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FORM 6-K

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

For the month of December 2022

Commission File Number: 001-34153

Global Ship Lease, Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Global Ship Lease Services Limited 25 Wilton Road London SW1V 1LW United Kingdom (Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K

Results of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

On December 7, 2022, Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the "Company") held its 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting"). At the Meeting, the following Proposals One and Two, which are set forth in more detail in the Company's Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement furnished to shareholders on or about October 25, 2022, were approved and adopted:

- 1. to elect each of Michael Chalkias and George Giouroukos to serve as Term II Directors until the Company's 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until such time as his successor has been duly elected and qualified; and
- 2. to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. as the Company's independent public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Proposal Three, seeking shareholder approval of an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to lower the quorum requirement for shareholder meetings to one-third (1/3) of the outstanding shares, did not receive the requisite number of votes to pass. The Meeting was adjourned solely with respect to Proposal Three in order to provide additional time for shareholders to vote on Proposal Three (the "Adjournment"). The Annual Meeting will be reconvened, solely for the purpose of voting on Proposal Three, on January 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. local time, at 3-5 Menandrou Str., 14561 Kifisia, Athens, Greece.

Attached to this report on Form 6-K (this "Report") as <u>Exhibit 99.1</u> is a copy of the press release of the Company, dated December 7, 2022, and attached to this Report as <u>Exhibit 99.2</u> is a letter to the shareholders of the Company, each relating to the Meeting and the Adjournment.

The information contained in this Report, except for Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statements on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-231509, 333-258800 and 333-267468) and Form S-8 (File Nos. 333-258992 and 333-264113).

SIGNATURES

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

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.

(registrant)

By: /s/ Ian J. Webber

Ian J. Webber Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 13, 2022



Investor and Media Contact: The IGB Group Bryan Degnan 646-673-9701 or Leon Berman 212-477-8438

Global Ship Lease Announces Results of 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The Company to Reconvene the 2022 Annual Meeting on January 5, 2023 for Shareholders to Act on One Outstanding Proposal

LONDON, December 7, 2022 – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE: GSL) (the "Company" or "GSL") today announced the election of two Term II Directors at the Company's 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting"), held today in Athens, Greece. The Directors, Michael Chalkias and George Giouroukos, were each re-elected to serve until the Company's 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until such time as his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Additionally, the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. as the Company's independent public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 was ratified.

Finally, the Company adjourned the Annual Meeting without taking action on the proposal to approve the adoption of an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation establishing a quorum for all meetings of shareholders of the Company of one-third (1/3) of the shares, present either in person or by proxy, issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at such meetings ("Proposal Three"). The decision to adjourn the Annual Meeting solely with respect to Proposal Three was made to provide additional time for shareholders to vote on this proposal, which as of December 7, 2022, did not achieve the requisite affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the Class A common shares outstanding. The adjourned Annual Meeting will reconvene on January 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. local time, at 3-5 Menandrou Str., 14561 Kifisia, Athens, Greece.

The Company encourages all shareholders to read the proxy statement dated October 25, 2022, including any amendments and supplements thereto, and to submit a proxy indicating their vote on Proposal Three prior to the reconvened Annual Meeting. The record date for shareholders entitled to vote remains October 17, 2022. Shareholders who require proxy materials are encouraged to contact Morrow Sodali, the Company's proxy solicitor, at (800) 662-5200 or by e-mail at <u>GSL@investor.morrowsodali.com</u>. Valid proxies submitted by the Company's shareholders prior to the original Annual Meeting will continue to be valid for purposes of the reconvened Annual Meeting.

This communication is not a solicitation of a proxy from any shareholder. However, the Company and its directors and executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies for the Annual Meeting. The notice of the Annual Meeting, proxy statement, and certain other materials (the "Proxy Materials") were furnished to all shareholders of record on or about October 25, 2022, and additionally were furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and available on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov. Shareholders of the Company and other interested persons are advised to read the Company's Proxy Materials, including any amendments and supplements thereto, because they contain, or will contain, important information about the Annual Meeting and the solicitation of proxies.

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. It was listed on the New York stock Exchange in August 2008.

As at November 8, 2022, Global Ship Lease owned 65 containerships, ranging from 1,118 to 11,040 TEU, with an aggregate capacity of 342,348 TEU. 32 ships are wide-beam Post-Panamax.

Adjusted to include all charters agreed, up to November 8, 2022, the average remaining term of the Company's charters as at September 30, 2022, to the mid-point of redelivery, including options under the Company's control and other than if a redelivery notice has been received, was 2.9 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted revenue on the same basis was \$2.23 billion. Contracted revenue was \$2.65 billion, including options under charterers' control and with latest redelivery date, representing a weighted average remaining term of 3.7 years.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements provide the Company's current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about the Company'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 the Company cannot assure you that the events or expectations 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, including the factors described in "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F and the factors and risks the Company describes in subsequent reports filed from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, you should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events after the date of this press release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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Dear Fellow Global Ship Lease Shareholder:

Our annual shareholder meeting was held on December 7, 2022 (the "Annual Meeting"). Proposals One and Two – the proposals to elect two directors and appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers SA as our independent public accounting firm for 2022 – were passed. Proposal Three, seeking shareholder approval of an amendment to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to lower the quorum requirement for shareholder meetings to one-third (1/3) of the outstanding shares (the "Quorum Amendment"), did not yet receive the requisite number of votes to pass, and the Annual Meeting was adjourned solely with respect to Proposal Three in order to provide additional time for shareholders to vote. The Annual Meeting will be reconvened, solely for the purpose of voting on Proposal Three, on January 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. local time, at 3-5 Menandrou Str., 14561 Kifisia, Athens, Greece.

Currently, our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation requires a quorum of the majority of our common stock outstanding. Due to the increased size and diversified nature of our shareholder base, it has become more difficult to obtain the current quorum at shareholder meetings. Preparing proxy materials including printing and mailing such materials to shareholders, together with proxy solicitation, in order to reach the current quorum requirement, is costly. The Board of Directors believes that reducing the quorum requirement by adopting the Quorum Amendment will markedly improve the efficiency of our shareholders meetings, for example by reducing the possibility of having to adjourn future shareholder meetings due to the failure to obtain a quorum, and also lead to reduced costs.

We strongly urge you to support this proposal, by voting the enclosed proxy card or better yet, voting via the internet or by telephone using the enclosed instructions provided by your broker.

Thank you in advance for your support, and for your investment in Global Ship Lease.

Sincerely,

George Giouroukos Executive Chairman

December 8, 2022