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For the month of August 2019

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**Global Ship Lease, Inc.**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT**

Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a press release dated August 1, 2019 of Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the "Company") reporting the Company's financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019.

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K, except for the commentary of George Youroukos and Ian Webber, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-231509), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission effective May 28, 2019.

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## Global Ship Lease Reports Results for the Second Quarter of 2019

LONDON, ENGLAND — August 1, 2019 - Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) (the “Company” or Global Ship Lease), a containership charter owner, announced today its unaudited results for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2019.

### Second Quarter and Year To Date Highlights

- Reported operating revenue of \$63.1 million for the second quarter 2019. Operating revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was \$127.6 million.
- Reported net income available to common shareholders of \$8.8 million for the second quarter 2019. For the six months ended June 30, 2019, net income available to common shareholders was \$18.9 million.
- Generated \$38.8 million of Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(3)</sup> for the second quarter 2019. Adjusted EBITDA for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was \$79.3 million.
- Agreed to acquire three 2004-built, 7,849 TEU containerships for an aggregate purchase price of \$48.5 million. Upon delivery during May 2019, the first ship, *GSL Eleni*, commenced a five-year charter with Maersk Line. The two remaining ships, *GSL Kalliopi* and *GSL Grania*, are expected to be delivered during the third quarter and will commence three-year charters with Maersk Line, with two consecutive one-year extensions at the charterer's option. The three ships are expected to generate Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$32.0 million in aggregate for the median firm period, and a total of approximately \$47.0 million if all options are exercised. With these additions, the Company's fleet will comprise 41.0 ships with a total capacity of 224,162 TEU. A portion of the purchase price will be financed by borrowings under a new senior secured debt facility, totalling \$37.0 million with a maturity of late 2024.
- Agreed a minimum 30-month / maximum 38-month charter with Maersk Line for the 2000-built, 5,936 TEU containership *Tasman*. The new charter commenced in July 2019 on the completion of the previous charter and is subject to a further 12-month extension at the charterer's option. The charter is expected to generate approximately \$5.3 million of Adjusted EBITDA for the median firm period and an additional approximate \$4.4 million if the 12-month extension option is exercised.
- Agreed minimum 21-month / maximum 24-month charters with Zim for the 2000-built, 5,936 TEU containerships *Dimitris Y* and *Ian H*. The new charters commenced in June and July 2019 respectively, in direct continuation of their current charters, and are expected to generate approximately \$4.4 million of Adjusted EBITDA per ship for the median firm period.
- Agreed new five-year charters with MSC for the 2005-built, 8,667 TEU *GSL Tianjin* and the 2005-built, 8,667 TEU *OOCL Qingdao*, which have been renamed *MSC Tianjin* and *MSC Qingdao*, respectively. The new charters commenced in June 2019 upon redelivery by the previous charterers and are expected to generate Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$25.6 million per ship for the median firm period.

- Agreed new charters, which commenced June 2019, for the 2005-built, 2,824 TEU *GSL Valerie* which is now chartered for 12 months to MSC at a fixed rate of \$9,000 per day, and for the 2006-built, 5,095 TEU *Orca I* which is now chartered for minimum 12 months / maximum 24 months to Maersk Line at a fixed rate of \$9,000 per day for the first 12 months, and \$10,000 per day thereafter.

- Agreed a new charter for the 2003-built, 2,207 TEU *GSL Keta*, which commenced in late July 2019, for minimum 50 days / maximum 90 days to OOCL at a fixed rate of \$8,700 per day.

George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Global Ship Lease, stated, “By remaining highly active against a supportive fundamental backdrop, we have made excellent progress on multiple key initiatives throughout the first half of 2019. Net ship supply growth for the global containership fleet has remained limited or negative in the mid-sized and smaller segments on which we focus, and the trade lanes that rely upon our ships have demonstrated continued resilience, allowing the charter rate improvements initially experienced by our larger ships to spread across the entire fleet. In this encouraging environment, we have seized multiple opportunities to substantially increase our long-term charter coverage at attractive rates while maintaining a degree of exposure to the strengthening charter market. We also returned to growth with the acquisition of three high-quality ships on extremely attractive terms, expanding our long-term relationship with Maersk Line, the world’s largest container liner company. As the upcoming implementation of IMO 2020 regulations is expected to further accelerate already heightened scrapping, reduce effective supply by slowing ship speeds, and increase the competitive advantages of our modern, fuel-efficient ships, Global Ship Lease is in an excellent position to continue creating value for our shareholders.”

Ian Webber, Chief Executive Officer of Global Ship Lease, commented, “As we have demonstrated throughout the year, our enhanced commercial platform, solid financial foundation, and attractive fleet focused on under-supplied, high specification, widely deployable mid-sized and smaller ships enable us to move quickly and confidently to seize a wide range of differentiated, value-creative opportunities. In conjunction with our success in expanding our contracted revenue stream and forward visibility, we have also continued to deleverage, ensuring that we are well positioned to further improve our balance sheet and extend debt maturities on an opportunistic basis. By continuing to execute this holistic strategy, we believe that we can unlock substantial additional value for our shareholders.”

