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

Date of Report: May 10, 2013

Commission File Number 001-34153

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

**c/o Portland House,
Stag Place,
London SW1E 5RS,
United Kingdom**
(Address of principal executive office)

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Information Contained in this Form 6-K Report

Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a press release dated May 10, 2013 of Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the "Company") reporting the Company's financial results for the first quarter of 2013. Attached hereto as Exhibit II are the Company's interim unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

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.

Date: May 10, 2013

By: _____ /s/ IAN J. WEBBER
Ian J. Webber
Chief Executive Officer

Global Ship Lease Reports Results for the First Quarter of 2013

LONDON, ENGLAND - May 10, 2013 - Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL), a containership charter owner, announced today its unaudited results for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

First Quarter and Year To Date Highlights

- Reported revenue of \$35.2 million for the first quarter 2013
- Reported net income for the first quarter 2013 of \$7.2 million, including a \$5.5 million non-cash mark-to-market gain from interest rate derivatives
- Generated \$22.2 million of Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter 2013
- Excluding the non-cash mark-to-market item, normalized net income⁽¹⁾ was \$1.8 million for the first quarter 2013
- Agreed to new one-year charters for two 4,113 TEU vessels which commenced on May 1, 2013 at \$7,000 per vessel per day. The new charters expire on April 30, 2014 plus/minus 30 days at charterer's option
- Repaid \$14.8 million of debt in the first quarter 2013 for a total debt repayment of \$188.2 million since August 2009, when we commenced amortization of our credit facility balance

Ian Webber, Chief Executive Officer of Global Ship Lease, stated, "With all 17 of our vessels on time charters and fewer offhire days from reduced numbers of drydockings, as planned, we achieved utilization of 98.3% for the quarter. As a result, we generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$22.2 million, using our cash to continue to de-lever our balance sheet, amortizing an additional \$14.8 million of debt."

Mr. Webber continued, "We recently successfully re-chartered the two vessels whose contracts were due to expire this month, agreeing to new one-year charters with CMA CGM, underlining the strength of our relationship. Notwithstanding ongoing volatility in the industry and many vessels of a similar specification currently being idle, we have secured employment for these two vessels until April 2014, thereby maintaining a fully chartered fleet for at least one more year. Other than for these two vessels, we have no other charter expirations until late 2016. Importantly, by continuing the charters with CMA CGM, we will not experience any offhire days, incur any costs associated with repositioning the vessels or pay any third party brokerage fees."

Mr. Webber concluded, "We remain well positioned to continue to de-lever our balance sheet, owing to our high level of contracted charter coverage which allows us to generate consistent revenue and strong, stable cash flow. We also continue to actively explore opportunities to enhance our financial flexibility and create incremental value for our shareholders."

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA – UNAUDITED

<i>(thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2013	Three months ended March 31, 2012
Revenue	35,209	38,350
Operating Income	12,106	15,199
Net Income	7,234	7,950
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	22,176	25,168
Normalised Net Income ⁽¹⁾	1,781	5,274

- (1) Adjusted EBITDA and Normalized net income are non-US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) measures, as explained further in this press release, and are considered by Global Ship Lease to be useful measures of its performance. Reconciliations of such non-GAAP measures to the interim unaudited financial information are provided in this Earnings Release.

Revenue and Utilization

The 17 vessel fleet generated revenue from long-term fixed rate time charters of \$35.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013, down on revenue of \$38.4 million for the comparative period in 2012. The decrease in revenue is mainly due to reduced revenue from two charters which were renewed in September 2012 at lower rates and 17 fewer ownerships days as 2012 was a leap year, offset by lower offhire at 26 days including two planned drydockings during the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to 49 days, including three planned drydockings, in the three months ended March 31, 2012. There were 1,530 ownership days in the quarter. The 26 days offhire in the three months ended March 31, 2013 gives a utilization of 98.3%. In the comparable period of 2012, there were 49 days offhire, representing utilization of 96.8%.

The table below shows fleet utilization for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009.

<u>Days</u>	<u>Three months ended</u>		<u>Year ended</u>			
	<u>Mar 31, 2013</u>	<u>Mar 31, 2012</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2012</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2011</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2010</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2009</u>
Ownership days	1,530	1,547	6,222	6,205	6,205	5,968
Planned offhire - scheduled drydock	(21)	(48)	(82)	(95)	0	(32)
Unplanned offhire	(5)	(1)	(16)	(11)	(3)	(42)
Operating days	1,504	1,498	6,124	6,099	6,202	5,894
Utilization	98.3%	96.8%	98.4%	98.3%	99.9%	98.8%

The drydocking of two vessels was completed in the first quarter 2013. One further vessel is scheduled to be drydocked in 2013. Two drydockings are scheduled for 2014 and none in 2015.

