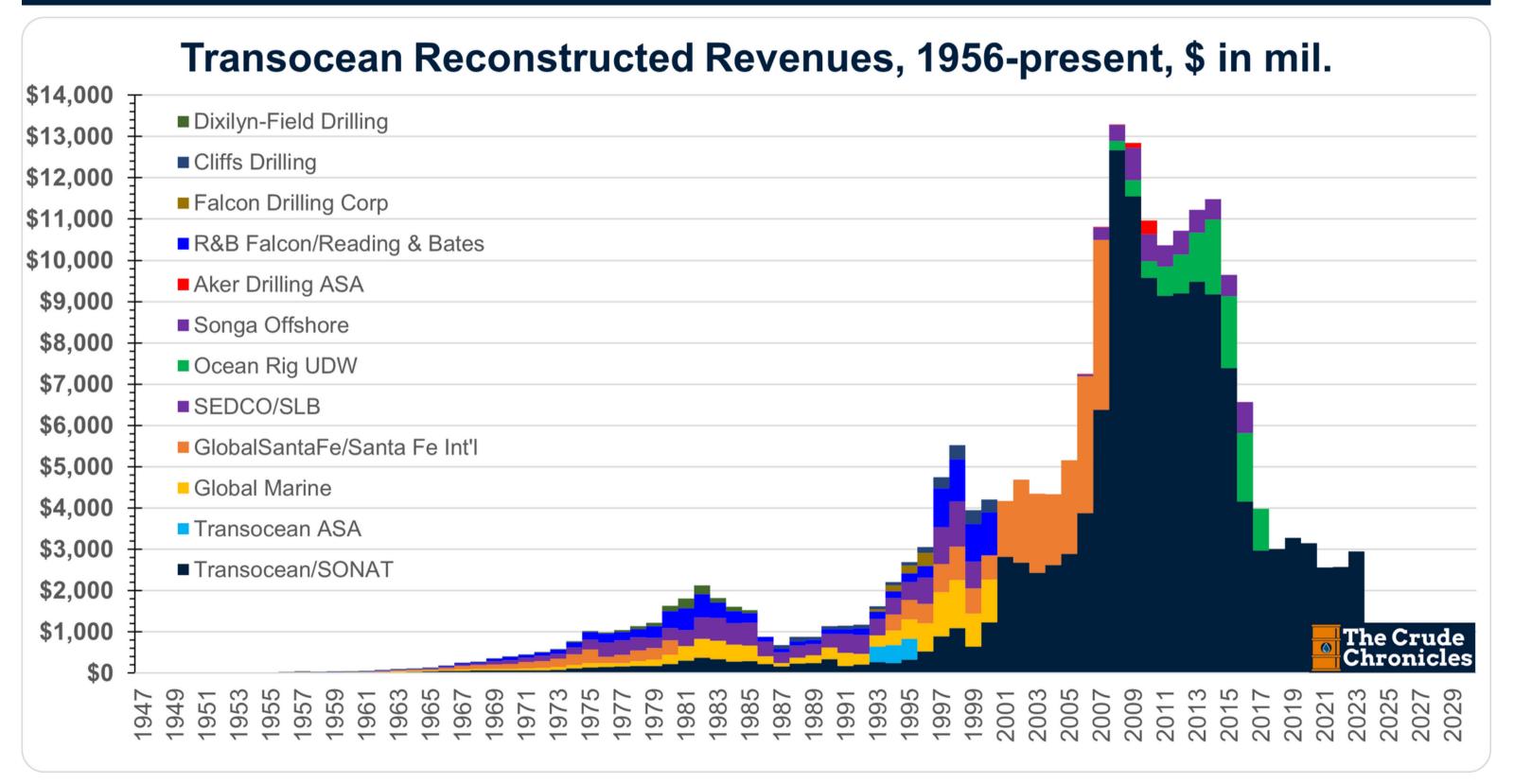
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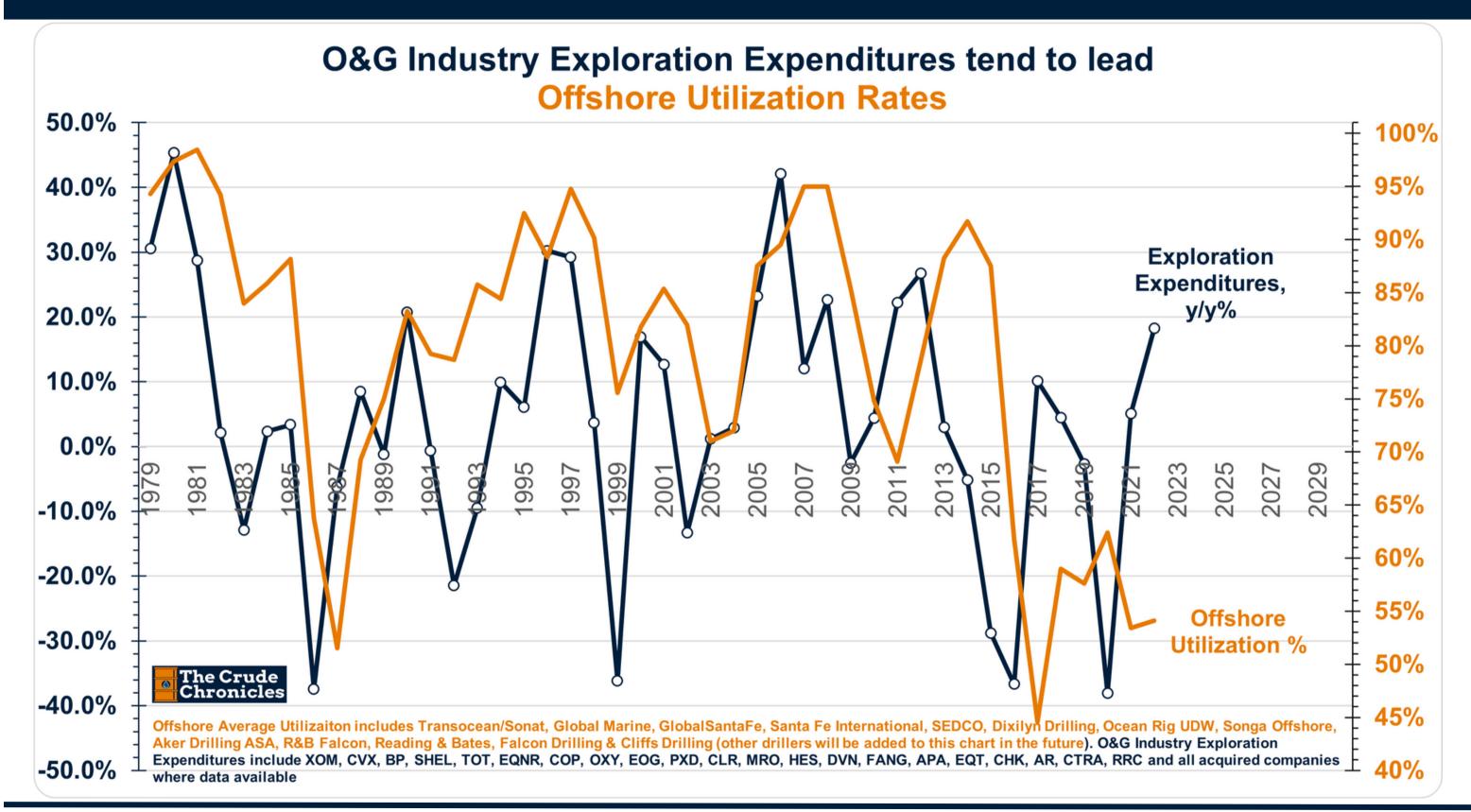
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The companies that were rolled up in the 2000s cycle can trace their origins back to the beginnings of the industry and were once major players in the offshore industry themselves.





