

DryShips Inc.  
Form 6-K  
August 18, 2015  
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 August 2015

Commission File Number 001-33922

DRYSHIPS INC.

109 Kifissias Avenue and Sina Street  
151 24, Marousi  
Athens, Greece  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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 ☒ Form 40-F ☐

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

DryShips Inc. (the "Company") is furnishing the following information pursuant to certain disclosure requirements contained in its Audit Committee Charter concerning the approval of related-party transactions. On July 30, 2015, the Company announced its agreement with its majority owned subsidiary, Ocean Rig UDW Inc. ("Ocean Rig"), to exchange the remaining outstanding balance of \$80 million owed to Ocean Rig under a \$120 million Exchangeable Promissory Note (the "Loan"), for 17,777,778 shares of Ocean Rig owned by the Company. As disclosed in Item 7.A. of Ocean Rig's annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, George Economou, the Company's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Anthony Kandylidis, the Company's Executive Vice President, are beneficial owners of Ocean Rig shares and therefore had, solely with respect to such ownership, an indirect financial interest in the transaction. The Company's Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors approved the transaction on the basis, in part, of a fairness opinion provided by an independent third-party advisor.

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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.

DRYSHIPS INC.  
(Registrant)

Dated: August 18, 2015 By: /s/ Ziad Nakhleh  
Ziad Nakhleh  
Chief Financial Officer