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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 November 2005

DryShips Inc. (Translation of registrant's name into English)

80 Kifissias Avenue
Amaroussion 15125, Athens Greece
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes\_\_\_ No [X]

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a copy of the press release issued by DryShips Inc. on November 28, 2005. Attached hereto as Exhibit II are the financial results of DryShips Inc. for the third quarter of 2005.

EXHIBIT I

DRYSHIPS FILES DETAILED REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2005

ATHENS, Greece, November 28, 2005 - DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ: DRYS) announced that after the close of the market today, Monday, November 28, 2005, it will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under cover of form 6-K a quarterly report that is in line with the requirements applicable to Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005.

George Economou, Chairman and CEO commented: "As a foreign issuer, DryShips is not subject to the same reporting requirements as US domestic issuers. Nevertheless, DryShips is voluntarily committed to adhere to the same high standards of reporting information regarding our company's operations and financial position as US companies. Therefore, as of today and on a quarterly basis going forward, DryShips will file reports substantially similar to those

issued by US companies along the lines of the 10Q Filings."

This quarterly report can be accessed after the close of the market today on the SEC website with the Edgar Filings and also on the corporate website of DryShips, at www.dryships.com, in the investor relations section under "Quarterly and Annual Reports"

Once available, to get direct access to the filing, please click the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:

http://www.irwebpage.com/dryships/ir\_reports.html

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#### About DryShips Inc.

DryShips Inc., based in Greece, is an owner and operator of drybulk carriers that operate worldwide. As of the day of this Release, DryShips owns a fleet of 27 drybulk consisting 4 Capesize, 21 Panamax and 2 Handymax vessels, with a combined deadweight tonnage of approximately 2.3 million. DryShips is the second largest Panamax operator in the world.

DryShips Inc.'s common stock is listed on NASDAQ National Market where it trades under the symbol "DRYS".

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#### 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND OTHER DATA

## DRYSHIPS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) (UNAUDITED)

|                                      | SEPTEMBER 30,    | DECEMBER 31,    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                                      | 2005             | 2004            |
|                                      |                  |                 |
| ASSETS                               |                  |                 |
| CURRENT ASSETS                       |                  |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 24,958           | 8,371           |
| Restricted cash                      | 0                | 463             |
| Accounts receviable trade, net       | 5,085            | 2,068           |
| Insurance claims                     | 99               | 13              |
| Due from related parties             | 0                | 13,368          |
| Inventories                          | 879              | 409             |
| Prepayments and advances             | 4,585            | 718             |
| Total Current Assets                 | 35 <b>,</b> 829  | 25,410          |
| FIXED ASSETS                         |                  |                 |
| Vessels, net                         | 870 <b>,</b> 934 | 50,882          |
| Total Fixed Assets                   | 870 <b>,</b> 934 | 50 <b>,</b> 882 |
| OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS             |                  |                 |
| Due from related parties             | 0                | 58,740          |
| Deferred charges                     | 5,222            | 3,007           |
| Total Assets                         | 911 <b>,</b> 762 | 138,039         |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |                  |                 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                  |                  |                 |
| Current portion of long-term debt    | 111,015          | 15,004          |
| Trade accounts payable               | 5 <b>,</b> 982   | 2,101           |
| Other payables                       | 177              | 75              |
| Due to related parties               | 6 <b>,</b> 972   | 214             |
| Dividends payable                    | 6,070            | 17 <b>,</b> 995 |
| Accrued liabilities                  | 8 <b>,</b> 959   | 438             |
| Financial instruments                | (223)            | 0               |
| Unearned revenue                     | 3,748            | 2,141           |
| Total Current Liabilities            | 142,923          | 37 <b>,</b> 968 |
|                                      |                  |                 |

| LONG-TERM DEBT, net of currrent portion     | 438,419 | 93 <b>,</b> 590 |
|---|---------|-----------------|
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                        |         |                 |
| Capital stock, \$0.01 par value: 75,000,000 |         |                 |
| 15,400,000 and 30,350,000 shares issued     |         |                 |
| and outstanding as at December 31, 2004     |         |                 |
| and September 30, 2005, respectively        | 303     | 154             |
| Additional paid-in capital                  | 264,327 | 13,465          |
| Retained earnings                           | 66,013  | (7,138)         |
| Total Stockholders' Equity                  | 330,643 | 6,481           |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity  | 911,762 | 138,039         |

DRYSHIPS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)
(UNAUDITED)

|  | FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, |                     |      |
|--|--|---------------------|------|
|  | 2005                                     | 2004                |      |
| REVENUES                                   |  |                     |      |
| Revenue from vessels Voyage expenses       |  | \$15,188<br>(1,192) | \$1  |
| Revenue on a TCE basis                     | 57 <b>,</b> 292                          |                     | 1    |
| EXPENSES                                   |  |                     | ٦    |
| Vessel operating expenses<br>Depreciation  | 11,496<br>14,012                         | 1,828<br>1,148      |      |
| Amortization of deferred charges           | 548                                      | 377                 |      |
| Management fees                            | 1,573                                    | 326                 |      |
| Other general and administrative expenses  | 1,155                                    | 0                   |      |
| Total operating expenses                   | 28,784                                   | 3 <b>,</b> 679      |      |
| Operating Income                           | 28,508                                   | 10,317              |      |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)                    |  |                     |      |
| Interest and finance costs                 | (5,608)                                  | (446)               | (    |
| Interest income                            | 38                                       | 0                   |      |
| Foreign currency losses, net               | 87                                       | (11)                |      |
| Other, net                                 | (171)                                    | (39)                |      |
| Total other income (expenses), net         | (5,654)                                  | (4,496)             | (    |
| NET INCOME                                 | \$22 <b>,</b> 854                        | <br>\$9,821         | \$   |
|  |  |                     | _    |
| Basic earnings per common share            | \$0.75                                   | \$0.64              |      |
| Diluted earnings per common share          | \$0.75                                   | \$0.64              |      |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic | 30 350 000                               | 15,400,000          | 28,2 |
| Diluted                                    | 30,350,000                               | 15,400,000          | 28,2 |
| DITUCEU                                    | 50,550,000                               | 10, 100,000         | 20,2 |