One of the reasons I think the offshore theme will make a comeback is that exploration budgets are now rising. The biggest beneficiary has always been the offshore industry.

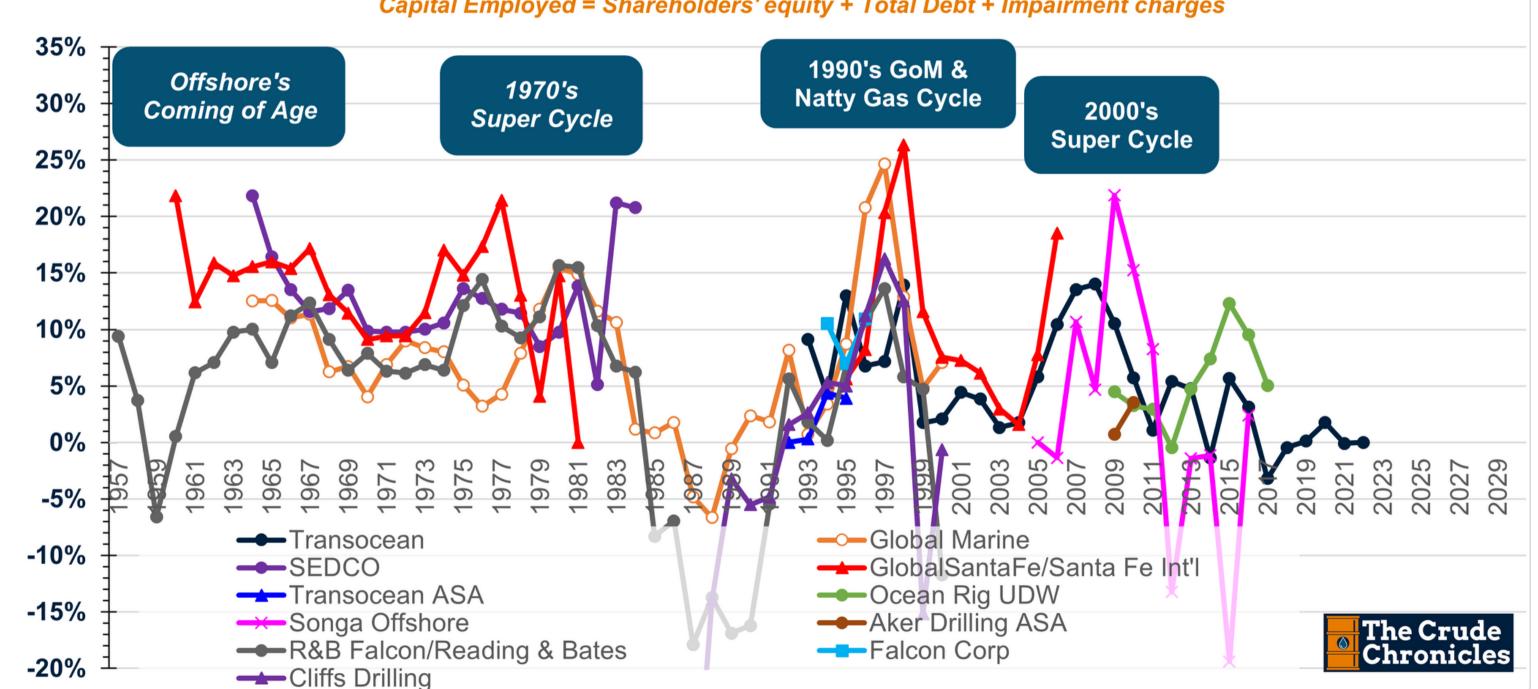




#### There have been 4 offshore cycles and if I am correct this will be the 5th.

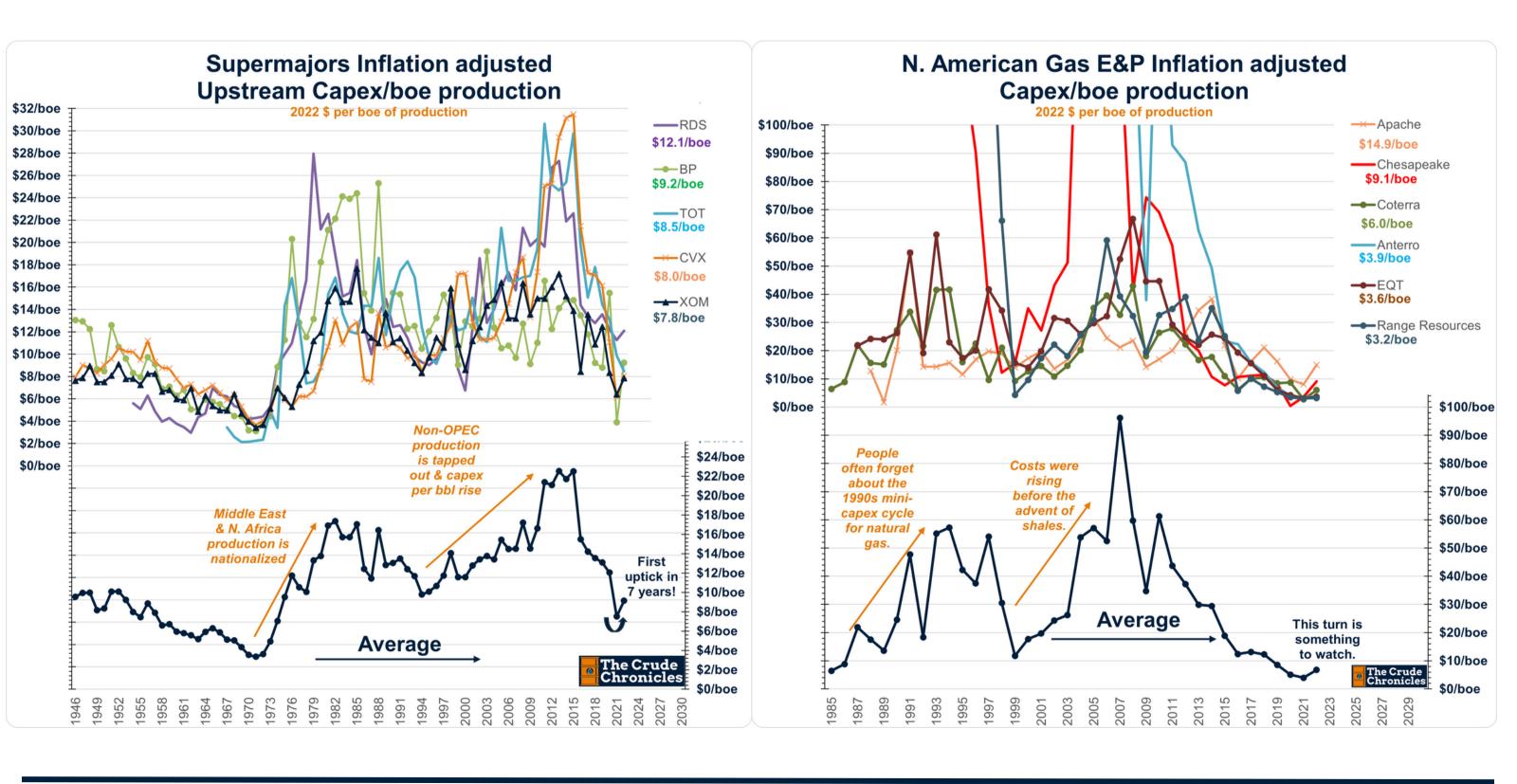
### Offshore's Return on Capital Cycles, NOPAT ROCE

