

Navios Maritime Acquisition CORP
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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITION CORPORATION

7 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Office 11B2

Monte Carlo, MC 98000 Monaco

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes

No

Information Contained in this Report on Form 6-K

Attached hereto is a copy of the Notice of 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement of Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation, dated October 18, 2017, for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Friday, December 15, 2017.

October 18, 2017

Dear Stockholder,

We cordially invite you to attend our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders to be held at 10:30 a.m., local time, on Friday, December 15, 2017 at our offices at Le Montaigne Bloc B, 7 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Monaco. The attached notice of annual meeting and proxy statement describe the business we will conduct at the meeting and provide information about Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation that you should consider when you vote.

When you have finished reading the proxy statement, please promptly vote your interests by marking, signing, dating and returning the proxy card in the enclosed envelope. We encourage you to vote by proxy so that your interests will be represented and voted at the meeting, whether or not you can attend.

Sincerely,

Angeliki Frangou

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITION CORPORATION
NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

October 18, 2017

TIME: 10:30 a.m., local time

DATE: Friday, December 15, 2017

PLACE: Offices of Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation, Le Montaigne Bloc B, 7 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Monaco

PURPOSES:

1. To elect two Class C directors, whose terms will expire in 2020 (*Proposal One*).
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. as our independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 (*Proposal Two*).
3. To consider any other business that is properly presented at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

WHO MAY VOTE:

You may vote if you were the record owner of Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation stock at the close of business on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. A list of stockholders of record will be available at the meeting and, during the 10 days prior to the meeting, at the office of the Secretary at the above address.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY. THE VOTE OF EVERY STOCKHOLDER IS IMPORTANT AND YOUR COOPERATION IN RETURNING YOUR EXECUTED PROXY PROMPTLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. ANY SIGNED PROXY RETURNED AND NOT COMPLETED WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF ALL THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT.

If you attend the annual meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vasiliki Papaefthymiou

Secretary

NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITION CORPORATION

LE MONTAIGNE BLOC B

7 AVENUE DE GRANDE BRETAGNE

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR

NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITION CORPORATION

2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ANNUAL MEETING

Why Did You Send Me this Proxy Statement?

We sent you this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation's Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and any adjournments of the meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m., local time, on Friday, December 15, 2017, at our offices at Le Montaigne Bloc B, 7 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Monaco. This proxy statement along with the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders summarizes the purposes of the meeting and the information you need to know to vote at the annual meeting.

On October 18, 2017, we began sending this proxy statement, the attached notice of annual meeting and the enclosed proxy card to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. You can find a copy of our 2016 Annual Report on Form 20-F on the Internet through our website at www.navios-acquisition.com or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's electronic data system called EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

Who Can Vote?

Only stockholders who owned Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation common stock at the close of business on October 17, 2017 are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On this record date, there were 150,332,990 shares of Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Navios Maritime

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Acquisition Corporation common stock is our only class of voting stock. The shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NNA.

You do not need to attend the annual meeting to vote your shares. Shares represented by valid proxies, received in time for the meeting and not revoked prior to the meeting, will be voted at the meeting. A stockholder may revoke a proxy before the proxy is voted by delivering to our Secretary a signed statement of revocation or a duly executed proxy card bearing a later date. Any stockholder who has executed a proxy card but attends the meeting in person may revoke the proxy and vote at the meeting.

How Many Votes Do I Have?

Each share of Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation common stock that you own entitles you to one vote.

How Do I Vote?

Whether you plan to attend the annual meeting or not, we urge you to vote by proxy. Voting by proxy will not affect your right to attend the annual meeting. If your shares are registered directly in your name through our stock transfer agent, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, or you have stock certificates, you may vote:

By mail. Complete and mail the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope. Your proxy will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you sign the proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares voted, they will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors.

In person at the meeting. If you attend the meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or you may vote by completing a ballot, which will be available at the meeting.

If your shares are held in street name (held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee), you must provide the bank, broker or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares and can do so as follows:

By mail. You will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee explaining how to vote your shares.

In person at the meeting. Contact the broker or other nominee who holds your shares to obtain a broker's proxy card and bring it with you to the meeting. You will not be able to vote at the meeting unless you have a proxy card from your broker.

Street name holders may vote by telephone or Internet if their bank, broker or other nominee makes those methods available, in which case the bank, broker or other nominee will enclose the instructions with the proxy materials. The telephone and Internet voting procedures are designed to authenticate stockholders' identities, to allow stockholders to vote their shares, and to confirm that their instructions have been recorded properly.

How Does the Board of Directors Recommend That I Vote on the Proposals?

