Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. Form 8-K March 29, 2017 **UNITED STATES**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 29, 2017 (March 27, 2017)

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (*Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter*)

Republic of the Marshall Islands (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **001-33831** (Commission File Number) **98-0453513** (*IRS employer identification no.*)

300 First Stamford Place

5th Floor

Stamford, CT 06902

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): (203) 276-8100

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report): None

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

[_] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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[]Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[]Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed on the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 1, 2017, Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the "*Company*"), entered into a framework agreement with Greenship Bulk Manager Pte. Ltd., as Trustee-Manager of Greenship Bulk Trust, a Norwegian OTC-listed entity (the "*Sellers*"), for the purchase of nine modern sister vessels built between 2012 and 2015 (each a "*Vessel*," and collectively, the "*Vessels*"). Of the nine Vessels, three Vessels were subject to certain customary conditions as well as the approval of the requisite majority of the unitholders of the Sellers (the "*Contingent Vessels*"), which approval was obtained on March 27, 2017. The aggregate purchase price for the nine Vessels is \$153.0 million.

On March 27, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that the required approvals for the Company to acquire the Contingent Vessels had been obtained. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release, issued by Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., dated March 27, 2017.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC. (registrant)

Dated: March 29, 2017 By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

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