NOPAT = (Net Income + Impairment charges + interest exp + taxes) x (1-tax rate)
Capital Employed = Shareholders' equity + Total Debt + Impairment charges



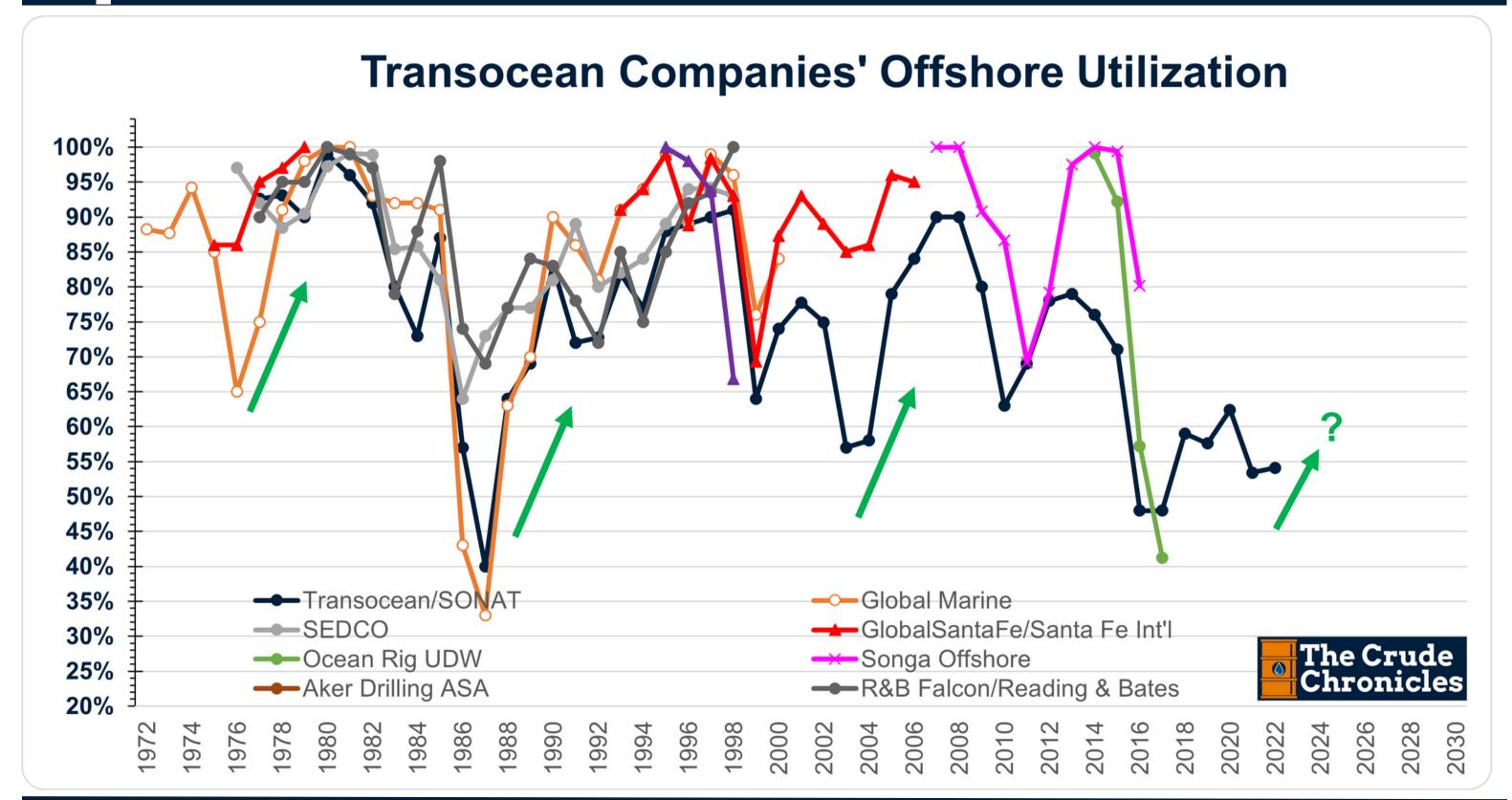


### Stage 1 - Offshore becomes competitive and attracts capital.



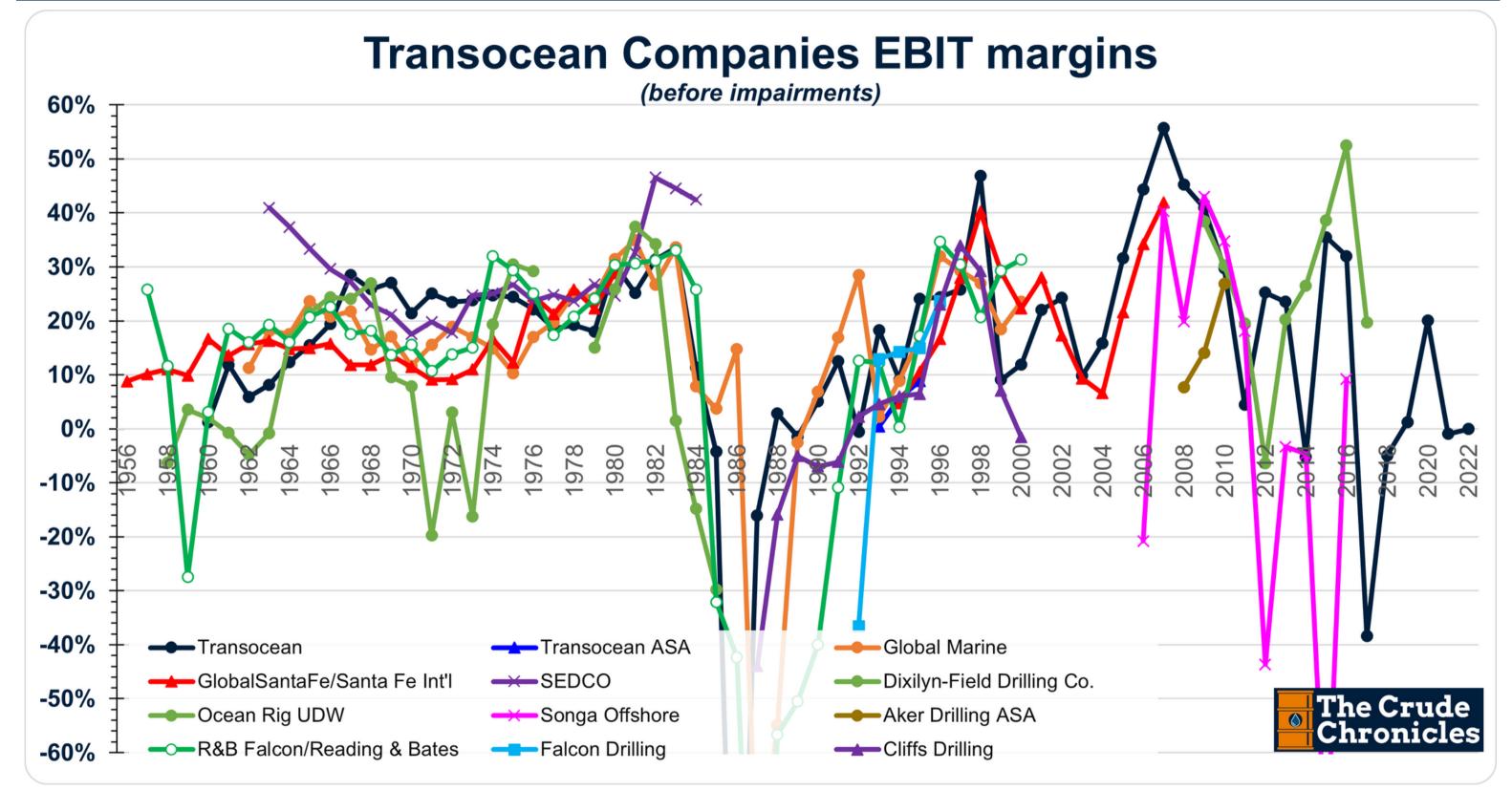