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA – UNAUDITED  
(thousands of U.S. dollars)

|                                  | Three<br>months ended<br><u>June 30, 2019</u> | Three<br>months ended<br><u>June 30, 2018</u> | Six<br>months<br>ended<br><u>June 30, 2019</u> | Six<br>months<br>ended<br><u>June 30, 2018</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Operating Revenue <sup>(1)</sup> | 63,087  | 35,040  | 127,601  | 71,186   |
| Operating Income                 | 27,156  | 15,185  | 56,381   | 30,670   |
| Net Income <sup>(2)</sup>        | 8,797   | 4,020   | 18,849   | 8,212  |
| Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>   | 38,800  | 23,367  | 79,327   | 47,014   |

The results for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2019 include the results of the 19 Poseidon Containers containerships acquired on November 15, 2018 (the “Poseidon Containers Fleet”).

(1) Operating Revenue is net of address commissions which represents a discount provided directly to a charterer based on a fixed percentage of the agreed upon charter rate. Brokerage commissions are included in Time charter and voyage expenses.

(2) Net Income available to common shareholders.

(3) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-US GAAP measure, as explained further in this press release, and is considered by Global Ship Lease to be a useful measure of its performance. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to net income, the most directly comparable US GAAP financial measure, is provided below.

Following the Poseidon Transaction, minor reclassifications of expenses and balance sheet items have been made.

*Revenue and Utilization*

The Company’s fleet of 39 ships, including *GSL Eleni* which was purchased on May 28, 2019 and commenced a five-year charter with Maersk Line, generated revenue from fixed-rate, mainly long-term time-charters of \$63.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2019, up \$28.1 million (or 80.3%) on revenue of \$35.0 million for the comparative period in 2018. The increase is principally due to the addition of the Poseidon Containers Fleet on November 15, 2018, offset by increased offhire days in the second quarter of 2019, and the *GSL Valerie* in June 2018, partially offset by reduced revenue from *GSL Ningbo* as the charter for this ship renewed at a lower rate in September 2018. There were 3,492 ownership days in the second quarter, an increase of 111.5% compared to 1,651 in the second quarter 2018 due to the purchase of the Poseidon Containers Fleet, the *GSL Valerie* and the *GSL Eleni*. The 174 days of offhire for dry-dockings in the three months ended June 30, 2019 were mainly attributable to one completed dry-docking, primarily to upgrade the ship to increase substantially its reefer capacity and four dry-dockings in progress as of June 30, 2019, one for regulatory reasons only and three for the upgrade of their reefer capacity along with the regulatory dry-docking which has been brought forward. With 18 days idle time for *Tasman*, *GSL Valerie* and *Orca I* prior to their delivery to their new charterers and 19 days of unplanned offhire days, utilization was 94.0%. In the comparative period of 2018, there were 18 days of planned offhire for regulatory dry-dockings, 13 idle days for *GSL Valerie* and three days of unplanned offhire, giving a utilization of 97.9%.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, revenue was \$127.6 million, up \$56.4 million (or 79.2%) on revenue of \$71.2 million in the comparative period, mainly due to the factors noted above, together with reduced revenue from MSC Qingdao as the charter for this ship was renewed at a reduced rate in March 2018.

The table below shows fleet utilization for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

| Days                           | Three months ended |                  | Six months ended |                  | Year ended      |                 |                 |                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                | June 30,<br>2019   | June 30,<br>2018 | June 30,<br>2019 | June 30,<br>2018 | Dec 31,<br>2018 | Dec 31,<br>2017 | Dec 31,<br>2016 | Dec 31,<br>2015 |
| Ownership days                 | 3,492              | 1,651            | 6,912            | 3,271            | 7,675           | 6,570           | 6,588           | 6,893           |
| Planned offhire - dry-dockings | (174)              | (18)             | (174)            | (31)             | (34)            | (62)            | (100)           | (9)             |
| Unplanned offhire              | (19)               | (3)              | (24)             | (7)              | (17)            | (40)            | (3)             | (7)             |
| Idle time                      | (18)               | (13)             | (18)             | (13)             | (47)            | 0               | 0               | (13)            |
| Operating days                 | 3,281              | 1,617            | 6,696            | 3,220            | 7,577           | 6,468           | 6,485           | 6,864           |
| Utilization                    | 94.0%              | 97.9%            | 96.9%            | 98.4%            | 98.7%           | 98.4%           | 98.4%           | 99.6%           |

In the three months ended June 30, 2019, we completed one dry-docking primarily to upgrade the ship to increase substantially its reefer capacity and four more were in progress as of June 30, 2019, three for the upgrade of their reefer capacity, and one for regulatory reasons only. In the second half of 2019, we anticipate a further two dry-dockings to upgrade reefer capacity, three for the installation of scrubbers and one for regulatory purposes. In each case of reefer upgrade and scrubber installation, the regulatory dry-docking has been or will be brought forward. There were two drydockings for regulatory purposes in 2018.