## DRYSHIPS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

|                                  |         | Additional |                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                                  | Captial | Paid-in    | Retained         |                 |
|                                  | Stock   | Capital    | Earnings         | Total           |
|                                  |         |            |                  |                 |
| D. J                             | 1 - 4   | 12 465     | (7. 120)         | 6 401           |
| Balance as of January 1, 2005    | 154     | 13,465     | (7 <b>,</b> 138) | 6,481           |
| Net Income                       |         |            | 85 <b>,</b> 291  | 85 <b>,</b> 291 |
| Cash deividends paid             |         |            | (12, 140)        | (12, 140)       |
| Issuance of 14,950 common shares | 149     | 250,862    |                  | 251,011         |
| Balance at September 30, 2005    | 303     | 264,327    | 66,013           | 330,643         |

# DRYSHIPS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

|  | SELTENDER SO, 200    |
|--|----------------------|
| Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities   |                      |
| Net Income   | 85,291               |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash  | 83,291               |
| provided by operating activities:  |                      |
| Depreciation   | 27,498               |
| Amortization of deferred dry-docking costs   | 1,537                |
| Amortization of deferred dry-docking costs  Amortization and write-off of deferred financing costs | 467                  |
| (Increase) Decrease in:  | 407                  |
| Accounts receivable trade  | (3,017)              |
| Insurance claims   | (86)                 |
| Financial instruments  | , ,                  |
|  | (223)                |
| Due from related parties Inventories   | 3,999                |
|  | (470)                |
| Prepayments and advances   | (3,863)              |
| Increase (Decrease) in:  | 2 001                |
| Trade accounts payable   | 3 <b>,</b> 881       |
| Other payables   |                      |
| Due to related parties   | 6 <b>,</b> 758       |
| Accrued liabilities  | 8,521                |
| Unearned revenue   | 1,607                |
| Payments for drydocking  | (3,752)              |
| Net Cash from Operating Activities   | 128,250              |
| Cash Flows used in Investing Activities  |                      |
| Additions to vessel cost   | (847,550)            |
| Net Cash used in Investing Activities  | (847,550)            |
| Cash Flavo from (wood in) Financian Debivities   |                      |
| Cash Flows from (used in) Financing Activities Restricted cash                                     | 463                  |
| Proceeds from long-term debt   | 578,104              |
|  | ·                    |
| Principal payments of long-term debt Repayment of long-term debt                                   | (40,522)<br>(25,749) |
|  |                      |
| Contributions to additional paid-in capital  | 250,862              |
| Dividends paid   | (24,065)             |

| Payment of financing costs                               | (3,206)          |
|--|------------------|
| Net Cash from (used in) Financing Activities             | 735 <b>,</b> 887 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents     | 16,587           |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of Period         | 8,371            |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period               | 24,958           |
|  |                  |
| SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION                       |                  |
|  |                  |
| Cash paid during the year for:                           |                  |
| Interest payments  | 11,245           |
| Non-cash financing activities:                           |                  |
| Liabilities assumed in connection with joint and several |                  |
| borrowings with related parties                          | 68,109           |

Fleet Data

|   | FOR THE NINE MONT<br>SEPTEMBER 30 | FOR THE THREE<br>SEPTEME |                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|   | 2005                              | 2004                     | 2005              |
| Average number of vessels(1)            | 19.7                              | 6.0                      | 26.4              |
| Number of vessels at end of period      | 27                                | 6                        | 27                |
| Total voyage days for fleet(2)          | 5 <b>,</b> 253                    | 1,543                    | 2,302             |
| Total calendar days for fleet(3)        | 5 <b>,</b> 382                    | 1,644                    | 2,431             |
| Fleet utilization(4)                    | 97.6%                             | 93.9%                    | 94.7%             |
| Time charter equivalent(5)              |                                   |                          |                   |
| Capesize                                | \$51 <b>,</b> 444                 | \$46,194                 | \$43,077          |
| Panamax                                 | \$26 <b>,</b> 487                 | \$27 <b>,</b> 609        | \$21 <b>,</b> 620 |
| Handymax                                | \$22 <b>,</b> 768                 | n/a                      | \$22 <b>,</b> 650 |
| Vessel operating expenses(6)            | \$4,301                           | \$4,058                  | \$4,729           |
| Management fees                         | \$660                             | \$576                    | \$647             |
| General and administrative expenses (7) | \$498                             | \$0                      | \$475             |
| Total vessel operating expenses(8)      | \$5 <b>,</b> 459                  | \$4,634                  | \$5 <b>,</b> 851  |

- (1) Average number of vessels is the number of vessels that constituted the fleet for the relevant period, as measured by the sum of the number of days each vessel was a part of the fleet during the period divided by the number of calendar days in that period.
- (2) Total voyage days for the fleet are the total days the vessels were in the Company's possession for the relevant period net of off hire days associated with major repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys.
- (3) Calendar days are the total days the vessels were in the Company's possession for the relevant period including off hire days associated with major repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys.
- (4) Fleet utilization is the percentage of time that the vessels were available for revenue generating voyage days, and is determined by dividing voyage days by fleet calendar days for the relevant period.
- (5) Time charter equivalent, or TCE, is a measure of the average daily revenue performance of a vessel on a per voyage basis. The Company's method of calculating TCE is consistent with industry standards and is determined by dividing voyage revenues (net of voyage expenses) by voyage days for the relevant time period. Voyage expenses primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage, which would otherwise be

paid by the charterer under a time charter contract, as well as commissions. TCE is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a shipping company's performance despite changes in the mix of charter types (i.e., spot charters, time charters and bareboat charters) under which the vessels may be employed between the periods.