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote as follows:

FOR the election of the nominees for the Class C directors; and

FOR ratification of the selection of independent auditors for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. If any other matter is presented, the proxy card provides that your shares will be voted by the proxy holder listed on the proxy card in accordance with his or her best judgment. At the time this proxy statement was printed, we knew of no matters that needed to be acted on at the annual meeting, other than those discussed in this proxy statement.

May I Revoke My Proxy?

If you give us your proxy, you may revoke it at any time before the annual meeting. You may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

signing a new proxy card and submitting it as instructed above;

notifying Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation's Secretary in writing before the annual meeting that you have revoked your proxy; or

attending the meeting in person and voting in person. Attending the meeting in person will not in and of itself revoke a previously submitted proxy unless you specifically request it.

What Vote is Required to Approve Each Proposal and How are Votes Counted?

Proposal 1: Elect Directors

The nominees for Class C director who receive the most votes (also known as a plurality of the votes) will be elected. Abstentions are not counted for purposes of electing directors. You may vote either FOR all of the nominees, WITHHOLD your vote from all of the nominees or WITHHOLD your vote from any one or more of the nominees. Votes that are withheld will not be included in the vote tally for the election of Class C directors. Brokerage firms do not have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares held by the firms in street name for the election of directors. As a result, any shares not voted by a beneficial owner will be treated as a broker non-vote. Such broker non-votes will have no effect on the results of this vote.

Proposal 2: Ratify Selection of Auditors

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the annual meeting is required to ratify the selection of independent auditors. Abstentions will be treated as votes against this proposal. Brokerage firms have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares held by the firms in street name on this proposal. If a broker does not exercise this authority, such broker non-votes will have no effect on the results of this vote. We are not required to obtain the approval of our stockholders to select our independent accountants. However, if our stockholders do not ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. as our independent accountants for 2017, our Audit Committee of our Board of Directors will reconsider its selection.

What Constitutes a Quorum for the Meeting?

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of no less than a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock is necessary to constitute a quorum at the meeting. Votes of stockholders of record who are present at the meeting in person or by proxy, abstentions, and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors consists of seven directors, who are divided into three classes. As provided in our Articles of Incorporation, each director is elected to serve for a three-year term and until such director's successor is duly elected and qualified, except in the event of such director's death, resignation, removal or earlier termination of such director's term of office. The term of two Class C directors is set to expire at the 2017 annual meeting. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has nominated Angeliki Frangou and Anna Kalathakis, each of whom is a Class C director, for election as directors, whose terms would expire at our 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Unless the proxy is marked to indicate that such authorization is expressly withheld, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote the shares authorized thereby **FOR** the election of the following two nominees. It is expected that each of these nominees will be able to serve, but if before the election it develops that either of the nominees is unavailable, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote for the election of such substitute nominee or nominees as the current Board of Directors may recommend.

Nominees for Election as Class C Directors to the Board of Directors

Information concerning the nominees for the Class C directors is set forth below:

| Name | Age | Position |
|------------------|-----|------------------|
| Angeliki Frangou | 52 | Class C Director |
| Anna Kalathakis | 47 | Class C Director |

Angeliki Frangou has been our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since our inception in 2008.

Ms. Frangou has also been Chairman and CEO of our sponsor, Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. (NYSE: NM) (2005), Navios Maritime Partners L.P. (NYSE: NMM) (2007), the Navios Maritime Midstream Partners L.P. (NYSE: NAP) (2014) and Navios Maritime Containers Inc. (NOTC: NMCI), an affiliated corporation (April 2017).

Ms. Frangou has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Navios South American Logistics Inc. since its inception in 2007. Ms. Frangou is the Chairman of IRF European Finance Investments Ltd., listed on the SFM of the London Stock Exchange, and is also a Member of the Board of the United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Bermuda) Limited. Since 2015, she has also been a Board Member of the Union of Greek Shipowners, as well as on the Board of Trustees of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Since 2013, Ms. Frangou has been a Member of the Board of Visitors of the Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science. Ms. Frangou also acts as Vice Chairman of the China Classification Society Mediterranean Committee, is a member of the International General Committee and of the Hellenic and Black Sea Committee of Bureau Veritas, and a member of Greek Committee of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Ms. Frangou received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, summa cum laude, from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Columbia University.