#### *Vessel Operating Expenses*

Vessel operating expenses, which include costs of crew, lubricating oil, repairs, maintenance, insurance and technical management fees, were \$20.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$10.0 million in the prior year period. The increase was due to 1,841 (up 111.5%) additional ownership days as a result of the acquisition of the Poseidon Containers Fleet and the additions of *GSL Valerie* and *GSL Eleni*. The average cost per ownership day in the quarter was \$5,959, compared to \$6,078 for the prior year period, down \$119 per day, or 2.0%.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, vessel operating expenses were \$41.8 million, or an average of \$6,042 per day, compared to \$20.4 million in the comparative period, or \$6,242 per day, a reduction of 3.2%.

#### *Time Charter and Voyage Expenses*

Time charter and voyage expenses comprise mainly commission paid to ship brokers, the cost of bunker fuel for owner's account when a ship is off-hire or idle and miscellaneous costs associated with a ship's voyage. Time charter and voyage expenses were \$2.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$0.2 million in the prior year period. The increase was mainly due to the addition of the Poseidon Containers Fleet, all of which incur such commission, compared to our legacy ships, where commission is paid only for those which have completed their initial charters to CMA CGM or OOCL and which have been employed on a new charter obtained with the assistance of a broker.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, time charter and voyage expenses were \$3.6 million, compared to \$0.4 million in the comparative period.

#### *Depreciation and Amortization*

Depreciation and amortization for the three month period ended June 30, 2019 was \$11.0 million, compared to \$8.2 million in the second quarter of 2018. The increase was mainly due to the addition of the Poseidon Containers Fleet offset by the effect of lower book values for a number of ships following an impairment expense charged in December 2018 as well as a change in estimated scrap value per LWT with effect from January 1, 2019 from \$250 to \$400.

Depreciation for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was \$21.7 million, compared to \$16.3 million in the comparative period, with the reduction being due to the reasons noted above.

#### *General and Administrative Expenses*

General and administrative expenses were \$2.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$1.5 million in the second quarter of 2018. The increase was mainly due to an increase in payroll and other costs associated with the Poseidon Transaction.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, general and administrative expenses were \$4.1 million, compared to \$3.4 million in the comparative period in 2018, with the increase being due to the reasons noted above.

#### *Adjusted EBITDA*

As a result of the above, Adjusted EBITDA was \$38.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2019, up from \$23.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018, with the increase being mainly due to the addition of the *GSL Valerie* in June 2018 and the Poseidon Containers Fleet on November 15, 2018.

Adjusted EBITDA for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was \$79.3 million, compared to \$47.0 million for the comparative period, with the increase being due to the reasons noted above.

#### *Interest Expense and Interest Income*

Debt as at June 30, 2019 totaled \$875.6 million, comprising of \$340.0 million of indebtedness under our 9.875% notes due 2022 (the "Notes"), \$24.8 million of indebtedness under a secured term loan, both cross collateralized by 18 ships in the legacy GSL fleet, \$490.1 million of bank debt collateralized by the Poseidon Containers Fleet, \$7.7 million drawn under a growth facility and secured by *GSL Valerie* and \$13.0 million of indebtedness under the new senior secured loan for the acquisition of *GSL Eleni*.

Debt at June 30, 2018 totaled \$404.8 million, comprising \$360.0 million outstanding on our Notes and \$44.8 million under the secured term loan.

Interest expense for the three months ended June 30, 2019, was \$18.7 million, an increase of \$8.0 million, or 74.8%, on the interest expense for the prior year period of \$10.7 million due to the assumption of debt associated with the Poseidon Transaction.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, interest expense was \$38.1 million, compared to \$21.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018, with the increase mainly for the reason noted above.

Interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2019 was \$0.4 million, the same as in the comparative quarter in 2018.

Interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was \$0.8 million, compared to \$0.6 million in the comparative period in 2018.

*Other Income, Net*

Other income, net is mainly comprised of gains in bunkers following deliveries and redeliveries of ships from charterers and passenger income. Other income, net was \$0.7 million in the three months ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$9,000 in the prior year period; the increase was mainly due to the addition of the Poseidon Containers Fleet.

Other income, net was \$1.2 million in the six months ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$15,000 in the prior year period; the increase was mainly for the reason given above.

*Taxation*

Taxation for the three months ended June 30, 2019 was a charge of \$56,000, compared to credit of \$31,000 in the second quarter of 2018.

Taxation for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was a charge of \$40,000, compared to a credit of \$46,000 in the comparative period in 2018.

*Earnings Allocated to Preferred Shares*

The Series B preferred shares, issued on August 20, 2014, carry a coupon of 8.75%, the cost of which for the three months ended June 30, 2019 was \$0.8 million, the same as in the comparative period. The cost was \$1.5 million in the six months ended June 30, 2019, the same as in the comparative period.

