DIANA SHIPPING INC. Form 6-K July 26, 2017 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 July 2017

Commission File Number: 001-32458

#### DIANA SHIPPING INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English) Pendelis 16, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece (Address of principal executive office)

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## INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1 is a press release dated July 26, 2017 of Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") announcing the Company's financial results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2017.

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.

DIANA SHIPPING INC. (registrant)

Dated: July 26, 2017 By:/s/ Andreas Michalopoulos Andreas Michalopoulos Chief Financial Officer

#### Exhibit 99.1

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## DIANA SHIPPING INC. REPORTS FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ATHENS, GREECE, July 26, 2017 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), (the "Company"), a global shipping company specializing in the ownership of dry bulk vessels, today reported a net loss of \$23.8 million and net loss attributed to common stockholders of \$25.3 million for the second quarter of 2017. This compares to a net loss of \$31.3 million and net loss attributed to common stockholders of \$32.7 million for the second quarter of 2016.

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Net loss and net loss attributed to common stockholders for the six months ended June 30, 2017 amounted to \$50.3 million and \$53.2 million, respectively. This compares to a net loss and net loss attributed to common stockholders of \$62.7 million and \$65.6 million, respectively, for the same period of 2016. Time charter revenues were \$69.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$59.1 million for the same period of 2016.

Fleet Employment Profile (As of July 24, 2017) Diana Shipping Inc.'s fleet is employed as follows:

	Vessel BUILT DWT 23 Panamax	Sister Ships*	Gross Rate (USD Per Day)	Com**	*Charterers	Delivery Date to Charterers***	Redelivery Date to Owners***	Notes
1	DANAE	A	\$9,000	4.75%	Cargill International S.A., Geneva	8-Mar-17	24-May-17	1
	2001 75,106		\$7,750	5.00%	Phaethon International Company AG	24-May-17	9-Oct-17 - 29-Dec-17	
2	DIONE	A	\$7,200	5.00%	Caravel Shipping Limited,	3-Feb-17	4-May-17	
	2001 75,172		\$7,050	5.00%	Hong Kong	4-May-17	3-Nov-17 - 18-Feb-18	
3	NIREFS	A	\$6,500	5.00%	Raffles Shipping International Pte. Ltd., Singapore	14-Feb-17	5-May-17	
	2001 75,311		\$9,400	5.00%	Jaldhi Overseas Pte. Ltd., Singapore	5-May-17	5-Jun-18 - 5-Sep-18	
4	ALCYON	A	\$5,000	5.00%	Dampskibsselskabet Norden A/S, Copenhagen	4-May-16	20-Jul-17	
	2001 75,247		\$8,800	5.00%	Hudson Shipping Lines Incorporated	20-Jul-17	20-Jul-18 - 20-Oct-18	
5	TRITON	A	\$6,300	5.00%	Windrose SPS Shipping and Trading S.A., Geneva	25-Oct-16	4-Jun-17	
	2001 75,336		\$6,500	5.00%	Ausca Shipping Limited, Hong Kong	8-Jun-17	8-Jul-18 - 23-Oct-18	
6	OCEANIS	A	\$5,200	5.00%	Nidera S.P.A., Roma	30-Jun-16	30-May-17	
	2001 75,211		\$7,000	5.00%	Ausca Shipping Limited, Hong Kong	30-May-17	30-Jul-18 - 14-Nov-18	
7	THETIS	В	\$5,150	5.00%	Transgrain Shipping B.V., Rotterdam	19-Jun-16	14-Jul-17	
	2004 73,583		\$8,350	5.00%	Ausca Shipping Limited, Hong Kong	14-Jul-17	14-Jul-18 - 14-Oct-18	
8	PROTEFS	В	\$4,500	5.00%	Transgrain Shipping B.V., Rotterdam	23-Feb-16	2-Jun-17	2
	2004 73,630		\$7,900	5.00%	Hudson Shipping Lines Incorporated	24-Jun-17	24-Jun-18 - 9-Oct-18	
9	CALIPSO	В	\$9,000	5.00%	Transgrain Shipping B.V., Rotterdam	14-Mar-17	30-Jan-18 - 14-May-18	
	2005 73,691						•	
10	CLIO	В	\$5,350	5.00%	Transgrain Shipping B.V., Rotterdam	22-May-16	9-Jul-17	
			\$8,550	5.00%		9-Jul-17		

