

DIANA SHIPPING INC.
Form 6-K
July 09, 2008

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

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 July 2008
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 I is a press release dated July 9, 2008 of Diana Shipping Inc. (the “Company”) announcing that it has scheduled its second quarter 2008 earnings release, dividend declaration, and conference call.

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DIANA SHIPPING INC. SCHEDULES SECOND QUARTER 2008 EARNINGS RELEASE,
DIVIDEND DECLARATION AND CONFERENCE CALL

ATHENS, GREECE, July 9, 2008 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), a global shipping company specializing in the transportation of dry bulk cargoes, today announced that its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2008 are scheduled to be released before the opening of the U.S. financial markets on Thursday, July 31, 2008.

The declaration of the Company’s cash dividend for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 also will be announced at that time.

The Company’s management will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Thursday, July 31, 2008.

Investors may access the webcast by visiting the Company’s website at www.dianashippinginc.com, and clicking on the webcast link. The webcast also is accessible at www.viavid.net, by clicking on the Diana Shipping link under “Events”. The conference call also may be accessed by telephone by dialing 1-800-762-8795 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-480-629-9031 (for international callers).

A replay of the webcast will be available soon after the completion of the call and will be accessible on both www.dianashippinginc.com and www.viavid.net. A telephone replay will be available by dialing 1-800-406-7325 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-303-590-3030 (for international callers); callers must use the PIN number 3896305.

About the Company

Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX) is a global provider of shipping transportation services. The Company specializes in transporting dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

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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: July 9, 2008

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis
Anastassis Margaronis
President

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