Vessel Operating Expenses

Vessel operating expenses, which include costs of crew, lubricating oil, spares and insurance, were \$11.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The average cost per ownership day was \$7,546, up \$219 or 3.0% on \$7,327 for the rolling four quarters ended December 31, 2012. The increase is mainly due to increased costs of crew and maintenance. The first quarter 2013 average daily cost was up \$11 per day or 0.1% from the average daily cost of \$7,535 for the comparative period in 2012 mainly due to increased crew costs offset by positive exchange rate movements on the portion of crew costs denominated in euros and reduced cost for communications.

Vessel operating expenses continue to be at less than the capped amounts included in Global Ship Lease's ship management agreements.

Depreciation

Depreciation for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$10.1 million compared to \$10.0 million in the three months ended March 31, 2012. There have been no changes to the fleet.

General and Administrative Costs

General and administrative costs incurred were \$1.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013, the same as for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Other operating income

Other operating income in the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$69,000 compared to \$68,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Adjusted EBITDA

As a result of the above, Adjusted EBITDA was \$22.2 million the three months ended March 31, 2013 down from \$25.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Interest Expense

Interest expense, excluding the effect of interest rate derivatives which do not qualify for hedge accounting, for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$4.9 million. The Company's borrowings under its credit facility averaged \$425.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2013. There were \$45.0 million preferred shares throughout the period giving total average borrowings through the three months ended March 31, 2013 of \$470.7 million. Interest expense in the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$5.5 million on average borrowings, including the preferred shares, of \$531.6 million.

Interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was not material.

Change in Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company hedges its interest rate exposure by entering into derivatives that swap floating rate debt for fixed rate debt to provide long-term stability and predictability to cash flows. As these hedges do not qualify for hedge accounting under US GAAP, the outstanding hedges are marked to market at each period end with any change in the fair value being booked to the income and expenditure account. The Company's derivative hedging instruments gave a realized loss of \$5.4 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013 for settlements of swaps in the period, as current LIBOR rates are lower than the average fixed rate. Further, there was a \$5.5 million unrealized gain for revaluation of the balance sheet position given current LIBOR and movements in the forward curve for interest rates. This compares to a realized loss of \$4.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2012 and an unrealized gain of \$2.7 million.

At March 31, 2013, the total mark-to-market unrealized loss on the outstanding swap portfolio of \$327 million, recognized as a liability on the balance sheet, was \$30.1 million.

Unrealized mark-to-market adjustments have no impact on operating performance or cash generation in the period reported.

Taxation

Taxation for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was not material.

Net Income

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$7.2 million including \$5.5 million non-cash interest rate derivative mark-to-market gain. For the three months ended March 31, 2012 net income was \$8.0 million, including \$2.7 million non-cash interest rate derivative mark-to-market gain. Normalized net income was \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and \$5.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Credit Facility

The container shipping industry has been experiencing a significant cyclical downturn. As a consequence, there has been a continued decline in charter free market values of containerships since mid 2012. While the Company's stable business model largely insulates it from volatility in the freight and charter markets, a covenant in the credit facility with respect to the Leverage Ratio, which is the ratio of outstanding drawings under the credit facility and the aggregate charter free market value of the secured vessels, causes the Company to be sensitive to significant declines in vessel values. Under the terms of the credit facility, the Leverage Ratio cannot exceed 75%. The Leverage Ratio has little impact on the Company's operating performance as cash flows are largely predictable under its business model.

In anticipation of the scheduled test of the Leverage Ratio as at November 30, 2012 when the Company expected that the Leverage Ratio would be between 75% and 90%, the Company agreed with its lenders to waive the requirement to perform the Leverage Ratio test until December 1, 2014. Under the terms of the waiver, the fixed interest margin to be paid over LIBOR increased to 3.75%, prepayments became based on cash flow rather than a fixed amount of \$10 million per quarter, and dividends on common shares cannot be paid.

In the three months ended March 31, 2013 a total of \$14.8 million of debt was repaid leaving a balance outstanding of \$410.9 million.

Dividend

Global Ship Lease is not currently able to pay a dividend on common shares under the terms of the credit facility waiver.

Fleet

The following table provides information about the on-the-water fleet of 17 vessels chartered to CMA CGM.

