

DryShips Inc.  
Form 6-K  
March 16, 2017  
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 March 2017

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.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 6-K is a press release of DryShips Inc. (the "Company") dated March 16, 2017: DryShips Inc. Announces Per Share Amount of Regular Dividend for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016.

The information contained in this report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-202821) that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and became effective on May 7, 2015.

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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: March 16, 2017 By: /s/ Anthony Kandylidis  
Anthony Kandylidis  
President and Chief Financial Officer