

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
April 11, 2012

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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 2012  
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 99.1 is a press release dated April 11, 2012 of Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") announcing that the Company's financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012 are scheduled to be released before the opening of the U.S. financial markets on Thursday, May 3, 2012 and that the Company's management will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

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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 11, 2012

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
Anastassis Margaronis  
President

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DIANA SHIPPING INC. ANNOUNCES THE DATE FOR THE  
2012 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS, CONFERENCE CALL  
AND WEBCAST

ATHENS, GREECE, April 11, 2012 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), a global shipping company specializing in the ownership and operation of dry bulk vessels, today announced that its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012 are scheduled to be released before the opening of the U.S. financial markets on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

The Company's management will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

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 1-877-407-8291 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-201-689-8345 (for international callers), and asking the operator for the Diana Shipping Inc. conference call.

A replay of the webcast will be available soon after the completion of the call and will be accessible for 30 days on [www.dianashippinginc.com](http://www.dianashippinginc.com). A telephone replay also will be available for 30 days by dialing 1-877-660-6853 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-201-612-7415 (for international callers), and providing the Account number 362 and Replay ID number 391510.

#### About the Company

Diana Shipping Inc. is a leading global provider of shipping transportation services through the ownership and operation of dry bulk vessels. The Company's vessels are employed primarily on medium to long-term time charters and transport a range of dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

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