Vessel Name	Capacity in TEUs ⁽¹⁾	Year Built	Purchase by GSL	Remaining Charter Term ⁽²⁾ (years)	Earliest Charter Expiry Date	Daily Charter Rate \$
Ville d'Orion ⁽³⁾	4,113	1997	Dec 2007	0.1	May 1, 2013	9,962
Ville d'Aquarius ⁽³⁾	4,113	1996	Dec 2007	0.1	May 1, 2013	9,962
CMA CGM Matisse	2,262	1999	Dec 2007	3.7	Sept 21, 2016	18,465
CMA CGM Utrillo	2,262	1999	Dec 2007	3.7	Sept 11, 2016	18,465
Delmas Keta	2,207	2003	Dec 2007	4.7	Sept 20, 2017	18,465
Julie Delmas	2,207	2002	Dec 2007	4.7	Sept 11, 2017	18,465
Kumasi	2,207	2002	Dec 2007	4.7	Sept 21, 2017	18,465
Marie Delmas	2,207	2002	Dec 2007	4.7	Sept 14, 2017	18,465
CMA CGM La Tour	2,272	2001	Dec 2007	3.7	Sept 20, 2016	18,465
CMA CGM Manet	2,272	2001	Dec 2007	3.7	Sept 7, 2016	18,465
CMA CGM Alcazar	5,089	2007	Jan 2008	7.7	Oct 18, 2020	33,750
CMA CGM Château d'If	5,089	2007	Jan 2008	7.7	Oct 11, 2020	33,750
CMA CGM Thalassa	11,040	2008	Dec 2008	12.7	Oct 1, 2025	47,200
CMA CGM Jamaica	4,298	2006	Dec 2008	9.7	Sept 17, 2022	25,350
CMA CGM Sambhar	4,045	2006	Dec 2008	9.7	Sept 16, 2022	25,350
CMA CGM America	4,045	2006	Dec 2008	9.7	Sept 19, 2022	25,350
CMA CGM Berlioz	6,621	2012	Aug 2009	8.5	May 28, 2021	34,000

(1) Twenty-foot Equivalent Units.

(2) As at March 31, 2013. Plus or minus 90 days at charterers' option, except Ville d'Orion and Ville d'Aquarius, which were plus or minus 22 days at charterer's option.

(3) New charters at \$7,000 per day commenced May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014 plus or minus 30 days at charterer's option.

Conference Call and Webcast

Global Ship Lease will hold a conference call to discuss the Company's results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 today, Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. There are two ways to access the conference call:

(1) Dial-in: Dial-in: (866) 966-9439 or (631) 510-7498; Passcode: 42924807

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 Thursday, May 23, 2013 at (866) 247-4222 or (631) 510-7499.

Enter the code 42924807 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 2012 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 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 containership charter owner. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under long-term, fixed rate charters to top tier container liner companies.

Global Ship Lease owns 17 vessels with a total capacity of 66,349 TEU with an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, at March 31, 2013 of 9.1 years. All of the current vessels are fixed on long-term charters to CMA CGM with an average remaining term of 6.0 years, or 7.2 years on a weighted basis.

Reconciliation of Non-U.S. GAAP Financial Measures

A. ADJUSTED EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before interest income and expense including amortization of deferred finance costs, realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. 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. We believe 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 - UNAUDITED

<i>(thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>	Three months ended Mar 31, 2013	Three months ended Mar 31, 2012
Net income	7,234	7,950
Adjust:		
Depreciation	10,070	9,969
Interest income	(11)	(23)
Interest expense	4,900	5,466
Realized loss on interest rate derivatives	5,414	4,492
Unrealized gain on interest rate derivatives	(5,453)	(2,676)
Income tax	22	(10)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>22,176</u>	<u>25,168</u>

B. Normalized net income

Normalized net income represents net income adjusted for the unrealized gain on derivatives. Normalized net income is a non-GAAP quantitative measure which we believe will assist investors and analysts who often adjust reported net income for non-operating items such as change in fair value of derivatives to eliminate the effect of non cash non-operating items that do not affect operating performance or cash generated. Normalized net income 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.

NORMALIZED NET INCOME - UNAUDITED

<i>(thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>	Three months ended Mar 31, 2013	Three months ended Mar 31, 2012
Net income	7,234	7,950
Adjust:		
Unrealized gain on derivatives	(5,453)	(2,676)
Normalized net income	<u>1,781</u>	<u>5,274</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 overall health and condition of the U.S. and global financial markets;
- the financial condition of CMA CGM, Global Ship Lease's sole charterer and only source of operating revenue, and its ability to pay charterhire in accordance with the charters;
- Global Ship Lease's financial condition and liquidity, including its ability to obtain additional waivers which might be necessary under the existing credit facility or obtain additional financing to fund capital expenditures, vessel acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;
- Global Ship Lease's ability to meet its financial covenants and repay its credit facility;
- 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;
- future acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending;
- operating expenses, availability of key employees and crew, number of offhire days, drydocking and survey requirements, general and administrative costs 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 vessel operation, including piracy, discharge of pollutants and vessel accidents and damage including total or constructive total loss;
- estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve Global Ship Lease's 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 including the re-chartering of vessels on the expiry of existing charters, or to secure profitable employment for its vessels in the spot market;
- 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 environmental and taxation; and
- 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 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 Statements of Income
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share data)

