

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
March 21, 2014

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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 2014  
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 99.1 is a press release dated March 13, 2014 of Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") announcing the date of its Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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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: March 20, 2014

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
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DIANA SHIPPING INC. ANNOUNCES  
DATE FOR ITS 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

ATHENS, GREECE, March 13, 2014 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX) (the "Company"), a global shipping company specializing in the ownership of dry bulk vessels, announced today that its Board of Directors (the "Board") has scheduled the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") for May 6, 2014. The Board has set a record date for the Meeting of March 24, 2014.

About the Company

Diana Shipping Inc. is a leading global provider of shipping transportation services through its ownership of dry bulk vessels. The Company's vessels are employed primarily on medium to long-term time charters and transport a range of dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

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