# Stage 2 - The boats are put to work and utilization rates improve.



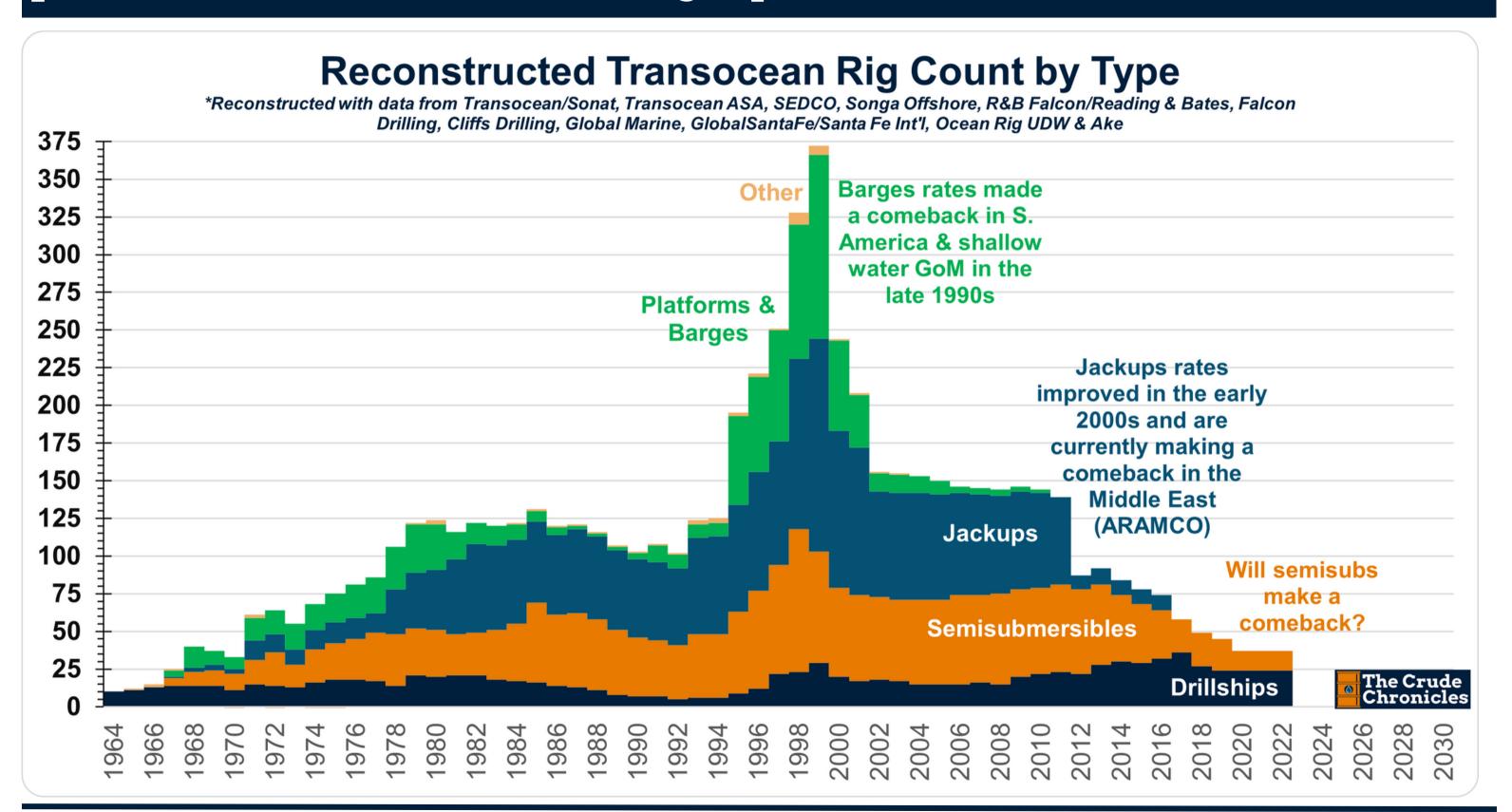


# Stage 3 - Industry margins improve on the back of higher utilization and pricing.



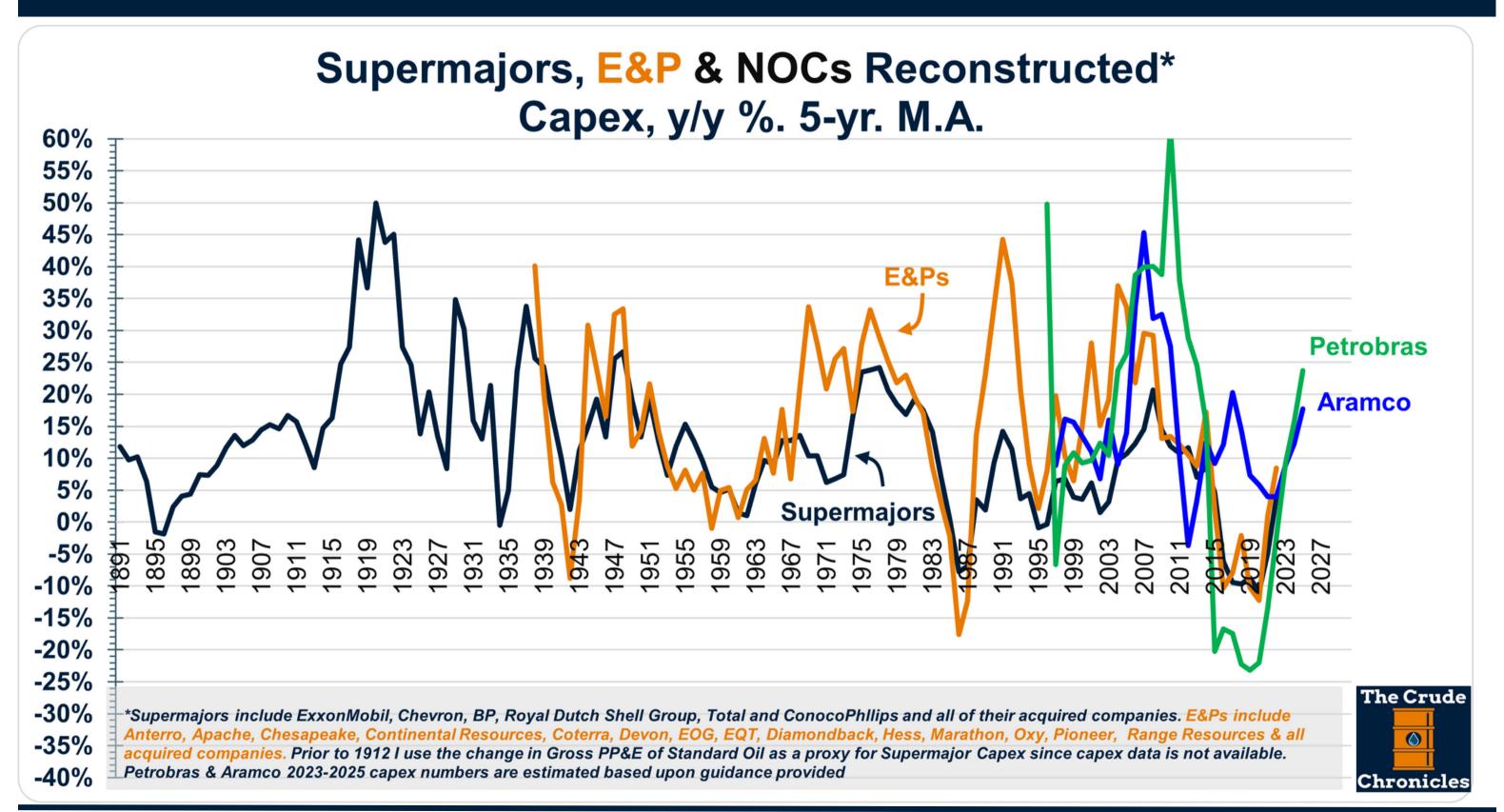


# Stage 3 continued - It's not just the high-spec