U.S. Shipping Partners L.P. Form 8-K July 31, 2008

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): July 30, 2008

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., 8th 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)

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SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 30, 2008, U.S. Shipping Partners L.P. announced that it will not pay its second quarter distribution. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number

Title

99.1 Press release on announcement that U.S. Shipping Partners L. P. will not pay its second quarter distribution.

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: July 31, 2008