*Net Income Available to Common Shareholders*

Net income available to common shareholders for the three months ended June 30, 2019 was \$8.8 million, compared to \$4.0 million in the second quarter of 2018.

Net income available to common shareholders was \$18.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$8.2 million in the comparative period.

Fleet

The following table provides information about the on-the-water fleet of 39 ships as at June 30, 2019 together with the two ships expected to be delivered in 3Q19.

| Ship Name                   | Capacity in TEUs | Lightweight (tons) | Year Built | Charterer   | Earliest Charter Expiry Date | Latest Charter Expiry Date | Daily Charter Rate \$ |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| CMA CGM Thalassa            | 11,040           | 38,577             | 2008       | CMA CGM     | 4Q25                         | 1Q26                       | 47,200                |
| UASC Al Khor <sup>(1)</sup> | 9,115            | 31,764             | 2015       | Hapag-Lloyd | 1Q22                         | 2Q22                       | 34,000                |
| Anthea Y <sup>(1)</sup>     | 9,115            | 31,890             | 2015       | COSCO       | 2Q20                         | 3Q20                       | 39,200                |
| Maira XL <sup>(1)</sup>     | 9,115            | 31,820             | 2015       | COSCO       | 2Q20                         | 3Q20                       | 39,200                |
| MSC Tianjin                 | 8,667            | 34,243             | 2005       | MSC         | 2Q24                         | 3Q24 <sup>(2)</sup>        | -(2)                  |
| MSC Qingdao                 | 8,667            | 34,305             | 2004       | MSC         | 2Q24                         | 3Q24 <sup>(2)</sup>        | -(2)                  |
| GSL Ningbo                  | 8,667            | 34,243             | 2004       | Maersk      | 3Q19                         | 4Q20                       | 12,400 <sup>(3)</sup> |
| GSL Kalliopi                | 7,849            | 29,105             | 2004       | Maersk      | 3Q22                         | 4Q24 <sup>(4)</sup>        | -(4)                  |
| GSL Grania                  | 7,849            | -                  | 2004       | Maersk      | 3Q22                         | 4Q24 <sup>(4)</sup>        | -(4)                  |
| GSL Eleni                   | 7,849            | 29,261             | 2004       | Maersk      | 2Q24                         | 3Q24 <sup>(4)</sup>        | -(4)                  |
| Mary <sup>(1)</sup>         | 6,927            | 23,424             | 2013       | CMA CGM     | 3Q23                         | 4Q23                       | 25,910                |
| Kristina <sup>(1)</sup>     | 6,927            | 23,424             | 2013       | CMA CGM     | 2Q24                         | 3Q24                       | 25,910                |
| Katherine <sup>(1)</sup>    | 6,927            | 23,424             | 2013       | CMA CGM     | 1Q24                         | 2Q24                       | 25,910                |
| Alexandra <sup>(1)</sup>    | 6,927            | 23,424             | 2013       | CMA CGM     | 1Q24                         | 2Q24                       | 25,910                |
| Alexis <sup>(1)</sup>       | 6,882            | 23,919             | 2015       | CMA CGM     | 1Q24                         | 2Q24                       | 25,910                |
| Olivia I <sup>(1)</sup>     | 6,882            | 23,864             | 2015       | CMA CGM     | 1Q24                         | 2Q24                       | 25,910                |
| CMA CGM Berlioz             | 6,621            | 26,776             | 2001       | CMA CGM     | 2Q21                         | 4Q21                       | 34,000                |
| Agios Dimitrios             | 6,572            | 24,746             | 2011       | MSC         | 3Q19                         | 4Q23                       | 12,500 <sup>(5)</sup> |
| Tasman                      | 5,936            | 25,010             | 2000       | ZIM         | 3Q19                         | 3Q19 <sup>(6)</sup>        | 11,500 <sup>(6)</sup> |
| Dimitris Y                  | 5,936            | 25,010             | 2000       | ZIM         | 3Q19                         | 3Q19 <sup>(7)</sup>        | 16,750 <sup>(7)</sup> |
| Ian H                       | 5,936            | 25,128             | 2000       | ZIM         | 1Q21                         | 2Q21                       | 14,500                |
| Dolphin II                  | 5,095            | 20,596             | 2007       | HMM         | 3Q19 <sup>(8)</sup>          | 4Q19 <sup>(8)</sup>        | 7,700 <sup>(8)</sup>  |
| Orca I                      | 5,095            | 20,696             | 2006       | Maersk      | 2Q20 <sup>(9)</sup>          | 2Q21 <sup>(9)</sup>        | 9,000 <sup>(9)</sup>  |
| CMA CGM Alcazar             | 5,089            | 20,087             | 2007       | CMA CGM     | 4Q20                         | 2Q21                       | 33,750                |
| CMA CGM Château d'If        | 5,089            | 20,100             | 2007       | CMA CGM     | 4Q20                         | 2Q21                       | 33,750                |
| CMA CGM Jamaica             | 4,298            | 17,272             | 2006       | CMA CGM     | 3Q22                         | 1Q23                       | 25,350                |
| CMA CGM Sambhar             | 4,045            | 17,355             | 2006       | CMA CGM     | 3Q22                         | 1Q23                       | 25,350                |
| CMA CGM America             | 4,045            | 17,355             | 2006       | CMA CGM     | 3Q22                         | 1Q23                       | 25,350                |
| GSL Valerie                 | 2,824            | 11,971             | 2005       | MSC         | 2Q20                         | 3Q20                       | 9,000                 |
| Athena                      | 2,762            | 13,538             | 2003       | MSC         | 1Q20                         | 2Q20                       | 9,000                 |
| Maira                       | 2,506            | 11,453             | 2000       | MSC         | 3Q19                         | 3Q19                       | 8,500                 |
| Nikolas                     | 2,506            | 11,370             | 2000       | MSC         | 1Q20                         | 1Q20                       | 9,000                 |
| Newyorker                   | 2,506            | 11,463             | 2001       | MSC         | 1Q20                         | 1Q20                       | 9,000                 |
| CMA CGM La Tour             | 2,272            | 11,742             | 2001       | CMA CGM     | 3Q19                         | 1Q20                       | 15,300                |
| CMA CGM Manet               | 2,272            | 11,742             | 2001       | CMA CGM     | 3Q19                         | 1Q20                       | 15,300                |
| CMA CGM Matisse             | 2,262            | 11,676             | 1999       | CMA CGM     | 3Q19                         | 1Q20                       | 15,300                |
| CMA CGM Utrillo             | 2,262            | 11,676             | 1999       | CMA CGM     | 3Q19                         | 1Q20                       | 15,300                |
| GSL Keta                    | 2,207            | 11,731             | 2003       | ANL         | 3Q19                         | 3Q19                       | 8,450 <sup>(10)</sup> |
| GSL Julie                   | 2,207            | 11,731             | 2002       | CMA CGM     | 3Q19                         | 4Q19                       | 7,200 <sup>(11)</sup> |
| Kumasi                      | 2,207            | 11,731             | 2002       | CMA CGM     | 4Q19                         | 1Q21 <sup>(12)</sup>       | 9,800 <sup>(12)</sup> |
| Marie Delmas                | 2,207            | 11,731             | 2002       | CMA CGM     | 4Q19                         | 1Q21 <sup>(12)</sup>       | 9,800 <sup>(12)</sup> |