rigs that are earning a premium but also some of the legacy assets that come back to life.



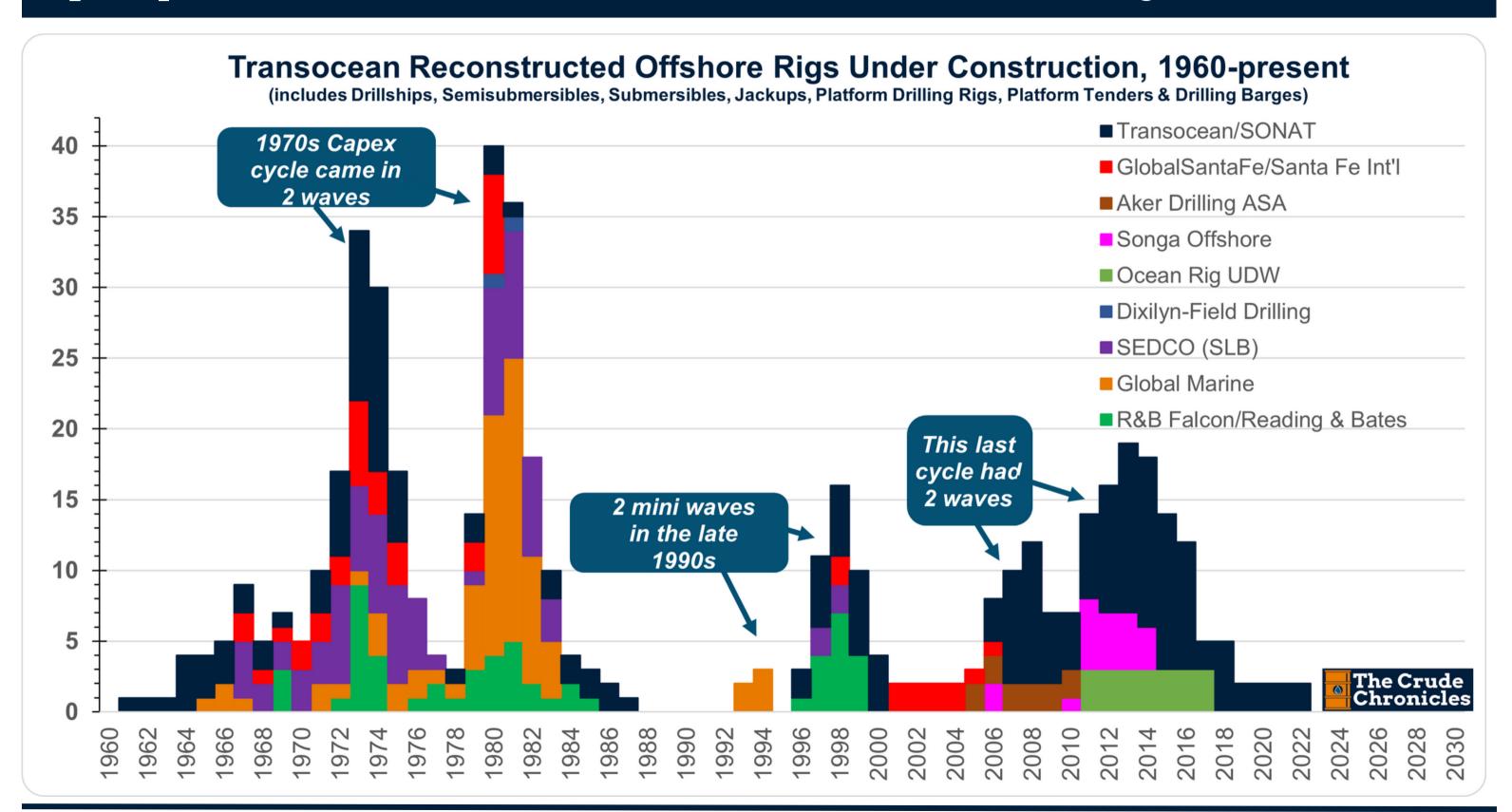


Stage 3 continued - Currently, ARAMCO is supporting jack-up rates in the Middle East and Petrobras (along with Guyana) are supporting floater rates in S. America



