

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K/A  
January 20, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K/A

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 2009

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)

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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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment no. 1 to reports on Form 6-K amends the three reports on Form 6-K filed on November 18, 2008, December 3, 2008, and December 11, 2008 by Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") for the sole purpose of incorporating by reference Exhibit 1 from each of these respective reports into the Company's F-3 Registration Statement (File no. 333-143635) that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") with an effective date of June 15, 2007, and the Company's F-3 Registration Statement (File no. 333-150406) that was filed with the Commission with an effective date of April 24, 2008.

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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: January 20, 2008

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
Anastassis Margaronis  
President

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