

DryShips Inc.
Form 6-K
March 22, 2013

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 March 2013

Commission File Number 001-33922

DRYSHIPS INC.

80 Kifissias Avenue

Amaroussion 15125, Athens Greece

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a press release of DryShips Inc. dated March 22, 2013: DryShips Inc. Announces Availability of 2012 Annual Report on Form 20-F.

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.

DRYSHIPS INC.

(Registrant)

Dated: March 22, 2013

By: /s/George Economou

George Economou

Chief Executive Officer

**DRYSHIPS INC. ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF
2012 ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 20-F**

ATHENS, GREECE March 22, 2013 - DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ:DRYS) (the Company or DryShips), a global provider of marine transportation services for drybulk and petroleum cargoes and off-shore contract drilling oil services, today announced that its annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2012 (the Annual Report) has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Annual Report may also be accessed through the DryShips website, www.dryships.com, at the Investor Relations section under Quarterly and Annual Reports.

Shareholders may also request a hard copy of the Annual Report, which includes the Company's complete 2012 audited financial statements, free of charge by contacting Capital Link Inc., the Company's investor relations advisor, using the contact details provided below.

About DryShips

DryShips Inc. is an owner of drybulk carriers and tankers that operate worldwide. Through its majority owned subsidiary, Ocean Rig UDW Inc., DryShips owns and operates 10 offshore ultra deepwater drilling units, comprising of 2 ultra deepwater semisubmersible drilling rigs and 8 ultra deepwater drillships, 3 of which remain to be delivered to Ocean Rig during 2013 and 1 is scheduled for delivery during 2015. DryShips owns a fleet of 46 drybulk carriers (including newbuildings), comprising of 12 Capesize, 28 Panamax, 2 Supramax and 4 Very Large Ore Carriers (VLOC) with a combined deadweight tonnage of about 5.1 million tons, and 10 tankers, comprising 4 Suezmax and 6 Aframax, with a combined deadweight tonnage of over 1.3 million tons.

DryShips's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market where it trades under the symbol DRYS.

Visit the Company's website at www.dryships.com

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