	<u>Three months ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Revenues		
Time charter revenue	\$ 35,209	\$ 38,350
Operating Expenses		
Vessel operating expenses	11,545	11,657
Depreciation	10,070	9,969
General and administrative	1,557	1,593
Other operating income	(69)	(68)
Total operating expenses	<u>23,103</u>	<u>23,151</u>
Operating Income	12,106	15,199
Non Operating Income (Expense)		
Interest income	11	23
Interest expense	(4,900)	(5,466)
Realized loss on interest rate derivatives	(5,414)	(4,492)
Unrealized gain on interest rate derivatives	5,453	2,676
Income before Income Taxes	7,256	7,940
Income taxes	(22)	10
Net Income	<u>\$ 7,234</u>	<u>\$ 7,950</u>
Earnings per Share		
Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding		
Basic	47,513,578	47,481,471
Diluted	47,622,651	47,481,471
Net income per Class A common share		
Basic	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17
Diluted	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17
Weighted average number of Class B common shares outstanding		
Basic and diluted	7,405,956	7,405,956
Net income per Class B common share		
Basic and diluted	\$ nil	\$ nil

Global Ship Lease, Inc.
Interim Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,097	\$ 26,145
Restricted cash	3	3
Accounts receivable	8,830	14,417
Prepaid expenses	669	795
Other receivables	883	1,165
Deferred financing costs	1,470	1,493
Total current assets	<u>37,952</u>	<u>44,018</u>
Vessels in operation	847,706	856,394
Other fixed assets	22	29
Intangible assets - other	68	73
Deferred financing costs	2,856	3,166
Total non-current assets	<u>850,652</u>	<u>859,662</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 888,604</u>	<u>\$ 903,680</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 53,160	\$ 50,572
Intangible liability – charter agreements	2,119	2,119
Accounts payable	4,349	5,353
Accrued expenses	4,806	5,419
Derivative instruments	10,497	12,225
Total current liabilities	<u>74,931</u>	<u>75,688</u>
Long-term debt	357,716	375,104
Preferred shares	44,976	44,976
Intangible liability – charter agreements	17,402	17,931
Deferred tax liability	33	27
Derivative instruments	19,641	23,366
Total long-term liabilities	<u>439,768</u>	<u>461,404</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 514,699</u>	<u>\$ 537,092</u>
Stockholders' Equity		
Class A Common stock – authorized 214,000,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value; 47,513,934 shares issued and outstanding (2012 – 47,481,864)	\$ 475	\$ 475
Class B Common stock – authorized 20,000,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value; 7,405,956 shares issued and outstanding (2012 – 7,405,956)	74	74
Additional paid in capital	352,399	352,316
Retained earnings	20,957	13,723
Total Stockholders' Equity	<u>373,905</u>	<u>366,588</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 888,604</u>	<u>\$ 903,680</u>

Global Ship Lease, Inc.
Interim Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2013	2012
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Depreciation	10,070	9,969
Amortization of deferred financing costs	333	314
Change in fair value of derivative instruments	(5,453)	(2,676)
Amortization of intangible liability	(529)	(529)
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	5,414	4,492
Share based compensation	83	113
Decrease (increase) in other receivables and other assets	6,047	(498)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and other liabilities	(2,434)	2,994
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	(6)	16
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	20,759	22,145
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	(5,414)	(4,492)
Cash paid to acquire intangible assets	—	—
Costs relating to drydockings	(593)	(1,536)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(6,007)	(6,028)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Repayment of debt	(14,800)	(11,787)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(14,800)	(11,787)
Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(48)	4,329
Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of Period	26,145	25,814
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Period	\$ 26,097	\$ 30,144
Supplemental information		
Total interest paid	\$ 4,624	\$ 5,255
Income tax paid	\$ 19	\$ 10

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.
INTERIM UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