2005 73,691 11 NAIAS	В	\$7,500	5.00%	Phaethon International Company AG Glencore Agriculture B.V., Rotterdam	27-Dec-16	9-Aug-18 - 9-Nov-18 1-Aug-17 - 11-Nov-17	3
2006 73,546				Rotterdam		11-1101-17	
73,340				Noble Resources			
12 ARETHUS	SA B	\$7,200	5.00%	International Pte. Ltd., Singapore	23-Jan-17	23-Nov-17 - 23-Mar-18	4
2007							
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2004    74,444	13 ERATO	C \$4,650	5.00% Glencore Grain B.V., Rotterdam		25-May-17	
14 CORONIS C\$4,750 5.00%	2004 74,444	\$7,250	5.00% Phaethon International Company AG	25-May-17	7 10-Oct-17 -	
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16   MELIA   D\$9,500   5.00% Nidera S.P.A., Roma   19-Mar-17   4-Feb-18 - 4-May-18   2006   76,942   \$9,000   5.00% Ausca Shipping Limited, Hong Kong   8-Jul-17   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18 - 8-Oct-18   8-Jul-17   29-Jan-18   8-Jul-18   29-Sep-17 - 29-Jan-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18 - 8-Oct-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18 - 8-Oct-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18 - 8-Oct-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18 - 8-Oct-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18   8-Jul-18 - 8-Oct-18   8-Jul-18			5.00% Uniper Global Commodities SE, Düsseldorf			3
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29 ALCMENE	\$6,750 5.00% ADM International Sarl, Rolle, Switzerland	13-May-15	51-Jun-17	
2010 93,193	\$8,000 4.75% Cargill International S.A., Geneva	8-Jun-17	8-Jul-18 - 23-Oct-18	
30 AMPHITRITE 2012 98,697	H\$7,700 5.00% Bunge S.A., Geneva	15-Jul-15	31-Jul-17 - 30-Aug-17	3
31 POLYMNIA	H\$10,1004.75% Cargill International S.A., Geneva	15-Mar-17	, 31-Mar-18 - 15-Jul-18	11
2012 98,704 32 ELECTRA	I \$8,000 5.00% Uniper Global Commodities SE, Düsseldorf	11-Jun-17	11-Jul-18 - 11-Nov-18	12
2013 87,150 33 PHAIDRA	I \$7,750 5.00% Jera Trading Singapore Pte. Ltd.	19-May-17	7 19-Sep-17 - 3-Jan-18	
2013 87,146 14 Capesize Bulk	Carriers			
34 NORFOLK 2002 164,218	\$12,000 5.00% Trafigura Maritime Logistics Pte. Ltd. Singapore	" 26-Apr-17	11-Oct-17 - 26-Dec-17	
35 ALIKI	\$10,3005.00% SwissMarine Services S.A., Geneva	14-Feb-17	30-Dec-17 - 14-Apr-18	
2005 180,235 36 BALTIMORE	\$11,3004.75% Cargill International S.A., Geneva	16-Feb-17	16-Mar-18 -	
2005 177,243	·		1-Jul-18	
37 SALT LAKE CITY 2005 171,810	\$9,000 5.00% Uniper Global Commodities SE, Düsseldorf	20-Jan-17	20-Jan-18 - 20-May-18	
38 SIDERIS GS	J \$6,500 5.00% Rio Tinto Shipping (Asia) Pte., Ltd.,	22-Dec-15	21-Jun-17	
2006 174,186	Singapore \$13,000 5.00%	21-Jun-17	21-Jul-18 - 21-Nov-18	
39 SEMIRIO	J \$4,800 5.00% SwissMarine Services S.A., Geneva	6-Feb-16	21-May-17 -21-May-18 -	13
2007 174,261	\$14,1505.00% Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore  L \$12,0004.75% Clearlake Shipping Pte. Ltd.,	21-May-17	<sup>7</sup> 21-Sep-18 1-Aug-17 -	
40 BOSTON 2007 177,828	J \$13,0004.75% Clearlake Shipping Fte. Etd., Singapore	9-Aug-15	24-Oct-17	3,14,15
41 HOUSTON	J \$10,0005.00% SwissMarine Services S.A., Geneva	17-Feb-17	2-Mar-18 - 17-May-18	16
2009 177,729 42 NEW YORK	J \$5,200 5.00% Rio Tinto Shipping (Asia) Pte., Ltd., Singapore	3-Feb-16	23-Apr-17	
2010 177,773	\$14,4505.00% Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore	23-Apr-17	8-Oct-17 - 29-Dec-17	
43 SEATTLE	K\$11,7005.00% Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore	8-Feb-17	8-Apr-18 - 23-Jul-18	

