

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.
Form 4
March 16, 2017

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Vogel Gary

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EAGLE BULK SHIPPING
INC., 300 FIRST STAMFORD
PLACE, 5TH FLOOR

(Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. [EGLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|---|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.56 | 03/14/2017 | A ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | 237,500 | | ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 03/01/2022 | Common Stock | 237,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Vogel Gary C/O EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC. 300 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE, 5TH FLOOR STAMFORD, CT 06902 | X Chief Executive Officer |

Signatures

/s/ Gary Vogel 03/16/2017

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- On March 1, 2017, Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the "Issuer") granted to Gary Vogel, a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors and the Issuer's Chief Executive Officer, options to purchase 237,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$5.56 per share (the "Options"), which price was equal to the average closing price per share of the Issuer's common stock, as quoted on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for the 10 trading days immediately preceding March 15, 2017. The Options have a five-year term and vest in four substantially equal installments on each of the following dates: (i) March 1, 2018, (ii) March 1, 2019, (iii) March 1, 2020 and (iv) March 1, 2021, subject to Mr. Vogel's continued employment with the Issuer or its affiliate on the applicable vesting date. In the event that Mr. Vogel's employment is terminated by the Issuer without cause or by him for good reason, his Options will vest as if he remained employed with the Issuer for an additional year beyond the date of such termination, as detailed in the Option Award Agreement, dated March 1, 2017, by and between the Issuer and Mr. Vogel (the "Option Award Agreement"). The Options issued to Mr. Vogel described above were granted pursuant to the Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 2016 Equity Incentive Plan and the Option Award Agreement.

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