- (6) Daily vessel operating expenses, which includes crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores, lubricating oil, insurance, maintenance and repairs is calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by fleet calendar days for the relevant time period.
- (7) Daily general and administrative expense is calculated by dividing general and administrative expense by fleet calendar days for the relevant time period.
- (8) Total vessel operating expenses, or TVOE is a measurement of our total expenses associated with operating our vessels. TVOE is the sum of vessel operating expenses, management fees and general and administrative expenses. Daily TVOE is calculated by dividing TVOE by fleet calendar days for the relevant time period.

|                                 | Three months   | s ended September 30, | Nine months e     | ended September |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                 | 2005           | 2004                  | 2005              | 2004            |
|                                 |                |                       |                   |                 |
| EBITDA Reconciliation           |                |                       |                   |                 |
| Net Income                      | \$22,854       | \$9 <b>,</b> 821      | \$85 <b>,</b> 291 | \$33,052        |
| +Net interest expense           | 5 <b>,</b> 570 | 446                   | 12,238            | 1,193           |
| + Depreciation and amortization | 14,560         | 1,525                 | 29 <b>,</b> 035   | 4,972           |
| EBITDA                          | \$42,984       | \$11 <b>,</b> 792     | \$126,564         | \$39,217        |

- (1) EBITDA represents net income plus net interest expense and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is included because it is used by the Company and certain investors as a measure of operating performance. EBITDA is used by analysts in the shipping industry as a common performance measure to compare results across peers.
- (2) EBITDA is not an item recognized by GAAP, and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other indicator of a company's operating performance required by GAAP. The definition of EBITDA used here may not be comparable to that used by other companies.

ITEM 3. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

This report contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward looking statements are based on the Company's current expectations and observations. Included among the factors that, in the Company's view, could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward looking statements contained in this report are the following: changes in demand or a material decline in rates or prolonged weakness in the drybulk market, generally or in particular regions; greater than anticipated levels of drybulk carrier newbuilding orders or lower than anticipated rates of drybulk carrier scrapping; changes in rules and regulations applicable to the drybulk carrier industry, including, without limitation, legislation adopted by international organizations such as the International Maritime Organization and the European Union or by individual countries; actions taken by regulatory authorities;

changes in trading patterns significantly impacting overall drybulk carrier tonnage requirements; changes in the seasonal variations in drybulk carrier charter rates; changes in the cost of other modes of transportation; increases in costs including but not limited to: crew wages, insurance, provisions, repairs, maintenance and overhead expenses; changes in general domestic and international political conditions; changes in the condition of the Company's vessels or applicable maintenance or regulatory standards (which may affect, among other things, anticipated drydocking or maintenance and repair costs); and other factors listed from time to time in the Company's public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our ability to pay dividends in any period will depend upon factors including the limitations under the Company's loan facilities, applicable provisions of Marshall Islands law and the final determination by the Board of Directors each quarter after its review of our financial performance. The timing and amount of dividends, if any, could also be affected by factors affecting cash flows, results of operations, required capital expenditures, or reserves. As a result, the amount of dividends actually paid may vary.

The following is a discussion of the financial condition and results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004. Investors should consider the foregoing when reviewing the consolidated unaudited financial statements included in this report and this discussion. Our financial results for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and the three months ended September 30, 2005 may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2005.

DryShips Inc. (the "Company") is a Marshall Islands corporation with its principal executive offices in Athens, Greece. The Company was incorporated in September 2004. The Company owns and operates, through its subsidiaries, 27 drybulk carriers, 21 of which we have acquired since our initial public offering of 14,950,000 shares of common stock in February 2005 (the "Offering"). Since our inception in 2004, we have increased the size and carrying capacity of our fleet from 6 vessels and approximately 514,890 deadweight tons, or dwt, to 27 vessels of approximately 2,264,225 dwt. Our affiliate, Cardiff Marine Inc., or Cardiff, manages our vessels under separate ship management agreements. The Company operates in one business segment, which is the transportation of international seaborne drybulk cargoes.

The following table presents certain information concerning our fleet:

| Name             | Туре                  | Dwt             | Year |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------|
|                  |                       |                 |      |
|                  |                       |                 |      |
| Manasota         | Capesize Bulk Carrier | 171,061         | 2004 |
| Alameda          | Capesize Bulk Carrier | 170,662         | 2001 |
| Shibumi          | Capesize Bulk Carrier | 166,058         | 1984 |
| Netadola         | Capesize Bulk Carrier | 149,475         | 1993 |
| Mendocino        | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 76 <b>,</b> 623 | 2002 |
| Coronado         | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 75 <b>,</b> 706 | 2000 |
| Waikiki          | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 75 <b>,</b> 473 | 1995 |
| Mostoles         | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 75 <b>,</b> 395 | 1981 |
| Linda Oldendorff | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 75 <b>,</b> 100 | 1995 |
| Sonoma           | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 74,786          | 2001 |
| Catalina         | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 74,432          | 2005 |
| Samsara          | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 73,688          | 1999 |
| Belmonte         | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 73,601          | 2004 |
| Toro             | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 73,034          | 1995 |
| Xanadu           | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 72,270          | 1999 |
| La Jolla         | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 72,126          | 1997 |
| Lacerta          | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 71,862          | 1994 |
| Panormos         | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 71,747          | 1995 |
| Paragon          | Panamax Bulk Carrier  | 71,250          | 1995 |

| Iguana   | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 70,349 | 1996 |
|----------|------------|------------|--------|------|
| Daytona  | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 69,703 | 1989 |
| Lanikai  | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 68,676 | 1988 |
| Tonga    | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 66,798 | 1984 |
| Flecha   | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 65,081 | 1982 |
| Striggla | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 64,747 | 1982 |
| Alona    | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 48,040 | 2002 |
| Matira   | Panamax Bu | lk Carrier | 45,863 | 1994 |