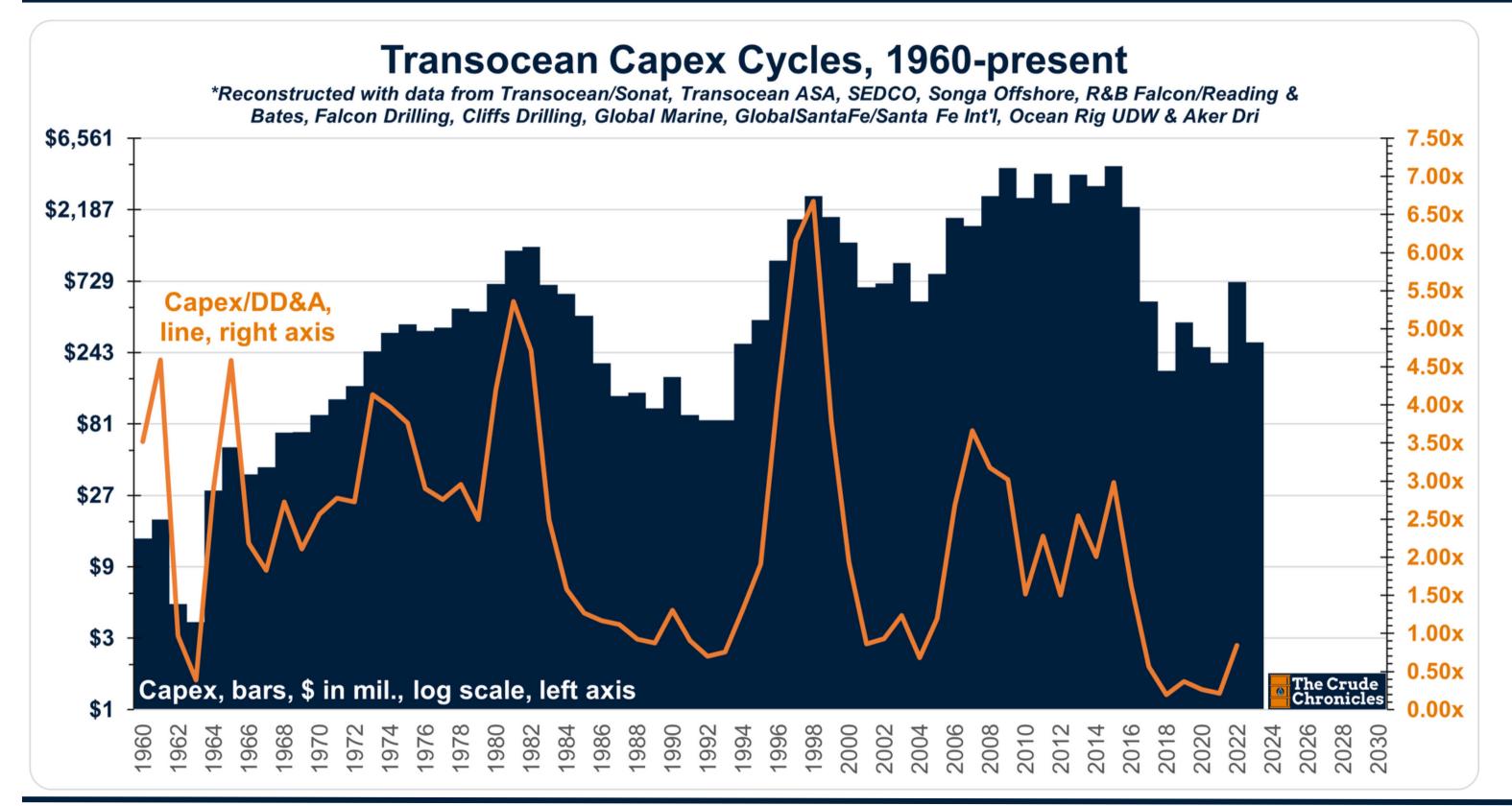


## Stage 4 - The industry gorges itself on capex to replenish the fleet. Often times these capex cycles come in two waves with the second wave of boats larger than the first.