(1) Modern design, high reefer capacity fuel efficient ships.

(2) Five year charter at implied Adjusted EBITDA of \$25.6 million per ship for the period.

(3) Charterer has the option to extend by 12 months plus or minus 45 days from September 21, 2019 at \$18,000 per day.

(4) GSL Eleni delivered in 2Q19; GSL Kalliopi and GSL Grania are scheduled to be delivered in 3Q19. GSL Eleni chartered for five years; GSL Kalliopi and GSL Grania chartered for three years plus two successive periods of one year at option of the charterer. Implied Aggregate Adjusted EBITDA of \$32.0 million for firm periods, increasing to \$47.0 million if all options are exercised.

(5) Thereafter, the Company has the option, callable in 4Q19, to extend for four years at \$20,000 per day.

(6) Thereafter, a new charter with Maersk Line for 30 - 38 months at an implied Adjusted EBITDA of \$5.3 million for the median period. Additional 12 - month extension at charterer's option, for an additional \$4.4 million implied Adjusted EBITDA.

(7) Thereafter 21-24 months to ZIM at implied Adjusted EBITDA of \$4.4 million per ship for the period.

(8) Rate increases to \$11,500 per day from August 14, 2019.

(9) Rate increases to \$10,000 per day from June 3, 2020.

(10) Thereafter 50-90 days to OOCL at \$8,700 per day.

(11) \$ 7,200 per day between August 16, 2019 and October 16, 2019, at charterer's option, with an option in favor of charterer to extend from October 16, 2019 at \$8,500 per day for six months plus or minus 30 days.

*(12) The Company has the option to extend to December 31, 2020 plus or minus 90 days, at \$9,800 per day.*

## Conference Call and Webcast

Global Ship Lease will hold a conference call to discuss the Company's results for the three months ended June 30, 2019 today, Thursday August 1, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. There are two ways to access the conference call:

(1) Dial-in: (877) 445-2556 or (908) 982-4670; Passcode: 4875449

Please dial in at least 10 minutes prior to 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time to ensure a prompt start to the call.

(2) Live Internet webcast and slide presentation: <http://www.globalshiplease.com>

If you are unable to participate at this time, a replay of the call will be available through Saturday, August 17, 2019 at (855) 859-2056 or (404) 537-3406. Enter the code 4875449 to access the audio replay. The webcast will also be archived on the Company's website: <http://www.globalshiplease.com>.

