U.S. Shipping Partners L.P. Form 8-K August 08, 2006

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 7, 2006

# **U.S. Shipping Partners L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-32326 (Commission File Number) 20-1447743 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

399 Thornall St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Edison, NJ

08837

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (732) 635-1500

### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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### **SECTION 8 OTHER EVENTS**

### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 7, 2006, U.S. Shipping Partners L.P. (the Partnership) announced that its subsidiary had closed a \$500 million joint venture transaction and that the Partnership had completed an additional \$527.5 million financing. A copy of the press release issued by the Partnership relating thereto is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

## SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Press Release of U.S. Shipping Partners L.P. dated August 7, 2006.

### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. SHIPPING PARTNERS L.P. By: US Shipping General Partner LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Albert E. Bergeron

Name: Albert E. Bergeron

Title: Vice President Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial and accounting officer)

Date: August 7, 2006