Global Ship Lease, Inc.
Interim Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Note	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 26,097	\$ 26,145
Restricted cash		3	3
Accounts receivable		8,830	14,417
Prepaid expenses		669	795
Other receivables		883	1,165
Deferred financing costs		1,470	1,493
Total current assets		<u>37,952</u>	<u>44,018</u>
Vessels in operation	4	847,706	856,394
Other fixed assets		22	29
Intangible assets	5	68	73
Deferred financing costs		2,856	3,166
Total non-current assets		<u>850,652</u>	<u>859,662</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$888,604</u>	<u>\$ 903,680</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Liabilities			
Current portion of long term debt	6	\$ 53,160	\$ 50,572
Intangible liability – charter agreements		2,119	2,119
Accounts payable		4,349	5,353
Accrued expenses		4,806	5,419
Derivative instruments	10	10,497	12,225
Total current liabilities		<u>74,931</u>	<u>75,688</u>
Long term debt	6	357,716	375,104
Preferred shares	9	44,976	44,976
Intangible liability – charter agreements		17,402	17,931
Deferred tax liability		33	27
Derivative instruments	10	19,641	23,366
Total long term liabilities		<u>439,768</u>	<u>461,404</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$514,699</u>	<u>\$ 537,092</u>
Commitments and contingencies	8	—	—
Stockholders' Equity			
Class A Common stock – authorized 214,000,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value; 47,513,934 shares issued and outstanding (2012 – 47,481,864)	9	\$ 475	\$ 475
Class B Common stock – authorized 20,000,000 shares with a \$0.01 par value; 7,405,956 shares issued and outstanding (2012 – 7,405,956)	9	74	74
Additional paid in capital		352,399	352,316
Retained earnings		20,957	13,723
Total Stockholders' Equity		<u>373,905</u>	<u>366,588</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		<u>\$888,604</u>	<u>\$ 903,680</u>

See accompanying notes to interim unaudited consolidated financial statements

Global Ship Lease, Inc.
Interim Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Income
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share data)

	Note	Three months ended March 31,	
		2013	2012
Operating Revenues			
Time charter revenue		\$ 35,209	\$ 38,350
Operating Expenses			
Vessel operating expenses		11,545	11,657
Depreciation	4	10,070	9,969
General and administrative		1,557	1,593
Other operating income		(69)	(68)
Total operating expenses		23,103	23,151
Operating Income		12,106	15,199
Non Operating Income (Expense)			
Interest income		11	23
Interest expense		(4,900)	(5,466)
Realized loss on interest rate derivatives		(5,414)	(4,492)
Unrealized gain on interest rate derivatives	10	5,453	2,676
Income before Income Taxes		7,256	7,940
Income taxes		(22)	10
Net Income		\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Earnings per Share			
Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding			
Basic	12	47,513,578	47,481,471
Diluted	12	47,622,651	47,481,471
Net income per Class A common share			
Basic	12	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17
Diluted	12	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17
Weighted average number of Class B common shares outstanding			
Basic and diluted		7,405,956	7,405,956
Net income per Class B common share			
Basic and diluted	12	\$ nil	\$ nil

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Global Ship Lease, Inc.
Interim Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Note	Three months ended March 31,	
		2013	2012
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net income		\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
Depreciation	4	10,070	9,969
Amortization of deferred financing costs		333	314
Change in fair value of derivative instruments	10	(5,453)	(2,676)
Amortization of intangible liability		(529)	(529)
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	10	5,414	4,492
Share based compensation	11	83	113
Decrease (increase) in other receivables and other assets		6,047	(498)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and other liabilities		(2,434)	2,994
Unrealized foreign exchange loss		(6)	16
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		20,759	22,145
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	10	(5,414)	(4,492)
Cash paid to acquire intangible assets		—	—
Cash paid for drydockings		(593)	(1,536)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(6,007)	(6,028)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of debt		(14,800)	(11,787)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		(14,800)	(11,787)
Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(48)	4,329
Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of Period		26,145	25,814
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Period		\$ 26,097	\$ 30,144
Supplemental information			
Total interest paid		\$ 4,624	\$ 5,255
Income tax paid		\$ 19	\$ 10

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Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Interim Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity

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

	Number of Common Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid in Capital	Retained Earnings / (Accumulated Deficit)	Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 31, 2011	54,869,934	\$ 549	\$ 351,856	\$ (18,205)	\$ 334,200
Restricted Stock Units (note 11)	—	—	460	—	460
Class A Shares issued (note 9)	17,886	—	—	—	—
Net income for the period	—	—	—	31,928	31,928
Balance at December 31, 2012	54,887,820	\$ 549	\$ 352,316	\$ 13,723	\$ 366,588
Restricted Stock Units (note 11)	—	—	83	—	83
Class A Shares issued (note 9)	32,070	—	—	—	—
Net income for the period	—	—	—	7,234	7,234
Balance at March 31, 2013	54,919,890	\$ 549	\$ 352,399	\$ 20,957	\$ 373,905

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Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Notes to the Interim Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

1. General

On August 14, 2008, Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the “Company” or “GSL”) merged indirectly with Marathon Acquisition Corp. (“Marathon”), a company then listed on The American Stock Exchange. Following the merger, the Company became listed on the New York Stock Exchange on August 15, 2008.

2. Nature of Operations and Basis of Preparation

(a) Nature of Operations

The Company owns and charters out containerships. All vessels are time chartered to CMA CGM S.A. (“CMA CGM”) for remaining terms as at March 31, 2013 ranging from 0.10 to 12.75 years (see note 7).

New time charters for the Ville d’Aquarius and the Ville d’Orion were executed under an agreement entered into with CMA CGM to charter the vessels for one year at a fixed rate of \$7.0 per day.

The following table provides information about the 17 vessels chartered to CMA CGM and which are reflected in these interim unaudited consolidated financial statements:

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>Capacity in TEUs⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Purchase Date by GSL⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Charter Remaining Duration (years)⁽³⁾</u>	<u>Daily Charter Rate</u>
Ville d’Orion ⁽⁴⁾	4,113	1997	December 2007	0.10	\$ 9.962
Ville d’Aquarius ⁽⁴⁾	4,113	1996	December 2007	0.10	\$ 9.962
CMA CGM Matisse	2,262	1999	December 2007	3.75	\$18.465
CMA CGM Utrillo	2,262	1999	December 2007	3.75	\$18.465
Delmas Keta	2,207	2003	December 2007	4.75	\$18.465
Julie Delmas	2,207	2002	December 2007	4.75	\$18.465
Kumasi	2,207	2002	December 2007	4.75	\$18.465
Marie Delmas	2,207	2002	December 2007	4.75	\$18.465
CMA CGM La Tour	2,272	2001	December 2007	3.75	\$18.465
CMA CGM Manet	2,272	2001	December 2007	3.75	\$18.465
CMA CGM Alcazar	5,089	2007	January 2008	7.75	\$33.750
CMA CGM Château d’If	5,089	2007	January 2008	7.75	\$33.750
CMA CGM Thalassa	11,040	2008	December 2008	12.75	\$47.200
CMA CGM Jamaica	4,298	2006	December 2008	9.75	\$25.350
CMA CGM Sambhar	4,045	2006	December 2008	9.75	\$25.350
CMA CGM America	4,045	2006	December 2008	9.75	\$25.350
CMA CGM Berlioz	6,621	2001	August 2009	8.50	\$34.000

(1) Twenty-foot Equivalent Units.

(2) Purchase dates of vessels related to the Company’s time charter business.

(3) As at March 31, 2013. Plus or minus 90 days, other than Ville d’Orion and Ville d’Aquarius which are plus or minus 22 days, at charterer’s option.

(4) New charters commenced on May 1, 2013 at \$7.000 per day and expire on April 30, 2014 plus or minus 30 days at charterer’s option.

2. **Nature of Operations and Basis of Preparation (continued)**

(b) Basis of Preparation

(i) Counterparty risk

All of the Company's vessels are chartered to CMA CGM and payments to the Company under the charters are currently its sole source of operating revenue. The Company is consequently highly dependent on the performance by CMA CGM of its obligations under the charters. The container shipping industry is volatile and is currently experiencing a cyclical downturn and many container shipping companies have reported losses.

On February 12, 2013 CMA CGM announced it had finalised a financial restructuring. It had reached agreement with its banks regarding a restructuring of their debt and a new covenant package taking into account the volatile nature of the container shipping industry. A further part of the restructuring is agreement with the French Fonds Stratégique d'Investissement to invest \$150 million in bonds redeemable for shares and a further investment by the Yildirim Group of \$100 million, also for bonds redeemable for shares.

If CMA CGM ceases doing business or fails to perform its obligations under the charters, the Company's business, financial position and results of operations would be materially adversely affected as it is probable that, even if the Company was able to find replacement charters, such replacement charters would be at significantly lower daily rates and shorter durations. If such events occur, there would be significant uncertainty about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Company has experienced continued delays in receiving charterhire from CMA CGM, where between one and three instalments have been outstanding. Under the charter contracts charterhire is due to be paid every 15 days in advance on the 1st and 16th of each month. As at March 31, 2013, one period of charterhire, due on March 16, 2013, was outstanding amounting to \$6,278. This was received in April 2013. As at close of business on May 8, 2013, one period of charterhire, due on May 1, 2013 and totalling \$5,797 was outstanding.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded assets, nor to the amounts and classification of liabilities that may be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

(ii) Credit facility

A further consequence of the current cyclical downturn is that there have been declines in charter free market values of containerships. Under the terms of the Company's credit facility, the Leverage Ratio, being the ratio of outstanding drawings under the credit facility and the aggregate charter free market value of the secured vessels which are under charter, cannot exceed 75%. On November 30, 2011, due to the declines in market values, the Company agreed with its lenders a waiver of the requirement to perform the Leverage Ratio test until November 30, 2012.

As the Company anticipated, due to continuing poor industry conditions, that the Leverage Ratio as at November 30, 2012 would, if tested, exceed 75%, it agreed with its lenders on November 13, 2012, to a further two year waiver of the requirement to perform the Leverage Ratio test. The next scheduled test will be December 1, 2014. As a result of the waiver, debt cannot be accelerated for the Leverage Ratio during the waiver period and debt estimated to be payable after one year is classified as non-current in the consolidated balance sheet and the consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern.

3. Accounting Policies and Disclosure

The accompanying financial information is unaudited and reflects all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair statement of financial position and results of operations for the interim periods presented. The financial information does not include all disclosures required under United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("US GAAP") for annual financial statements. These interim unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements as of December 31, 2012 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 12, 2013 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F.

Impairment Testing

The decline in charter free vessel values referred to in note 2(b)(ii) was seen as an indicator of potential impairment of the carrying value of the Company's vessels as at December 31, 2012. Accordingly, an impairment test, based on expected undiscounted cash flows by vessel, was performed as at that date. Based on the assumptions made, the expected undiscounted future cash flows exceeded the vessels' carrying amounts and accordingly no impairment was recognised.

The agreement of new charters of two of the Company's vessels at rates below the previous rates was seen as an indicator of potential impairment of their carrying value. Accordingly, an impairment test, based on expected undiscounted cash flows by vessel, was performed for these two vessels as at March 31, 2013. Based on the assumptions made, the expected undiscounted future cash flows exceeded the vessels' carrying amounts as at March 31, 2013 and accordingly no impairment was recognised.

The assumptions used involve a considerable degree of estimation. Actual conditions may differ significantly from the assumptions and thus actual cash flows may be significantly different to those expected with a material effect on the recoverability of each vessel's carrying amount. The most significant assumptions made for the determination of expected cash flows are (i) charter rates on expiry of existing charters, which are based on a reversion to the historical mean for each category of vessel, adjusted to reflect current and expected market conditions (ii) off-hire days, which are based on actual off-hire statistics for the Company's fleet (iii) operating costs, based on current levels escalated over time based on long term trends (iv) dry docking frequency, duration and cost and (v) estimated useful life which is assessed as a total of 30 years. In the case of an indication of impairment, the results of a recoverability test would also be sensitive to the discount rate applied.

Recently issued accounting standards

In January 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standards update (Topic 210) that clarified a previous update issued in 2011 in respect of disclosure of offsetting assets and liabilities. The amendment is effective for annual and interim periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The adoption of this update has led to minor disclosure amendments.

In February 2013, FASB issued an update amending certain requirements for the reporting of joint and several liability arrangements (Topic 405). A reporting entity will be required to make increased disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which the total amount of the obligation is fixed at the reporting date. The amendment is effective for annual and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2013 and early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this update has led to minor disclosure amendments.

Management do not believe that any recently issued, but not yet effective accounting pronouncements, if currently adopted, would have a material impact on the interim unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company.

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4. Vessels in Operation, less Accumulated Depreciation

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Cost	\$1,014,022	\$1,014,367
Accumulated depreciation	(166,316)	(158,205)
Drydock expenditure – in progress	—	232
Net book value	<u>\$ 847,706</u>	<u>\$ 856,394</u>

5. Intangible Assets

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Software development		
Opening balance	\$ 73	\$ 92
Depreciation	(5)	(19)
	<u>\$ 68</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>

6. Long Term Debt

In December 2007 the Company entered into an \$800,000 senior secured credit facility with ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (formerly Fortis Bank Nederland N.V.), Citigroup Global Markets Limited (formerly Citibank), HSH Nordbank AG, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, KfW IpeX Bank GmbH and DnB NOR Bank ASA. Subsequently, Bank of Scotland plc joined the syndicate until October 2012, when it transferred its exposure to OCM Starfish Debtco S.à.r.l. In February 2013, one member of the syndicate novated part of their commitment to the following funds: FPA Hawkeye-7 Fund, FPA Crescent Fund, FPA Hawkeye Fund and FPA Value Partners Fund.

Amounts borrowed under the credit facility bear interest at U.S. dollar LIBOR plus a margin of 2.50%, 3.00% or 3.50% depending on the Leverage Ratio (being the ratio of the balance outstanding on the credit facility to the aggregate charter free market value of the secured vessels), determined at the end of April, May, August and November each year with updated valuations to be obtained for the tests at the end of April and November.

The Leverage Ratio is not permitted to exceed 75%.

Further to an amendment to the credit facility agreed in August 2009, between June 30, 2010 and April 30, 2011, borrowings under the credit facility were repaid quarterly in an amount equal to free cash in excess of \$20,000 determined as at the previous month end subject to a minimum of \$40,000 repayment a year on a rolling 12 month trailing basis. On this basis, a repayment of \$13,816 was made on March 31, 2011.

At April 30, 2011 the Leverage Ratio was less than 75% and greater than 65%. Accordingly, from that date (i) interest margin paid on borrowings was 3.00% (ii) repayments of borrowings were fixed at \$10,000 per quarter, and (iii) the Company was able to make dividend payments to common shareholders. On this basis, further repayments of \$10,000 were made on both June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011.

