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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 April 2007

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)

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 [X] Form 40-F [_]

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): ____

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

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Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is a press release dated April 13, 2007 from Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") announcing a follow-on offering of common stock by the Company and certain of its selling shareholders.

Exhibit 1

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For Immediate Release

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Diana Shipping Inc. Announces Exercise of Over-Allotment Option in Follow-on Offering

ATHENS, GREECE, April 13, 2007 - Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX) today announced that the underwriters of its follow-on offering of an aggregate of 10,500,000 common shares, which closed on April 3, 2007, exercised in full an over-allotment option granted to them by the Company. The Company will sell an additional 1,575,000 common shares as a result of the over-allotment exercise at the public offering price of \$17.00 per share and will receive additional net proceeds of \$25,570,125. Following the exercise of the over-allotment, the Company will have 62,875,000 common shares outstanding.

 ${\tt J.P.}$ Morgan Securities Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC acted as joint bookrunning managers of the offering.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. The offering of these securities will be made only by means of a prospectus and related prospectus supplement. Copies of the prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to the offering may be obtained from J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. at National Statement Processing, Prospectus Library, 4 Chase Metrotech Center, CS Level, Brooklyn, NY 11245, telephone: 718-242-8002 or Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC at 375 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10152, telephone: 800-326-5897.

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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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.

DIANA SHIPPING INC. (registrant)

Dated: April 19, 2007 By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis

Anastassis Margaronis

President

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