## Annual Report on Form 20F

Global Ship Lease, Inc has filed its Annual Report for 2018 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the report can be found under the Investor Relations section (Annual Reports) of the Company's website at <http://www.globalshiplease.com>. Shareholders may request a hard copy of the audited financial statements free of charge by contacting the Company at [info@globalshiplease.com](mailto:info@globalshiplease.com) or by writing to Global Ship Lease, Inc, care of Global Ship Lease Services Limited, Portland House, Stag Place, London SW1E 5RS or by telephoning +44 (0) 207 869 8806.

## About Global Ship Lease

Global Ship Lease is a leading independent owner of containerships with a diversified fleet of mid-sized and smaller containerships. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under fixed-rate charters to top tier container liner companies. On November 15, 2018, it completed a strategic combination with Poseidon Containers.

Global Ship Lease owns 39 ships and has contracted to purchase a further two ships, ranging from 2,207 to 11,040 TEU, of which nine are fuel efficient new-design wide beam, with a total capacity of 224,162 TEU and an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, of 11.9 years as at June 30, 2019.

The average remaining term of the Company's charters at June 30, 2019, to the mid-point of redelivery, including options under owner's control, was 2.9 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted revenue on the same basis was \$823.0 million. Contracted revenue was \$913.4 million, including options under charterers' control and with latest redelivery date, representing a weighted average remaining term of 3.2 years.

## Reconciliation of Non-U.S. GAAP Financial Measures

### Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income available to common shareholders before interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and earnings allocated to preferred shares. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-US GAAP quantitative measure used to assist in the assessment of the Company's ability to generate cash from its operations. The Company believes that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors because it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry. Adjusted EBITDA is not defined in US GAAP and should not be considered to be an alternate to Net income or any other financial metric required by such accounting principles.

Adjusted EBITDA is presented herein on a forward-looking basis in certain instances. The Company has not provided a reconciliation of any such forward looking non-US GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable US GAAP measure because such US GAAP financial measures on a forward-looking basis are not available to the Company without unreasonable effort.

**ADJUSTED EBITDA - UNAUDITED***(thousands of U.S. dollars)*

|   | Three<br>months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2019 | Three<br>months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2018 | Six<br>months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2019 | Six<br>months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2018 |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Net income available to Common Shareholders | 8,797  | 4,020  | 18,849                                     | 8,212                                      |
| Adjust: Depreciation and amortization       | 10,952                                       | 8,173  | 21,710                                     | 16,329                                     |
| Interest income                             | (367)  | (351)  | (784)                                      | (620)                                      |
| Interest expense                            | 18,708                                       | 10,729                                       | 38,060                                     | 21,516                                     |
| Income tax                                  | (56)   | 31   | (40)                                       | 46   |
| Earnings allocated to preferred shares      | 766  | 765  | 1,532                                      | 1,531                                      |
| Adjusted EBITDA                             | <u>38,800</u>                                | <u>23,367</u>                                | <u>79,327</u>                              | <u>47,014</u>                              |

**Safe Harbor Statement**

This communication contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements provide Global Ship Lease's current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about Global Ship Lease's expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "ongoing," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "will" or similar words or phrases, or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that may be incorrect, and Global Ship Lease cannot assure you that these projections included in these forward-looking statements will come to pass. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors.

The risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- future operating or financial results;
- expectations regarding the future growth of the container shipping industry, including the rates of annual demand and supply growth;
- the financial condition of our charterers, particularly CMA CGM, our principal charterer and main source of operating revenue, and their ability to pay charterhire in accordance with the charters;
- Global Ship Lease's financial condition and liquidity, including its level of indebtedness or ability to obtain additional financing to fund capital expenditures, ship acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;
- Global Ship Lease's ability to meet its financial covenants and repay its credit facilities;
- Global Ship Lease's expectations relating to dividend payments and forecasts of its ability to make such payments including the availability of cash and the impact of constraints under its credit facility;
- risks relating to the acquisition of Poseidon Containers and Global Ship Lease's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition;
- future acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending;
- operating expenses, availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking and survey requirements and insurance costs;
- general market conditions and shipping industry trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand;
- assumptions regarding interest rates and inflation;
- changes in the rate of growth of global and various regional economies;
- risks incidental to ship operation, including piracy, discharge of pollutants and ship accidents and damage including total or constructive total loss;
- estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve its capital base;
- Global Ship Lease's expectations about the availability of ships to purchase, the time that it may take to construct new ships, or the useful lives of its ships;
- Global Ship Lease's continued ability to enter into or renew long-term, fixed-rate charters or other ship employment arrangements;
- the continued performance of existing long-term, fixed-rate time charters;
- Global Ship Lease's ability to capitalize on its management's and board of directors' relationships and reputations in the containership industry to its advantage;
- changes in governmental and classification societies' rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- expectations about the availability of insurance on commercially reasonable terms;
- unanticipated changes in laws and regulations including taxation;
- potential liability from future litigation.

Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and are based on potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected or implied by the forward-looking statements. Global Ship Lease's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements for many reasons specifically as described in Global Ship Lease's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Accordingly, you should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this communication. Global Ship Lease undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events after the date of this communication or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should, however, review the factors and risks Global Ship Lease describes in the reports it will file from time to time with the SEC after the date of this communication.

Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Interim Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

|   | As of               |                      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
|   | June 30,<br>2019    | December 31,<br>2018 |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                     |                      |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>   |                     |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 75,399           | \$ 82,059            |
| Restricted cash   | 3,367               | 2,186                |
| Accounts receivable, net  | 2,944               | 1,927                |
| Inventories   | 5,963               | 5,769                |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 7,880               | 6,214                |
| Due from related parties  | 3,982               | 817                  |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>\$ 99,535</b>    | <b>\$ 98,972</b>     |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>   |                     |                      |
| Ships in operation  | \$ 1,118,049        | \$ 1,112,766         |
| Other fixed assets  | 2                   | 5                    |
| Intangible assets-charter agreements  | 3,449               | 5,400                |
| Deferred charges, net   | 8,730               | 9,569                |
| Other non-current assets  | —                   | 948                  |
| Restricted cash, net of current portion   | 6,574               | 5,827                |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>   | <b>1,136,804</b>    | <b>1,134,515</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 1,236,339</b> | <b>\$ 1,233,487</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                     |                      |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>  |                     |                      |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 8,043            | \$ 9,586             |
| Accrued liabilities   | 17,943              | 15,407               |
| Current portion of long-term debt   | 75,732              | 64,088               |
| Deferred revenue  | 2,330               | 3,118                |
| Due to related parties  | 115                 | 3,317                |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  | <b>104,163</b>      | <b>95,516</b>        |
| <b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>  |                     |                      |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion and deferred financing costs   | \$ 789,499          | \$ 813,130           |
| Intangible liability-charter agreements   | 7,466               | 8,470                |
| Deferred tax liability  | —                   | 9                    |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>  | <b>796,965</b>      | <b>821,609</b>       |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>\$ 901,128</b>   | <b>\$ 917,125</b>    |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>  |                     |                      |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                     |                      |
| Class A common shares - authorized<br>214,000,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value<br>9,942,950 shares issued and outstanding (2018 – 9,017,205 shares) | \$ 99               | \$ 90                |
| Class B common shares - authorized<br>20,000,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value<br>nil shares issued and outstanding (2018 – 925,745 shares)          | —                   | 9                    |
| Series B Preferred Shares - authorized<br>16,100 shares with a \$0.01 par value<br>14,000 shares issued and outstanding (2018 – 14,000 shares)        | —                   | —                    |
| Series C Preferred Shares - authorized<br>250,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value<br>250,000 shares issued and outstanding (2018 - 250,000 shares)     | 3                   | 3                    |
| Additional paid in capital  | 512,379             | 512,379              |
| Accumulated deficit   | (177,270)           | (196,119)            |
| <b>Total shareholders' equity</b>   | <b>335,211</b>      | <b>316,362</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   | <b>\$ 1,236,339</b> | <b>\$ 1,233,487</b>  |

Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Interim Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Income

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars except share data)

