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DryShips Inc.  
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January 11, 2006

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 January 2006

DRYSHIPS, INC.

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the dividend release issued by  
DryShips, Inc. today, January 11, 2006

Exhibit 1

DryShips Inc. Amends Record Date for the Dividend Distribution  
New Record Date January 17th, 2006

DryShips Inc. announces quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share

January 11, 2006 ATHENS, GREECE - DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ: DRY5) announced today  
that its Board of Directors has declared the Company's quarterly cash dividend  
of \$0.20 per common share, payable January 31, 2006 to stockholders of record on  
January 17, 2006.

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

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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".

### Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and may include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts. The forward-looking statements in this release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although DryShips Inc. believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, DryShips Inc. cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in DryShips Inc.'s operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists.

Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by DryShips Inc. with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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.

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DryShips, Inc.

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(Registrant)

Dated: January 11, 2006

By /s/ Christopher Thomas

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Christopher Thomas  
Chief Financial Officer

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