Lack of historical operating data for vessels prior to their acquisition

Consistent with shipping industry practice, each of the Company's vessels, which are all secondhand drybulk carriers, was acquired pursuant to a memorandum of agreement, the standard form of ship sale contract used in the shipping industry. The standard memorandum of agreement, among other things, provides a vessel buyer with the right to inspect the vessel and the vessel's classification society records. The standard agreement does not give the buyer the right to inspect, or receive copies of, the historical operating data of the vessel. Accordingly, in connection with each acquisition of a secondhand vessel, neither the Company nor the vessel-owning subsidiaries requested or received from the sellers any historical financial statements or other historical operating data in respect of the vessels. Therefore, the Company has not included any historical financial results or any historical financial information or data relating to the results of operations of the vessels for any period prior to the acquisition of the vessels. The Company does not consider a vessel's prior operating history under the previous owner material to the decision to make any particular acquisition nor does the Company believe such information would be helpful to the Company or to investors of common stock in assessing the future financial results or profitability. Other than inspection of the physical condition of the vessels, examinations of classification society records and a requirement that the seller evidence that the vessel is free of any encumbrances, the Company does not perform any historical financial due diligence in respect of the secondhand drybulk carriers acquired. The decision to acquire secondhand drybulk carriers is based on the assessment of future market opportunities and the belief in the ability of the managers to employ the vessels in favorable chartering arrangements.

Although vessels are generally acquired free of charter, we have acquired (and may in the future acquire) some vessels with time charters. Where a vessel has been under a voyage charter, the vessel is delivered to the buyer free of charter. It is rare in the shipping industry for the last spot charterer of the vessel in the hands of the seller to continue as the first spot charterer of the vessel in the hands of the buyer. In most cases, when a vessel is under time charter and the buyer wishes to assume that charter, the vessel cannot be acquired without the charterer's consent and the buyer's agreement to enter into a separate agreement with the charterer to assume the charter. The purchase of a vessel itself does not transfer the charter, because it is a separate service agreement between the vessel owner and the charterer.

Where we identify any intangible assets or liabilities associated with the acquisition of a vessel, we record all identified tangible and intangible assets or liabilities at fair value. Fair value is determined by reference to market data and the discounted amount of expected future cash flows. Where we have assumed an existing charter obligation or entered into a time with the existing charterer in connection with the purchase of a vessel at charter rates that are less than market charter rates, we record a liability, based on the difference between the assumed charter rate and the market charter rate for an equivalent vessel to the extent the vessel's capitalized cost would not exceed its fair value without the time charter. Conversely, where we assume an existing charter obligation or enter into a time charter with the existing charterer in

connection with the purchase of a vessel at charter rates that are above market charter rates, we record an asset, based on the difference between the market charter rate and the contracted charter rate for an equivalent vessel.

Following the acquisition of each of the vessels, the commercial and technical management is transferred to Cardiff. The Company has concluded, based on the unique characteristics of the commercial management, including with respect to, among other things, their customer base, industry contacts, trades, routes, land-based personnel, geographic and commercial focus, business strategy and commercial strengths, that the nature of the revenue generating activities of each of the vessels materially changed when such vessel was acquired. The Company has also concluded, based on the unique characteristics related to the technical management, including with respect to, among other things, specific crews, insurance coverage, maintenance and repair decisions and financing structure, that the cost structure of each of the vessels materially changed when such vessels were acquired. Therefore, the Company believes that the overall operational structure of each of the vessels acquired changed and, together with the change in the commercial and technical management of the vessels, the business attributes stemming from the operations of each of the Company's drybulk vessels by its previous owner did not survive the change in ownership and would not be relevant to the Company or to investors in its common stock.

The following discussion is intended to help investors understand how acquisitions of vessels affect the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company's business is comprised of the following main elements:

- o employment and operation of vessels; and
- o management of the financial, general and administrative elements involved in the conduct of the Company's business and ownership of our vessels.

The employment and operation of vessels require the following main components:

- o vessel maintenance and repair;
- o crew selection and training;
- o vessel spares and stores supply;
- o contingency response planning;
- o onboard safety procedures auditing;
- o accounting;
- o vessel insurance arrangement;
- o vessel chartering;
- o vessel hire management;
- o vessel surveying; and
- o vessel performance monitoring.

The management of financial, general and administrative elements involved in the conduct of the Company's business and ownership of vessels requires the following main components:

- o management of financial resources, including banking relationships, that is, administration of bank loans and bank accounts;
- management of the accounting system and records and financial reporting;
- o administration of the legal and regulatory requirements affecting the Company's business and assets; and
- o management of the relationships with service providers and customers.

The principal factors that affect the Company's profitability, cash flows and stockholders' return on investment include:

- o rates and periods of charterhire;
- o levels of vessel operating expenses;
- o depreciation expenses;
- o financing costs; and
- o fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

Factors Affecting the Results of Operations

The Company believes that the important measures for analyzing trends in the results of operations consist of the following:

- Calendar days. Calendar days are defined as the total number of days in a period during which each vessel in the fleet was in the Company's possession including off hire days associated with major repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys. Calendar days are an indicator of the size of the Company's fleet over a period and affect both the amount of revenues and the amount of expenses that are recorded during that period.
- O Voyage days. Voyage days are defined as the total number of days in a period during which each vessel in the fleet was in the Company's possession net of off hire days associated with major repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys. The shipping industry uses voyage days (also referred to as available days) to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues.
- o Fleet utilization. Fleet utilization is calculated by dividing the number of voyage days during a period by the number of calendar days during that period. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company's efficiency in finding suitable employment for its vessels and minimizing the amount of days that its vessels are off hire for reasons such as scheduled repairs, vessel upgrades, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys.
- o Spot Charter Rates. Spot charter rates are volatile and fluctuate on a seasonal and year to year basis. Fluctuations are caused by imbalances in the availability of cargoes for shipment and the number of vessels available at any given time to transport these cargoes.

#### Voyage Revenues

The Company's voyage revenues are driven primarily by the number of vessels in the fleet, the number of voyage days during which the vessels generate revenues and the amount of daily charterhire that the vessels earn under charters, which, in turn, are affected by a number of factors, including the Company's decisions relating to vessel acquisitions and disposals, the amount of time spent positioning vessels, the amount of time that vessels spend in drydock undergoing repairs, maintenance and upgrade work, the age, condition and specifications of the vessels, levels of supply and demand in the drybulk transportation market and other factors affecting spot market charter rates for drybulk carriers.

Vessels operating on period time charters provide more predictable cash flows, but can yield lower profit margins than vessels operating in the spot charter market during periods characterized by favorable market conditions. Vessels operating in the spot charter market generate revenues that are less predictable but may enable us to capture increased profit margins during periods of improvements in drybulk carrier rates although the Company is exposed to the

risk of declining charter rates, which may have a materially adverse impact on the Company's financial performance. If vessels are employed on period time charters, future spot market rates may be higher or lower than the rates at which the Company has employed our vessels on period time charters.

#### Pool Revenues

Cardiff has placed 11 of the Company's 27 vessels in two pools, one Panamax pool with 10 vessels and one Handymax pool with one vessel. The Company is paid a percentage of revenues generated by the pool calculated in accordance with a "pool point formula," which is determined by points awarded to each vessel based on the vessel's age, dwt, speed, fuel consumption and certain other factors. For example, a younger vessel with higher carrying capacity and greater fuel efficiency would earn higher pool points than an older vessel with lower carrying capacity and lesser fuel efficiency. Revenues are paid every 15 days in arrears based on the points earned by each vessel. The Company believes that by placing vessels in a pool of similar vessels, we achieve benefits from certain economies of scale available to the pool relating to negotiations with major charterers and flexibility in positioning vessels to obtain maximum utilization. Revenue from these pooling arrangements is recognized when we are notified by the pools as to the allocation of any period results and collectability has been reasonably assured.

#### Time Charter Equivalent (TCE)

A standard maritime industry performance measure used to evaluate performance is the daily time charter equivalent, or daily TCE. Daily TCE revenues are voyage revenues minus voyage expenses divided by the number of voyage days during the relevant time period. Voyage expenses primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage, which would otherwise be paid by a charterer under a time charter, as well as commissions. The Company believes that the daily TCE neutralizes the variability created by unique costs associated with particular voyages or the employment of vessels on time charter or on the spot market and presents a more accurate representation of the revenues generated by the Company's vessels.

#### Vessel Operating Expenses

Vessel operating expenses include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance, the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses. Vessel operating expenses, which generally represent fixed costs, have historically increased as a result of the enlargement of the Company's fleet. Other factors beyond the Company's control, some of which may affect the shipping industry in general, include, for instance, developments relating to market prices for insurance, may also cause these expenses to increase.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Vessels are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives determined to be 25 years from the date of their initial delivery from the shipyard. Depreciation is based on cost less the estimated residual value. The Company capitalizes the total costs associated with a drydocking and amortizes these costs on a straight-line basis over the period when the next drydocking becomes due, which is typically 30 months. Regulations and/or incidents may change the estimated dates of next drydockings.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses include the fees payable to Cardiff under the management agreements and certain other expenses.

Nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2004

VOYAGE REVENUES--Voyage revenues increased by \$111.7 million, or 220.3% to \$162.4 million for 2005, compared to \$50.7 million for 2004. This increase is due to the delivery of 21 vessels delivered between February and August 2005 increasing voyage days from 1,543 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 to 5,253 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

VOYAGE EXPENSES--Voyage expenses, which primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage which would otherwise be paid by the charterer under a time charter contract, as well as commissions, increased \$2.4 million, or 61.5%, to \$6.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$3.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is primarily due to the increase in the amount of commissions paid as a result of higher voyage revenues. Commissions are calculated as a percentage of voyage revenues.

VESSEL OPERATING EXPENSES—Vessel operating expenses, which include crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores, lubricating oil, insurance, maintenance and repairs, increased by \$16.5 million, or 250.0%, to \$23.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$6.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. Daily vessel operating expenses per vessel increased by \$243, or 6.0%, to \$4,301 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$4,058 for September 30, 2004. This increase is primarily due to the one-off payment of \$1.6 million of expenses incurred for the delivery of 21 vessels.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES--General and administrative expenses, inclusive of management fees that Cardiff charges to manage the Company's vessels, and charges expensed in the operations of the Company increased by \$5.3 million, or 588.8%, to \$6.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$0.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is due to the delivery of 21 vessels during the period February 2005 to August 2005 which increased the number of calendar days from 1,644 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 compared to 5,382 days for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Cardiff charges a daily fee of \$650 for each vessel. In addition, any visit to a vessel by a superintendent engineer of Cardiff to evaluate or supervise any repairs, drydockings or other activities entitles Cardiff to expenses incurred and, for visits in excess of five days per annum per vessel, \$550 for each additional day. In addition \$2.7 million was charged for the operations of the Company for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$0.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 as a direct result of the Offering, which closed in February 2005.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION --

|  | Nine months ended       | d September 30,<br>2005   |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Vessels depreciation expense<br>Amortization of dry-dockings | 3,638<br>1,334<br>4,972 | 27,498<br>1,537<br>29,035 |

Depreciation and amortization, which includes depreciation of vessels as well as amortization of drydockings, increased by \$24.1 million, or 483.9% to \$29.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$4.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is primarily due to the delivery of 21 vessels during the period February 2005 and August 2005, plus an increase in amortization of drydocking expenses due to the drydocking of Daytona, La Jolla, Panormos, Flecha and Waikiki, during 2005.

INTEREST AND FINANCE COSTS, NET--Net interest expense increased by \$11.0 million, or 916.7%, to \$12.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is primarily the result of additional debt incurred to finance in part the acquisition of 21 vessels delivered during the period February 2005 and August 2005.

We anticipate that all of the foregoing expenses will increase in 2005 primarily as a result of the acquisition of the 21 vessels and as a result of becoming a public company.

FOREIGN CURRENCY LOSSES--We incurred a \$57,457 foreign currency gain for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a loss of \$25,511 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

OTHER NET--A loss of \$0.2 million was recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a gain of \$0.08 during the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The loss relates to expenses not directly related to the operation of the vessels while the gains relate to the excess amount we received in connection with claims for damages to vessels compared to the actual costs associated with the repairs.

NET INCOME--Net income was \$85.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to net income of \$33.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2004

VOYAGE REVENUES--Voyage revenues increased by \$42.9 million, or 284.1% to \$58.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$15.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is due to the delivery of 21 vessels delivered between February and August 2005 increasing the number of vessels to 27 in 2005 compared to 6 vessels in 2004. As a result, voyage days increased from 527 for the three months ended September 30, 2004 to 2,302 for the three months ended September 30, 2005.

VOYAGE EXPENSES—Voyage expenses, which primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage which would otherwise be paid by the charterer under a time charter contract, as well as commissions, decreased by \$0.4 million, or 36.3%, to \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. This decrease is due to fewer voyage charters performed by the vessels in the fleet. Commissions are calculated as a percentage of voyage revenues.

VESSEL OPERATING EXPENSES—Vessel operating expenses, which include crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores, lubricating oil, insurance, maintenance and repairs, increased by \$9.6 million, or 533.3%, to \$11.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$1.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. Daily vessel operating expenses per vessel increased by \$1,418, or 42.8%, to \$4,729 for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$3,311 for the three months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is primarily due to the one-off payment of \$1.6 million of expenses incurred for the delivery of the 21 vessels which was expensed in the three months ended September 30, 2005.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES--General and administrative expenses, inclusive of management fees that Cardiff charges to manage the Company's vessels, and charges expensed in the operations of the Company increased by \$2.4 million, or 800.0%, to \$2.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004.

This increase is due to the delivery of 21 vessels during the period February 2005 to August 2005 which increased the number of calendar days from 552 for the three months ended September 30, 2004 compared to 2,431 days for the three months ended September 30, 2005. In addition \$1.1 million was charged for the operations of the Company in the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$0.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004 as a direct result of the Offering, which closed in February 2005.

#### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION--

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|                                       | Nine months ended | September 30,<br>2005 |
|                                       |                   |                       |
| Vessels depreciation expense          | 1,148             | 14,012                |
| Amortization of dry-dockings          | 377               | 548                   |
|                                       | 1,525             | 14,560                |

Depreciation and amortization, which includes depreciation of vessels as well as amortization of drydockings, increased by \$13.0 million, or 866.6% to \$14.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$1.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. This increase is primarily due to the delivery of 21 vessels during the period February 2005 and August 2005, plus an increase in amortization of drydocking expenses due to the drydocking of Daytona, La Jolla, Panormos, Flecha and Waikiki during 2005.

INTEREST AND FINANCE COSTS, NET--Net interest expense increased by \$5.2 million, or 1,300%, to \$5.6 million for 2005 compared to \$0.4 million for 2004. This increase is primarily the result of additional debt incurred to part finance the acquisition of 21 vessels delivered during the period February 2005 and August 2005.

We anticipate that all of the foregoing expenses will increase in 2005 primarily as a result of the acquisition of the 21 vessels and as a result of becoming a public company.

FOREIGN CURRENCY LOSSES--A \$0.08 million foreign currency gain was incurred for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a loss of \$0.01 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004.

OTHER NET--A loss of \$0.1 million was incurred during the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a loss of \$0.04 million during the three months ended September 30, 2004. The loss relates to expenses not directly related to the operation of the vessels.

NET INCOME--Net income was \$22.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to net income of \$9.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Since the Company's formation, the principal sources of funds have been equity financings, operating cash flows and long-term bank borrowings. The principal use of funds has been capital expenditures to establish and grow our fleet, maintain the quality of the vessels, comply with international shipping standards and environmental laws and regulations, fund working capital requirements and make principal repayments on outstanding loan facilities.

The Company's practice has been to acquire vessels using a combination of funds received from equity investors, bank debt secured by mortgages on the vessels and shares of the common stock of our shipowning subsidiaries. The payment of dividends is expected to decrease our available cash. We expect to use our

operating cash flows and borrowings to fund acquisitions, if any, on a short-term basis. We also intend to review debt and equity financing alternatives to fund such acquisitions.

The Company's business is capital intensive and its future success will depend on the ability to maintain a high-quality fleet through the acquisition of newer vessels and the selective sale of older vessels. These acquisitions will be principally subject to management's expectation of future market conditions as well as our ability to acquire vessels on favorable terms.

The Company expects to rely on operating cash flows as well as long-term borrowings and future equity offerings to implement its growth plan and dividend policy. The Company believes that its current cash balance as well as operating cash flows will be sufficient to meet our liquidity needs for the next year.

## Cash and Working Capital

Cash increased to \$24.9 million as of September 30, 2005 compared to \$8.3 million as of December 31, 2004. Working capital is current assets minus current liabilities, including the current portion of long-term debt. Working capital was a negative \$107.0 million as of September 30, 2005 compared to a negative \$12.5 million as of December 31, 2004. The current portion of long-term debt included in our current liabilities was \$111.0 million as of September 30, 2005 and \$15.0 million as of December 31, 2004.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$117.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. This amount included \$85.2 million of net income and an adjustment to net cash of \$29.0 million relating to depreciation and amortization. Drydocking costs were \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

Cash Flows Used In Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$847.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 which related entirely to the cost of acquiring the 21 vessels delivered to the Company during February and August 2005.

Cash Flows Used By Financing Activities

Net cash used by financing activities was \$746.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Cash used by financing activities relates to the following:

- o Proceeds from long-term debt amounted to \$593.1 million.
- o Principal repayments of long-term debt amounted to \$40.1 million
- o Repayment of long-term debt amounted to \$41.1 million.
- o During the nine months ended September 30, 2005 we paid \$12.1 million of dividends to shareholders.

Capital Expenditures for Drydockings and Vessel Acquisitions

#### Drydocking

In addition to vessel acquisitions, other major capital expenditures include funding our maintenance program of regularly scheduled in-water survey or

drydocking necessary to preserve the quality of vessels as well as to comply with international shipping standards and environmental laws and regulations. Management anticipates that vessels which are younger than 15 years are required to undergo in-water surveys 2.5 years after a drydock and that vessels are to be drydocked every five years, while vessels 15 years or older are to be drydocked every 2.5 years in which case the additional drydocks take the place of these in-water surveys. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we have capitalized costs associated with drydocks or significant in-water surveys on approximately 6 vessels and estimate that the expenditures to perform these drydocks or significant in-water surveys will aggregate approximately \$4.0 million.

#### Vessel Acquisitions

During the period February and August 2005 the Company acquired and took delivery of 21 vessels. The aggregate purchase price of these vessels was \$847.5 million.

Credit Facilities

As of September 30, 2005, we had five outstanding loans with an aggregate outstanding balance of \$552.5 million. The balance sheet total of \$549.4 million is net of deferred financing These loans have maturity dates between 2006 and 2011.

The scheduled annual principal payments for our outstanding loans are as follow:

LOANS

|                  | А             | В             | С            | D             | E            |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                  |               |               |              |               |              |
| Year ended       |               |               |              |               |              |
| December 31,     |               |               |              |               |              |
| September 30,    |               |               |              |               |              |
| 2005 to December |               |               |              |               |              |
| 31, 2005         | \$5,833,333   | \$11,274,504  | \$6,196,000  | \$3,994,062   | \$0          |
| 2006             | 21,999,999    | 39,691,873    | 19,638,000   | 15,976,250    | 4,000,000    |
| 2007             | 18,000,000    | 31,972,592    | 4,200,000    | 15,976,250    | 2,100,000    |
| 2008             | 13,500,000    | 22,072,801    | 4,200,000    | 15,976,250    | 1,200,000    |
| 2009             | 12,000,000    | 12,320,790    | 4,200,000    | 10,825,125    | 1,200,000    |
| Thereafter       | 77,000,002    | 68,595,056    | 46,736,000   | 53,903,001    | 8,000,000    |
| TOTAL            | \$148,333,334 | \$185,927,616 | \$85,170,000 | \$116,650,938 | \$16,500,000 |

The scheduled quarterly principal payments during 2006 for our outstanding loans are as follows:

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|      | А           | В            | С           | D           | E           |
|------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2006 |             |              |             |             |             |
| Q1   | \$5,833,333 | \$11,274,504 | \$6,196,000 | \$3,994,063 | \$2,500,000 |
| Q2   | 5,833,333   | 10,610,912   | 6,196,000   | 3,994,063   | 0           |
| Q3   | 5,833,333   | 9,813,312    | 6,196,000   | 3,994,063   | 1,500,000   |
| Q4   | 4,500,000   | 7,993,145    | 1,050,000   | 3,994,063   | 0           |

TOTAL \$21,999,999 \$39,691,873 \$19,638,000 \$15,976,250

#### Capitalization

Debt to total capitalization (debt and stockholders' equity) at September 30, 2005 was 62.4% and net debt (total debt less cash and cash equivalents) to total capitalization was 59.6%.

#### Equity Incentive Plan

The Company has adopted an equity incentive plan (the "Plan"), which will entitle officers, key employees and directors to receive options to acquire common stock. Under the Plan, a total of 1,000,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under the Plan. The Plan is administered by the board of directors. Under the terms of the Plan, the board of directors may grant new options exercisable at a price per share to be determined by the board of directors. The expected price is equal to the average daily closing price for our common stock over the 20 trading days following the Offering, which closed in February 2005. Under the terms of the Plan, options are not exercisable until at least two years after the closing of the Offering. Any shares received on exercise of the options may not be sold until February 2008. All options will expire 10 years from the date of grant. The Plan will expire in February 2015.

#### Dividend Policy

The Company's policy is to declare quarterly dividends from our net profits to shareholders each January, April, July and October. However, the Company may be required to make provisions for vessel acquisition and other liabilities that would reduce or eliminate the cash available for distribution as dividends. Furthermore, the Company may incur other expenses or liabilities that would reduce or eliminate the cash available for distribution as dividends. Also, from time to time, the Board of Directors may determine to declare and pay quarterly dividends in an amount up to 50% of our net quarterly income as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.

Declaration and payment of any dividend is subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors. The timing and amount of dividend payments will be dependent upon earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and availability, fleet renewal and expansion, restrictions in loan agreements, the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of distributions to shareholders and other factors. The payment of dividends is not guaranteed or assured, and may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of our Board of Directors. Because the Company is a holding company with no material assets other than the stock of our subsidiaries, the ability to pay dividends will depend on the earnings and cash flow of the Company's subsidiaries and their ability to pay dividends to the Company. If there is a substantial decline in the drybulk charter market, earnings would be negatively affected which would limit our ability to pay dividends. Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of dividends other than from surplus or while a company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent upon the payment of such dividend.

#### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to various market risks, including changes in interest rates. The exposure to interest rate risk relates primarily to our debt. At September 30, 2005, we had \$552.5 million of floating rate debt compared to \$108.5 million as of December 31, 2004. The company has entered into various interest rate hedging instruments in order to manage the impact of interest rate changes on earnings

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and cash flows. As of September 30, 2005 the Company was party to 6 interest rate hedging agreements having aggregate notional amounts of \$555.8 million.

The Company is exposed to the impact of interest rate changes. The Company's objective is to manage the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows of its borrowings. The Company uses interest rate derivatives to manage net exposure to interest rate changes related to its borrowings and to lower its overall borrowing costs. In May 2005, the Company entered into six interest rate cap and floor agreements with three of our lenders as follows:

- o effective as of May 9, 2005, for a period through February 2014, for a notional amortizing amount of \$154.1 million. Under the cap provisions, we pay interest at 5.59% if three-month LIBOR is between 5.59% and 8.00%. If three-month LIBOR exceeds 8%, we pay three-month LIBOR. Under the floor provisions, we pay three-month LIBOR if three-month LIBOR is between 3.00% and 5.59%. If LIBOR is below 3.00%, we pay 3.00%.
- o effective as of May 31, 2005, for a period through May 2015, for a notional amortizing amount of \$120.6 million. Under the cap provisions, we pay interest at 5.80% if three-month LIBOR is between 5.80% and 8.00%. If three-month LIBOR exceeds 8%, we pay three-month LIBOR. Under the floor provisions, we pay three-month LIBOR if three-month LIBOR is between 3.00% and 5.80%. If LIBOR is below 3.00%, we pay 3.00%.
- effective as of June 29, 2005, for a period through March 2013, for a notional amortizing amount of \$22.0 million. Under the cap provisions, we pay interest at 5.66% if three-month LIBOR is between 5.66% and 8.00%. If three-month LIBOR exceeds 8%, we pay three-month LIBOR. Under the floor provisions, we pay three-month LIBOR if three-month LIBOR is between 3.00% and 5.66%. If LIBOR is below 3.00%, we pay 3.00%.
- o effective as of June 30, 2005, for a period through June 30, 2011, for a notional amortizing amount of \$194.3 million. Under the cap provisions, we pay interest at 5.85% if three-month LIBOR is between 5.85% and 8.00%. If three-month LIBOR exceeds 8%, we pay three-month LIBOR. Under the floor provisions, we pay three-month LIBOR if three-month LIBOR is between 3.00% and 5.85%. If LIBOR is below 3.00%, we pay 3.00%.
- o effective as of July, 13, 2005, for a period through April 2015, for a notional amortizing amount of \$42.4 million. Under the cap provisions, we pay interest at 5.665% if three-month LIBOR is between 5.665% and 8.00%. If three-month LIBOR exceeds 8%, we pay three-month LIBOR. Under the floor provisions, we pay three-month LIBOR if three-month LIBOR is between 3.00% and 5.665%. If LIBOR is below 3.00%, we pay 3.00%.
- effective as of July 22, 2005, for a period through April 2012, for a notional amortizing amount of \$22.2 million. Under the cap provisions, we pay interest at 5.64% if three-month LIBOR is between 5.64% and 8.00%. If three-month LIBOR exceeds 8%, we pay three-month LIBOR. Under the floor provisions, we pay three-month LIBOR if three-month LIBOR is between 3.00% and 5.64%. If LIBOR is below 3.00%, we pay 3.00%.

The marking-to-market of our six interest rate hedging contracts at September 30, 2005 resulted in a loss of \$0.2 million.

During September 2005 we fixed a portion of our floating interest rate

obligations for 2006 with two of our lenders as follows:

- o weighted average LIBOR rate of 4.21% effective January 23, 2006 to October 23, 2006, for an amortizing amount of \$20.6 million.
- o weighted average LIBOR rate of 4.18% effective December 29, 2005 to September 29, 2006 for an amortizing amount of \$20.4 million.
- o weighted average LIBOR rate of 4.19% effective January 31, 2006 to October 13, 2006 for an amortizing amount of \$39.3 million.
- o weighted average LIBOR rate of 4.21% effective November 22, 2005 to September 22, 2006 for an amortizing amount of \$116.6 million.

In October 2005, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with one of our lenders at a rate of 4.72% for the period December 30, 2005 to December 30, 2006 for an amount of \$142.9 million.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

The international shipping industry's functional currency is the U.S. Dollar. We generate all of our revenues in U.S. dollars, but incur approximately 24% of our expenses in currencies other than U.S. dollars. For accounting purposes, expenses incurred in Euros are converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of each transaction. At September 30, 2005, approximately 31% of our outstanding accounts payable was denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (mainly in Euro).

PART II.

ITEM 2. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company has not been involved in any legal proceedings which may have, or have had a significant effect on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity, nor is the Company aware of any proceedings that are pending or threatened which may have a significant effect on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Subsequent Events

In October 2005, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with one of our lenders at a rate of 4.72% for the period December 30, 2005 to December 30, 2006 for an amount of \$142.9 million.

#### 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.

DRYSHIPS INC.
(registrant)

Date: November 28, 2005 By: /s/ Christopher J. Thomas

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Christopher J. Thomas

Chief Financial Officer and Director

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