|  | Three months ended<br>June 30, |                 | Six months ended<br>June 30, |                 |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|  | 2019                           | 2018            | 2019                         | 2018            |
| <b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>                                      |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Time charter revenue   | \$ 25,242                      | \$ 4,382        | \$ 55,123                    | \$ 10,108       |
| Time charter revenue-related parties                           | 37,845                         | 30,658          | 72,478                       | 61,078          |
|  | <u>63,087</u>                  | <u>35,040</u>   | <u>127,601</u>               | <u>71,186</u>   |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>                                     |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Vessel operating expenses                                      | 18,382                         | 9,821           | 37,532                       | 19,881          |
| Vessel operating expenses-related parties                      | 2,428                          | 214             | 4,233                        | 536             |
| Time charter and voyage expenses                               | 1,664                          | 189             | 2,785                        | 377             |
| Time charter and voyage expenses-related parties               | 420                            | —               | 850                          | —               |
| Depreciation and amortization                                  | 10,952                         | 8,173           | 21,710                       | 16,329          |
| General and administrative expenses                            | 2,085                          | 1,458           | 4,110                        | 3,393           |
| <b>Operating Income</b>  | <u>27,156</u>                  | <u>15,185</u>   | <u>56,381</u>                | <u>30,670</u>   |
| Interest income  | 367                            | 351             | 784                          | 620             |
| Interest and other financial expense                           | (18,708)                       | (10,729)        | (38,060)                     | (21,516)        |
| Other income, net  | 692                            | 9               | 1,236                        | 15              |
| <b>Total non-operating expense</b>                             | <u>(17,649)</u>                | <u>(10,369)</u> | <u>(36,040)</u>              | <u>(20,881)</u> |
| <b>Income before income taxes</b>                              | <u>9,507</u>                   | <u>4,816</u>    | <u>20,341</u>                | <u>9,789</u>    |
| Income taxes   | 56                             | (31)            | 40                           | (46)            |
| <b>Net Income</b>  | <u>\$ 9,563</u>                | <u>\$ 4,785</u> | <u>\$ 20,381</u>             | <u>\$ 9,743</u> |
| Earnings allocated to Series B Preferred Shares                | (766)                          | (765)           | (1,532)                      | (1,531)         |
| <b>Net Income available to Common Shareholders</b>             | <u>\$ 8,797</u>                | <u>\$ 4,020</u> | <u>\$ 18,849</u>             | <u>\$ 8,212</u> |
| <b>Earnings per Share</b>                                      |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding   |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Basic and diluted (including RSU's without service conditions) | 9,942,950                      | 6,050,658       | 9,937,836                    | 6,040,792       |
| Net Income per Class A common share                            |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Basic and diluted (including RSU's without service conditions) | \$ 0.38                        | \$ 0.56         | \$ 0.82                      | \$ 1.36         |
| Weighted average number of Class B common shares outstanding   |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Basic and diluted  | nil                            | 925,745         | nil                          | 925,745         |
| Net Income per Class B common share                            |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Basic and diluted  | \$nil                          | \$nil           | \$nil                        | \$nil           |

Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Interim Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

|  | Three months ended<br>June 30, |                    | Six months ended<br>June 30, |                    |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | 2019                           | 2018               | 2019                         | 2018               |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>   |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Net Income   | \$ 9,563                       | \$ 4,785           | \$ 20,381                    | \$ 9,743           |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b> |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 10,952                         | 8,174              | 21,710                       | 16,329             |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs   | 744                            | 986                | 1,489                        | 2,015              |
| Amortization of original issue discount / premium on repurchase of notes                 | 203                            | 200                | 405                          | 401                |
| Amortization of intangible asset/liability-charter agreements                            | 479                            | (443)              | 947                          | (886)              |
| Share based compensation   | —                              | 45                 | —                            | 90                 |
| <b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>                                      |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Increase in accounts receivable and other assets   | (1,652)                        | (232)              | (1,746)                      | (1,336)            |
| Increase in inventories  | (636)                          | (83)               | (194)                        | (1,866)            |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable and other liabilities                            | (2,930)                        | (10,078)           | 789                          | (2,228)            |
| Decrease in related parties' balances  | (4,329)                        | (2,937)            | (6,367)                      | (1,099)            |
| Decrease in deferred revenue   | (307)                          | (198)              | (788)                        | (510)              |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)  | 14                             | (6)                | 10                           | (1)                |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>   | <b>\$ 12,101</b>               | <b>\$ 213</b>      | <b>\$ 36,636</b>             | <b>\$ 20,652</b>   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>   |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Acquisition of vessels   | (18,496)                       | (10,283)           | (18,496)                     | (11,411)           |
| Cash paid for vessel improvements  | (6,139)                        | —                  | (6,776)                      | (150)              |
| Cash paid for dry-dockings   | (646)                          | (854)              | (696)                        | (1,227)            |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>   | <b>\$ (25,281)</b>             | <b>\$ (11,137)</b> | <b>\$ (25,968)</b>           | <b>\$ (12,788)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>   |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Proceeds from drawdown of credit facilities  | 13,000                         | —                  | 13,000                       | —                  |
| Repayment of credit facilities   | (20,320)                       | (10,000)           | (26,546)                     | (10,000)           |
| Deferred financing costs paid  | (322)                          | —                  | (322)                        | —                  |
| Series B Preferred Shares-dividends paid   | (766)                          | (765)              | (1,532)                      | (1,531)            |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>   | <b>\$ (8,408)</b>              | <b>\$ (10,765)</b> | <b>\$ (15,400)</b>           | <b>\$ (11,531)</b> |
| <b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash</b>                     | <b>(21,588)</b>                | <b>(21,689)</b>    | <b>(4,732)</b>               | <b>(3,667)</b>     |
| Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of the period                 | 106,928                        | 91,288             | 90,072                       | 73,266             |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of the period</b>                | <b>\$ 85,340</b>               | <b>\$ 69,599</b>   | <b>\$ 85,340</b>             | <b>\$ 69,599</b>   |
| <b>Supplementary Cash Flow Information:</b>  |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Cash paid for interest   | 7,812                          | 19,289             | 17,375                       | 19,937             |
| Cash paid for income taxes   | —                              | 16                 | —                            | 28                 |
| <b>Non-cash investing activities:</b>  |                                |                    |                              |                    |
| Unpaid capitalized expenses  | —                              | —                  | —                            | —                  |