Anna Kalathakis has been a member of our Board of Directors and Senior Vice President - Legal Risk Management since May 2010. Ms. Kalathakis has been Chief Legal Risk Officer since November 2012 and Senior Vice President - Legal Risk Management of Navios Holdings from December 2005 until October 2012. Before joining Navios Holdings, Ms. Kalathakis was the General Manager of the Greek office of A Bilbrough &

Co. Ltd. (Managers of the London Steam-Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association Limited, the London P&I Club) and an Associate Director of the London P&I Club where she gained experience in the handling of liability and contractual disputes in both the dry and tanker shipping sectors (including collisions, oil pollution incidents, groundings, etc.). She previously worked for a U.S. maritime law firm in New Orleans, having qualified as a lawyer in Louisiana in 1995, and also served in a similar capacity for a London maritime law firm. She qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 1999 and was admitted to the Piraeus Bar in Greece, in 2003. She received a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Georgetown University and holds a master of business administration degree from European University in Brussels and a juris doctor degree from Tulane Law School.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THE ELECTION OF ANGELIKI FRANGOU AND ANNA KALATHAKIS AS CLASS C DIRECTORS, AND PROXIES RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS A STOCKHOLDER HAS INDICATED OTHERWISE ON THE PROXY.

PROPOSAL TWO

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Board of Directors is submitting for approval the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A., independent public accountants, as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. The Board of Directors proposes that the stockholders ratify this appointment. PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. audited our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. has advised us that it does not have any direct or indirect financial interest in us, nor has it had any such interest in connection with us during the past three years other than in its capacity as our independent auditors.

All services rendered by the independent auditors are subject to review by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

In the event the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. as our independent public accountants, the Audit Committee will reconsider its appointment.

Required Vote. Approval of Proposal Two will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes. Abstentions will be treated as votes against Proposal Two. Brokerage firms have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares held by the firms in street name on Proposal Two. If a broker does not exercise this authority, such broker non-votes will have no effect on the results of this vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS S.A. AS INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, AND PROXIES RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF SUCH RATIFICATION UNLESS A STOCKHOLDER INDICATES OTHERWISE ON THE PROXY.

SOLICITATION

The cost of preparing and soliciting proxies will be borne by us. Solicitation on behalf of the Board of Directors will be made primarily by mail, but stockholders may be solicited by telephone, e-mail, other electronic means, or personal contact. Copies of materials for the annual meeting will be supplied to brokers, dealers, banks and voting trustees, or their nominees, for the purpose of soliciting proxies from beneficial owners.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors is not aware of any other business that will be presented to the annual meeting. If any other business is properly brought before the annual meeting, it is intended that proxies in the accompanying form will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the person or persons named in the proxies.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vasiliki Papaefthymiou

Secretary

October 18, 2017

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE VOTE TODAY.

**NAVIOS MARITIME
ACQUISITION
CORPORATION**

**2017 PROXY FOR ANNUAL
MEETING OF
STOCKHOLDERS**

**DECEMBER 15, 2017
10:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME**

Please Be Sure To Mark, Sign, Date and Return Your Proxy Card

in the Envelope Provided

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PROXY

Please mark
your votes
like this

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSALS 1
AND 2.**

If you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations, just sign below. You need not mark any boxes.

1. Election of two Class C Directors (or if any nominee is not available for election, such substitute as the Board of Directors may designate):

Proposal to elect Angeliki Frangou and Anna Kalathakis as Class C Directors of the Company, whose term will expire in 2020.

| | FOR | WITHHOLD VOTE |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|
| (01) Angeliki Frangou | | |

| | | FOR | WITHHOLD VOTE |
|------|---|-----|------------------|
| (02) | Anna Kalathakis | | |
| 2. | Proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. | FOR | AGAINST ABSTAIN |

IN THEIR DISCRETION THE PROXIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENTS OF THE MEETING.

CONTROL NUMBER

Signature:

Signature

Date _____, 2017

Note: Please sign exactly as name appears hereon. When shares are held by joint owners, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or corporate officer, please give title as such.

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PROXY

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITION CORPORATION

The undersigned, revoking any previous proxies relating to these shares of common stock, hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice and Proxy Statement, dated October 18, 2017, in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 10:30 a.m., local time, on Friday, December 15, 2017 at our offices at Le Montaigne Bloc B, 7 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Monaco and hereby appoints Angeliki Frangou, George Achniotis and Vasiliki Papaefthymiou, and each of them (with full power to act alone), the attorneys and proxies of the undersigned, with power of substitution to each, to vote all shares of the common stock of Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation registered in the name provided in this Proxy which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and at any adjournments of the meeting, with all the powers the undersigned would have if personally present at the meeting. Without limiting the general authorization given by this Proxy, the proxies are, and each of them is, instructed to vote or act as follows on the proposals set forth in the Proxy.

This Proxy when executed will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no direction is made this Proxy will be voted FOR the election of Class C Directors and FOR Proposal 2.

(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NAVIOS MARITIME ACQUISITION
CORPORATION

Date: October 18, 2017

By: /s/ Angeliki Frangou
Angeliki Frangou
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer