

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
June 21, 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 June 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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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 the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement of Diana Shipping Inc. ("the Company").

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.2 is the Proxy Card of the Company, which was mailed to shareholders of the Company on or around June 18, 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: June 20, 2012

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
Anastassis Margaronis  
President