44 P. S. PALIOS	K \$10,550	5.00%	Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore	27-Jan-17	27-Jan-18 - 11-Jun-18	17
2013 179,134						
45 G. P. ZAFIRAKIS	L \$6,500	5.00%	RWE Supply & Trading GmbH, Essen	14-Feb-16	31-Jul-17 - 14-Aug-17	3
2014 179,492						
46 SANTA BARBARA	L \$12,000	4.75%	Cargill International S.A., Geneva	24-Jan-17	9-Jan-18 - 24-Apr-18	
2015 179,426			Vanh Chinnina Dta I td		10 Dec 17	
47 NEW ORLEANS	\$11,250	5.00%	Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore	10-Dec-16	10-Dec-17 - 10-Apr-18	
2015 180,960						
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48 LOS ANGELES	M <sub>+ 14%</sub> BCI_2014 5TCs AVO	<sup>3</sup> 5.00%	SwissMarine Services S.A., Geneva	22-Jan-17	7-Feb-18 - 22-Apr-18	
2012 206,104					•	
49 PHILADELPHIA	M\$15,500	5.00%	Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore	14-Mar-17	, 14-Jan-18 - 29-Apr-18	
2012 206,040					•	
50 SAN FRANCISCO	O N \$11,750	5.00%	Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore	5-Jan-17	5-Jan-18 - 20-May-18	
2017 208,006						
51 NEWPORT NEW	$SN = \frac{BCI_2014}{+24\%}$	<sup>3</sup> 5.00%	SwissMarine Services S.A., Geneva	10-Jan-17	10-Nov-18 - 10-Mar-19	
2017 208,021						

<sup>\*</sup> Each dry bulk carrier is a "sister ship", or closely similar, to other dry bulk carriers that have the same letter.

- 1 Charter included a one time gross ballast bonus payment of US\$400,000.
- 2 Vessel on scheduled drydocking from June 2, 2017 to June 24, 2017.
- 3 Based on latest information.
- 4 Vessel off-hire from June 27, 2017 to July 1, 2017.
- 5 Charterers have agreed to pay the BPI 4 T/C Average as published by The Baltic Exchange on 28th April 2017 and in any case not below the current rate of USD 4,500 for the excess period commencing April 28, 2017.
- 6 Charter includes a one time gross ballast bonus payment of US\$350,000.
- 7 Redelivery date based on an estimated time charter trip duration of about 60 days.
- 8 Vessel off-hire for drydocking from March 2, 2017 to April 26, 2017.
- 9 Charterers have agreed to pay the weighted average of the 4 T/C routes on 14th July 2017 plus 20% for the excess period commencing July 13, 2017.
- 10 Vessel on scheduled drydocking from May 26, 2017 to June 12, 2017.
- 11 Vessel off-hire for drydocking from April 30, 2017 to May 14, 2017.
- 12 Vessel on scheduled drydocking from May 29, 2017 to June 11, 2017.
- 13 Vessel on scheduled drydocking from March 16, 2017 to April 2, 2017.
- 14 Clearlake Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore is a member of the Gunvor Group.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Total commission percentage paid to third parties.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In case of newly acquired vessel with time charter attached, this date refers to the expected/actual date of delivery of the vessel to the Company.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Range of redelivery dates, with the actual date of redelivery being at the Charterers' option, but subject to the terms, conditions, and exceptions of the particular charterparty.

- 15 Vessel off-hire for drydocking from June 1, 2017 to June 23, 2017.
- 16 Charterers will pay US\$5,150 per day for the first 15 days of the charter period.
- 17 Vessel off-hire for drydocking from July 9, 2017 to July 20, 2017.

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Summary of Selected Financial & Other Data (un	naudited)
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	Three me	onths	Six mon	Six months ended	
	ended June 30,		June 30	,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA (i	n thousands	s of US Do	llars)		
Time charter revenues	\$ 37,752	\$ 28,326	\$ 69,040	\$ 59,118	
Voyage expenses	2,059	3,562	3,119	10,318	
Vessel operating expenses	22,324	21,933	43,640	43,874	
Net loss	(23,819)	(31,284	) (50,290	(62,670)	
Net loss attributed to common stockholders	(25,261)	(32,726	) (53,174	(65,554)	
FLEET DATA					
Average number of vessels	49.4	45.6	48.6	44.4	
Number of vessels	51.0	46.0	51.0	46.0	
Weighted average age of vessels	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.7	
Ownership days	4,491	4,147	8,804	8,078	
Available days	4,367	4,125	8,643	8,005	
Operating days	4,271	4,099	8,472	7,943	
Fleet utilization	97.8%	99.4%	98.0%	99.2%	
AVERAGE DAILY RESULTS					
Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate (1)	\$ 8,173	\$ 6,003	\$ 7,627	\$ 6,096	
Daily vessel operating expenses (2)	\$ 4,971	\$ 5,289	\$ 4,957	\$ 5,431	

Time charter equivalent rates, or TCE rates, are defined as our time charter revenues less voyage expenses during a period divided by the number of our available days during the period, which is consistent with industry standards. Voyage expenses include port charges, bunker (fuel) expenses, canal charges and commissions. TCE is a

(1) non-GAAP measure. TCE rate is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare daily earnings generated by vessels on time charters with daily earnings generated by vessels on voyage charters, because charter hire rates for vessels on voyage charters are generally not expressed in per day amounts while charter hire rates for vessels on time charters are generally expressed in such amounts.

Daily vessel operating expenses, which 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, are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by ownership days for the relevant period.

#### Conference Call and Webcast Information

The Company's management will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

Investors may access the webcast by visiting the Company's website at <a href="www.dianashippinginc.com">www.dianashippinginc.com</a>, and clicking on the webcast link. The conference call also may be accessed by telephone by dialing 1-877-407-8291 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-201-689-8345 (for international callers), and asking the operator for the Diana Shipping Inc. conference call.

A replay of the webcast will be available soon after the completion of the call and will be accessible for 30 days on <a href="https://www.dianashippinginc.com">www.dianashippinginc.com</a>. A telephone replay also will be available for 30 days by dialing 1-877-660-6853 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-201-612-7415 (for international callers), and providing the Replay ID number 13665613.

#### About the Company

Diana Shipping Inc. is a global provider of shipping transportation services through its ownership of dry bulk vessels. The Company's vessels are employed primarily on medium to long-term time charters and transport a range of dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

#### Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements 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 Company desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with this safe harbor legislation. The words "believe," "anticipate," "intends," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "plan," "potential," "may," "should," "expect," "pending" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, our management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe 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, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors, other 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 fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, changes in demand for dry bulk shipping capacity, changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, the market for our vessels, availability of financing and refinancing, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hires and other factors. Please see our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties.

(See financial tables attached) 7

DIANA SHIPPING INC.

## FINANCIAL TABLES

Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars, except share and per share data

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	Three mon 30,	Three months ended June 30.		ended June
	2017	2016	30, 2017	2016
REVENUES:				
Time charter revenues	\$ 37,752	\$ 28,326	\$ 69,040	\$ 59,118
EXPENSES:				
Voyage expenses	2,059	3,562	3,119	10,318
Vessel operating expenses	22,324	21,933	43,640	43,874
Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges	21,646	20,309	42,719	40,314
General and administrative expenses	6,651	6,465	12,438	12,743
Management fees to related party	440	360	861	720
Other income/(expenses)	176	(86)	245	75
Operating loss	(15,544)	(24,217)	(33,982)	(48,926)
OTHER INCOME / (EXPENSES):				
Interest and finance costs	(6,687)	(5,586)	(13,076)	(10,611)
Interest and other income	928	541	1,568	1,097
Loss from equity method investments	(2,516)	(2,022)	(4,800)	(4,230)
Total other expenses, net	(8,275)	(7,067)	(16,308)	(13,744)
Net loss	\$ (23,819)	\$ (31,284)	\$ (50,290)	\$ (62,670)
Dividends on series B preferred shares	(1,442)	(1,442)	(2,884)	(2,884)
Net loss attributed to common stockholders	(25,261)	(32,726)	(53,174)	(65,554)
Loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.82)
Weighted average number of common shares, basic and diluted	96,691,952	80,534,351	89,015,484	80,287,498
	Three mon 30,	ths ended June	Six months 30,	ended June
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net loss	\$ (23,819)	\$ (31,284)	\$ (50,290)	\$ (62,670)
Other comprehensive loss (Actuarial loss)	(7)	(8)	(14)	(15)
Comprehensive loss 8	\$ (23,826)		\$ (50,304)	\$ (62,685)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

**DATA** 

(in thousands of U.S. Dollars)

<u>ASSETS</u>	June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016*
Cash and cash equivalents	\$42,273	\$98,142
Other current assets	18,295	17,174
Advances for vessels under construction and acquisitions and other vessel costs	-	46,863
Vessels' net book value	1,536,345	1,403,912
Other fixed assets, net	22,849	23,114
Restricted cash	25,500	23,000
Due from related parties, non-current	82,617	45,417
Equity method investments	4,214	6,014
Other non-current assets	7,116	5,027
Total assets	\$1,739,209	\$1,668,663

# LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EOUITY

Long-term debt, net of deferred financing	\$633,602	\$598,181
costs	Ψ033,002	Ψ370,101
Other liabilities	20,321	13,893
Total stockholders' equity	1,085,286	1,056,589
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,739,209	\$1,668,663

<sup>\*</sup>The balance sheet data have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date.

#### OTHER FINANCIAL DATA (unaudited)

Three months ended Six months ended June 30, June 30, 2017 2016 2017 2016

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