

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
April 29, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of April 2009

Commission File Number: 001-32458

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Pendelis 16, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece  
(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is a press release dated April 28, 2009 of Diana Shipping Inc. announcing that it has changed the date and time of its first quarter 2009 conference call.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
(registrant)

Dated: April 28, 2009

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
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DIANA SHIPPING INC. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN DATE AND TIME  
FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009 CONFERENCE CALL/WEBCAST

ATHENS, GREECE, April 28, 2009 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), a global shipping company specializing in the transportation of dry bulk cargoes, today announced that it has changed the date and time of its first quarter 2009 conference call. The conference call and simultaneous webcast will now take place at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

As previously announced, the Company's financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009 will be released before the opening of the U.S. financial markets on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Investors may access the webcast by visiting the Company's website at [www.dianashippinginc.com](http://www.dianashippinginc.com), and clicking on the webcast link. The conference call also may be accessed by telephone by dialing 1-877-870-4399 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-706-679-6101 (for international callers), and providing the operator with the Conference ID number 97436447.

A replay of the webcast will be available soon after the completion of the call and will be accessible on [www.dianashippinginc.com](http://www.dianashippinginc.com). A telephone replay will be available by dialing 1-800-642-1687 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-706-645-9291 (for international callers), and providing the Conference ID number 97436447.

About the Company

Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX) is a global provider of shipping transportation services. The Company specializes in transporting dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

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