

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
February 29, 2016  
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 February 2016  
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 February 29, 2016 of Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") announcing the results of the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-205491) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with an effective date of July 21, 2015.

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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 29, 2016 By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
Anastassis Margaronis  
President

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Exhibit 99.1

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DIANA SHIPPING INC. ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF  
2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

ATHENS, GREECE, February 29, 2016 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), (the "Company"), a global shipping company specializing in the ownership of dry bulk vessels, today announced that the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") was duly held on February 23, 2016, in Limassol, Cyprus pursuant to a Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders dated January 14, 2016. Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. acted as inspector of the Meeting.

At the Meeting, each of the following proposals, which are set forth in more detail in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the Company's Proxy Statement sent to shareholders on or around January 14, 2016, was approved and adopted:

- (1) The re-election of William (Bill) Lawes, Konstantinos Psaltis and Kyriacos Riris as Class II Directors of the Company, to serve until the Company's 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; and
- (2) The appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A. as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

About the Company

Diana Shipping Inc. is a 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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