

Star Bulk Carriers Corp.
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 February, 2010

Commission File Number: 001-33869

STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Star Bulk Carriers Corp.
c/o Star Bulk Management Inc.
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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 as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the press release of Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (the Company) dated February 02, 2010, announcing the sale of the Capesize vessel Star Beta.

STAR BULK ANNOUNCES THE SALE OF THE CAPE SIZE VESSEL STAR BETA

ATHENS, GREECE, February 02, 2010 - Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (the "Company" or "Star Bulk") (NASDAQ: SBLK), a global shipping company focusing on transportation of dry bulk cargoes, today announced that the Company has entered into an agreement to sell the Star Beta, a 174,691 dwt Capesize vessel, built 1993, to a third party for a contracted sale price of \$22 million. The company expects to deliver the vessel to the buyers in the second quarter of 2010 upon its redelivery from the current time charter.

Akis Tsirigakis, President and CEO of Star Bulk, commented: "We are pleased having agreed to sell one of our oldest vessels. We look forward to concentrate on renewing and growing our fleet. Our entire fleet is secured by period contracts and following the sale of the Star Beta, 92% of the fleet operating days for 2010 will be contracted and the fleet average age will be 9.4 years."

About Star Bulk

Star Bulk is a global shipping company providing worldwide seaborne transportation solutions in the drybulk sector. Star Bulk's vessels transport major bulks, which include iron ore, coal and grain and minor bulks such as bauxite, fertilizers and steel products. Star Bulk was incorporated in the Marshall Islands on December 13, 2006 and maintains executive offices in Athens, Greece. Its common stock and warrants trade on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbols "SBLK" and "SBLKW" respectively. Currently, Star Bulk has an operating fleet of eleven dry bulk carriers with a definitive agreement to sell one of its carriers. The total fleet consists of three Capesize, the largest type of dry bulk vessel and eight modern type Supramax dry bulk vessels, equipped with cranes and fitted with grabs for self-discharging. The average age of the fleet is approximately 10.1 years with a combined cargo carrying capacity of 931,178 deadweight tons.

Forward-Looking Statements

The information in this press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding: (1) the delivery and operation of assets of Star Bulk; (2) Star Bulk's future operating or financial results; (3) future, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy, areas of possible expansion, and expected capital spending or operating expenses; (4) drybulk market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting vessel supply and demand; and (5) other statements identified by words such as anticipate, believe, plan, estimate, expect, intend, show, words of similar meaning.

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Such forward-looking statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, Star Bulk's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in their records and other data available from third parties. Although Star Bulk believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond its control, Star Bulk cannot assure you that Star Bulk will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the failure of a seller to deliver one or more vessels, the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in Star Bulk's operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists. Additional factors that could cause Star Bulk's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Star Bulk's Registration Statement on Form F-1/F-4, Annual Reports on Forms 20-F for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, in Registration Statement on Form F-3 filed in September 2008 and its amendments, in Registration Statement on Form F-3 filed in January 2009 and its amendments, and reports on Form 6-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and available at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof, and Star Bulk disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this communication.

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SIGNATURES

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.

STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP.

(Registrant)

Date: February 02, 2010

By: **/s/ PROKOPIOS TSIRIGAKIS**

Name: **Prokopios Tsirigakis**

Title: **Chief Executive Officer and President**