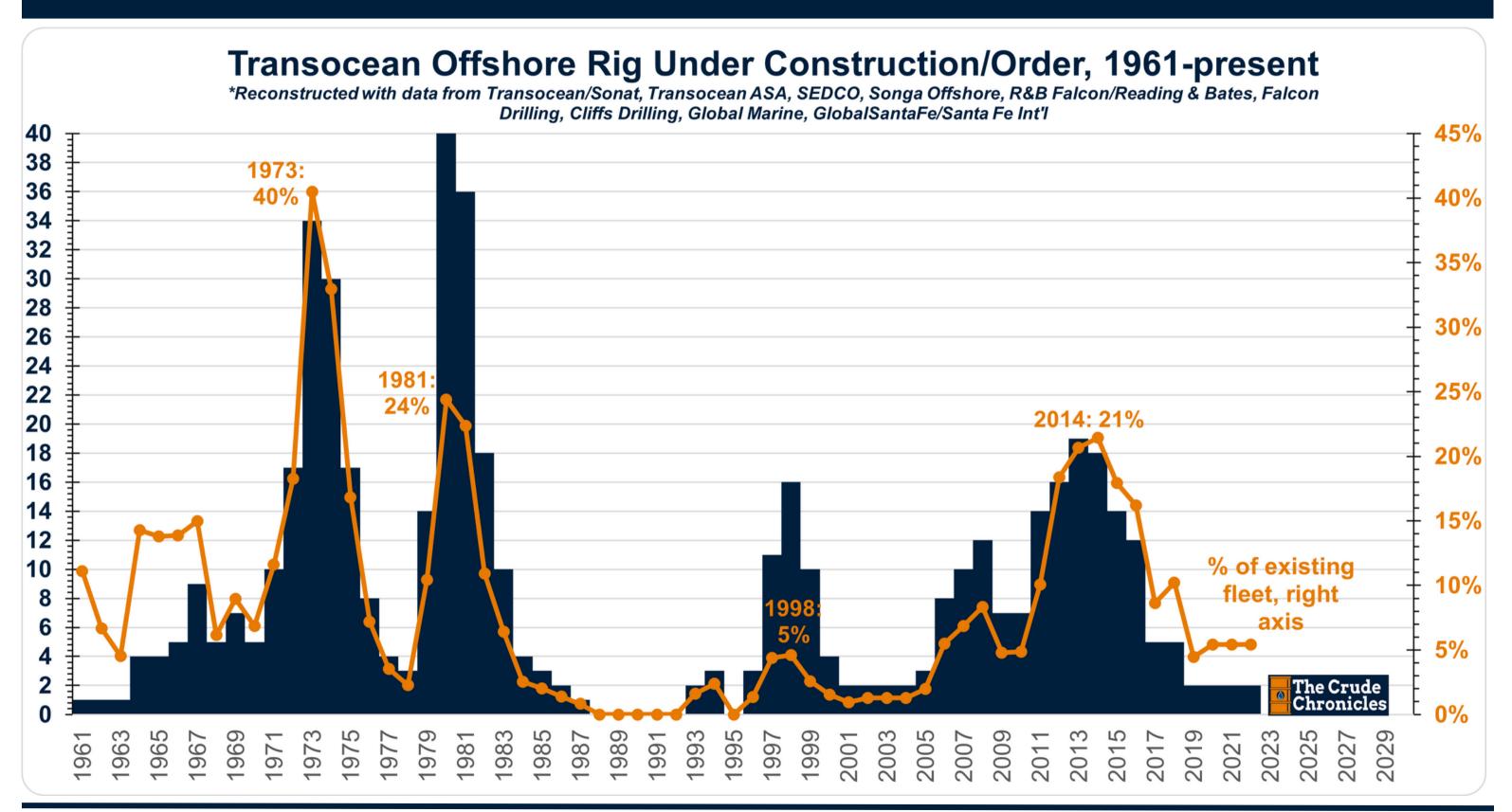


Stage 4 continued - Transocean is currently spending less than depreciation rates but this is not a rare occurrence when looked at in the context of history.



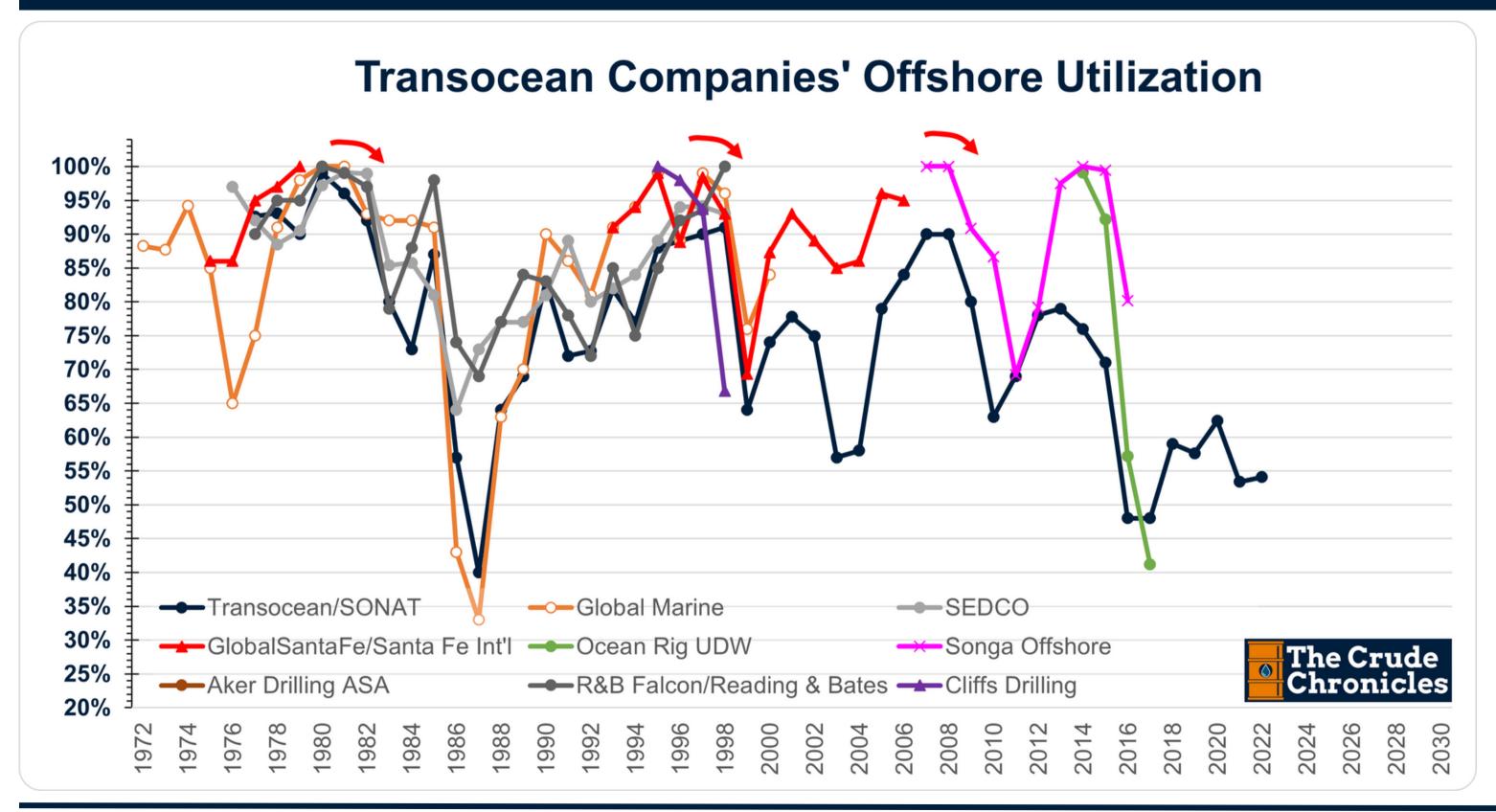


Stage 4 continued - If I had to guess, a replenishment rate somewhere between 20%-40% of the existing fleet signals a peak.



