

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
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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 January 2009

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 1 is a press release dated January 30, 2009 of Diana Shipping Inc. announcing that it has scheduled its fourth quarter and year end 2008 earnings release and conference call.

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DIANA SHIPPING INC. SCHEDULES FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR-END 2008 EARNINGS RELEASE  
AND CONFERENCE CALL

ATHENS, GREECE, January 30, 2009 – 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 fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008 are scheduled to be released before the opening of the U.S. financial markets on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

The Company's management will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Standard Time) on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Investors may access the webcast by visiting the Company's website at [www.dianashippinginc.com](http://www.dianashippinginc.com), and clicking on the webcast link. The webcast also is accessible at [www.viavid.net](http://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 1-480-248-5081 (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](http://www.dianashippinginc.com) and [www.viavid.net](http://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 3970157.

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: February 2, 2009

By:

/s/ Anastassis Margaronis

Name: Anastassis Margaronis

Title: President

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