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

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 February 2020

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 FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K (this "Report") as Exhibit 99.1 is a press release of Global Ship Lease, Inc., announcing that the Company has elected to effect an optional redemption of \$46.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 9.875% First Priority Secured Notes due 2022.

The information contained in this Report is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statements on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-231509, 333-234343 and 333-235305).

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)

/s/ Ian J. Webber Ian J. Webber Chief Executive Officer Dated: February 3, 2020 By:



Global Ship Lease Announces Partial Redemption of 9.875% First Priority Secured Notes Due 2022

LONDON, January 31, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE: GSL) (the "Company") today announced that it has delivered notice of partial redemption of its 9.875% First Priority Secured Notes due 2022 (the "Notes") to Citibank, N.A., London Branch, as trustee, paying agent (in such capacity, the "Paying Agent") and registrar (in such capacity, the "Registrar"). The Company has elected to effect an optional redemption (the "Optional Redemption") of \$46,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes (the "Redeemed Notes") at a redemption price equal to 104.938% of the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price") plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date of February 10, 2020 (the "Redemption Date").

The Redeemed Notes will be selected by the Paying Agent or Registrar in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures of The Depository Trust Company. Notes and portions of Notes selected for redemption will be in principal amounts of \$200,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$200,000. Interest on the Redeemed Notes will cease to accrue on and after the Redemption Date. All Redeemed Notes must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price plus accrued interest.

A Notice of Optional Partial Redemption has been, or will be, sent to the registered holders of the Notes on January 31, 2020, pursuant to the requirements of the indenture governing the Notes. Upon completion of the Optional Redemption, approximately \$276,723,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes will remain outstanding.

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.

Including two 6,650 TEU containerships and two 6,080 TEU containerships that the Company has contracted to purchase, Global Ship Lease owns 45 ships, ranging from 2,207 to 11,040 TEU, of which nine are fuel efficient new-design wide beam, with a total capacity of 249,622 TEU and an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, of 12.6 years as at September 30, 2019.

Including the four containerships that the Company has contracted to purchase, the average remaining term of the Company's charters at September 30, 2019, to the mid-point of redelivery, including options under owner's control, was 2.7 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted revenue on the same basis was \$826 million. Contracted revenue was \$913 million, including options under charterers' control and with latest redelivery date, representing a weighted average remaining term of 3.0 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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