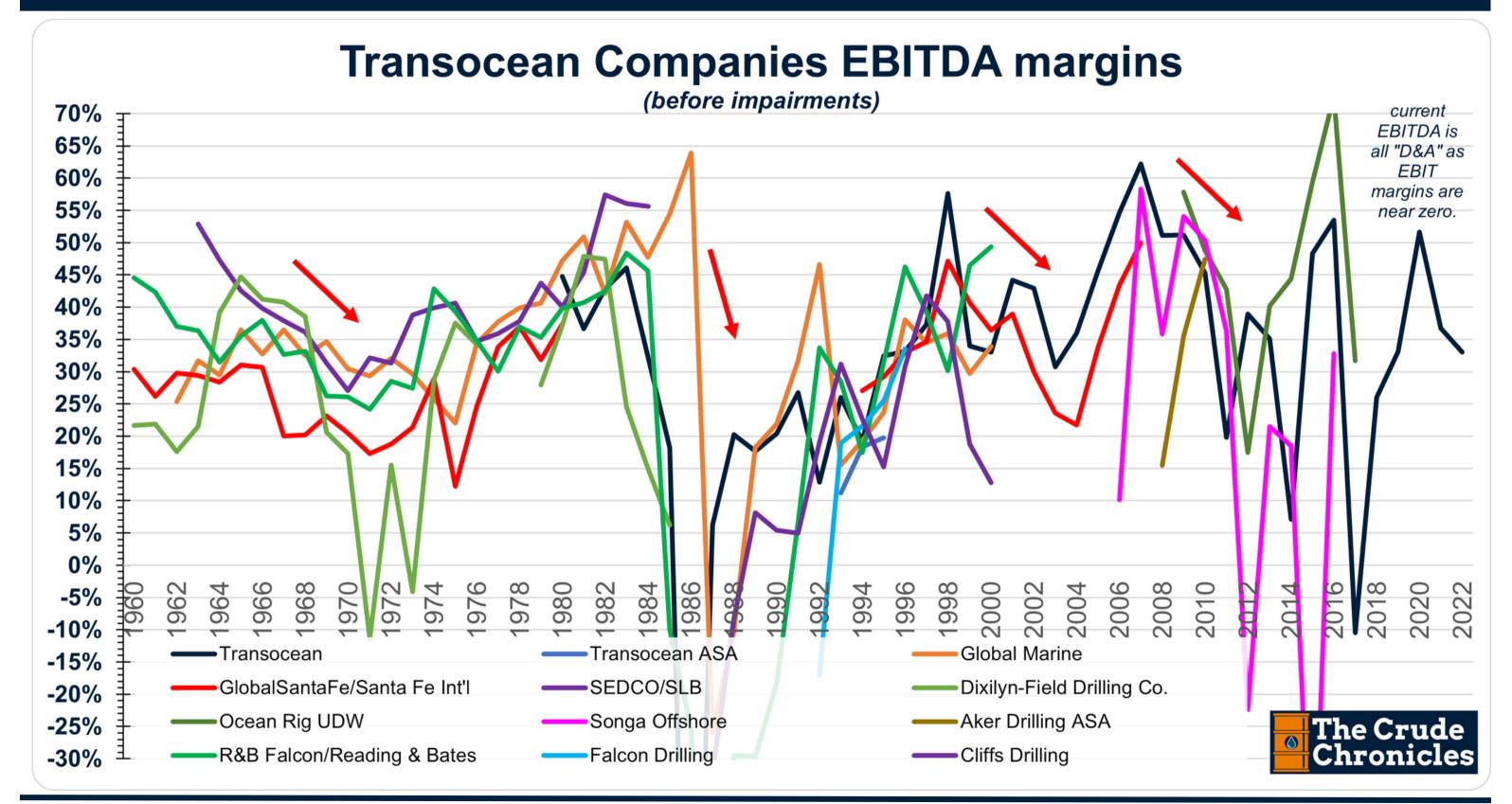


#### Stage 5 - A deluge of boats begins to hit the market and utilization rolls over.



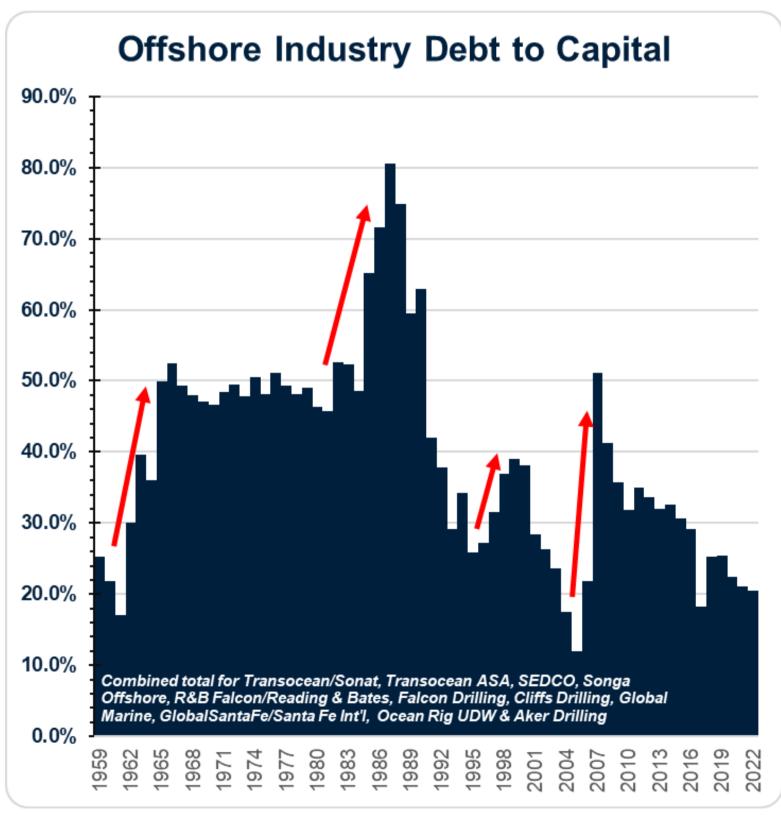


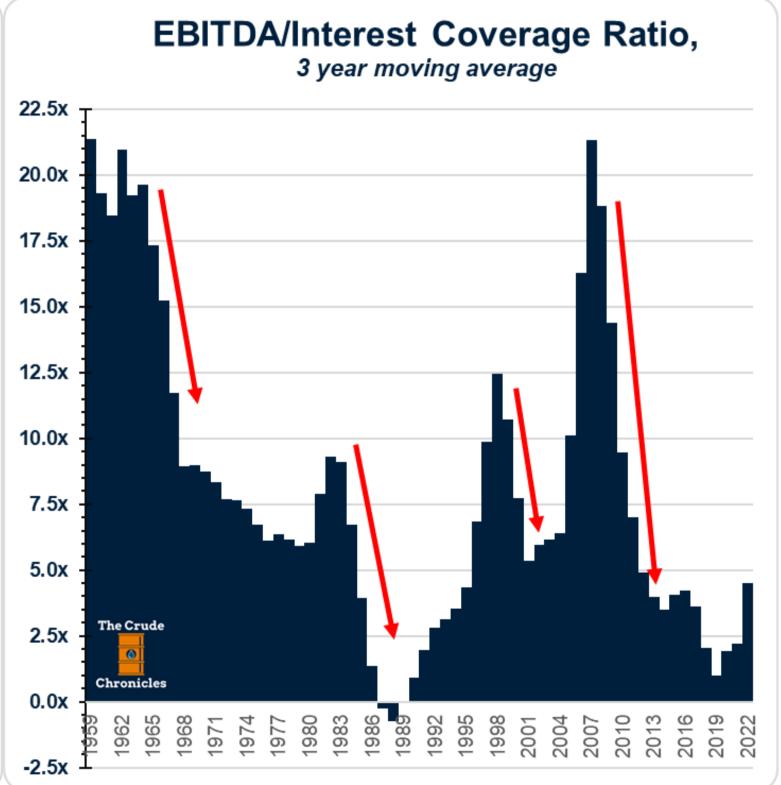
### Stage 5 continued - Which in turn causes day rates and margins to fall.





## Stage 6 - An industry-wide balance sheet recession begins followed by consolidation and recapitalization.







The "multiple" irony of the offshore industry. They all chase day rates and utilization. Yet, this industry doesn't get a multiple on either but rather returns on capital.