Due to the downturn after April 2011 in charter free market values of containerships, on November 30, 2011 the Company obtained a waiver from its lenders of the requirement to perform the Leverage Ratio test until November 30, 2012. Accordingly from November 30, 2011 (i) the interest margin on borrowings reverted to 3.50% (ii) quarterly repayments of borrowings to be made in an amount equal to free cash in excess of \$20,000 determined as at the previous month end subject to a minimum of \$40,000 repayment a year on a rolling 12 month trailing basis, and (iii) the Company was unable to make dividend payments to common shareholders. On this basis, repayments were made of \$15,341 on December 31, 2011 and \$11,788 on March 30, 2012.

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6. Long Term Debt (continued)

As the Company anticipated, due to continuing poor industry conditions, that the Leverage Ratio as at November 30, 2012 would, if tested, exceed 75%, it agreed with its lenders on November 13, 2012, to a further two year waiver of the requirement to perform the Leverage Ratio test. Accordingly, the next scheduled test will be December 1, 2014. In this waiver period, the fixed interest margin to be paid over LIBOR is 3.75%, repayments are based on cash flow, as in the previous waiver, and dividends on common shares cannot be paid. As a result of the new waiver, debt cannot be accelerated for the Leverage Ratio during the waiver period and debt estimated to be payable after one year is classified as non-current in the consolidated balance sheets. It was also agreed that all secured vessels will be included in the Leverage Ratio test, whether they are subject to a charter or not. Under the terms of the new waiver, repayments of the credit facility were made of \$11,080 on December 31, 2012 and \$14,800 on March 28, 2013.

The final maturity date of the credit facility is August 14, 2016 at which point any remaining outstanding balance must be repaid.

The credit facility is secured by, inter alia, first priority mortgages on each of the Company's 17 vessels, a pledge of shares of the vessel owning subsidiaries as well as assignments of earnings and insurances. The Company, along with all of its subsidiaries, is jointly and severally liable for the total amount of the outstanding credit facility. The financial covenants in the credit facility are: a) a minimum cash balance of the lower of \$15,000 or six months net interest expense; b) net debt to total capitalization ratio not to exceed 75%; c) EBITDA to debt service, on a trailing four-quarter basis, to be no less than 1.10 to 1; and d) a minimum net worth of \$200,000 (with all terms as defined in the credit facility).

Long term debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2012</u>
Credit facility, at US Dollar LIBOR + 3.50% to 3.75%	\$410,876	\$ 425,676
Less current instalments of long term debt	<u>(53,160)</u>	<u>(50,572)</u>
	<u>\$357,716</u>	<u>\$ 375,104</u>

Based on (i) management's reasonable estimate of cash flows from April 1, 2013 and (ii) the waiver of the requirement to test the Leverage Ratio until December 1, 2014 at which point it is assumed to be less than 75% meaning that the Company will be able to comply with the leverage ratio covenant at its next measurement date, the estimated repayments in each of the relevant periods are as follows:

Year ending March 31,	
2014	\$ 53,160
2015	49,900
2016	40,000
2017	<u>267,816</u>
	<u>\$410,876</u>

The amount of excess cash generated may vary significantly from management's estimates and consequently the repayment profile of outstanding debt may be significantly different from that presented.

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7. Related Party Transactions

CMA CGM is considered as a related party as it was, until the merger referred to in Note 1, the parent company of Global Ship Lease, Inc. and at March 31, 2013 is a significant shareholder of the Company, owning Class A and Class B common shares representing a 45% voting interest in the Company.

Amounts due to and from CMA CGM companies are summarized as follows:

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Amounts due to CMA CGM companies presented within liabilities	\$ 4,724	\$ 7,077
Amounts due from CMA CGM companies presented within assets	\$ 8,830	\$ 14,413

CMA CGM charters all of the Company's vessels and one of its subsidiaries provides the Company with ship management services. The current account balances at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 relate to amounts payable to or recoverable from CMA CGM group companies.

CMA CGM holds all of the Series A preferred shares of the Company. During the three months to March 31, 2013, the Company incurred costs in respect of dividends on these preferred shares of \$259 (2012: \$301).

Time Charter Agreements

All of the Company's vessels are time chartered to CMA CGM. Under each of the time charters, hire is payable in advance and the daily rate is fixed for the duration of the charter. The charters are for remaining periods as at March 31, 2013 of between 1.10 and 12.75 years (see note 2(a)). All the \$1,018,597 maximum contracted future charter hire receivable for the fleet set out in note 8 relates to the 17 ships currently chartered to CMA CGM.

Ship Management Agreements

The Company outsources day to day technical management of its 17 vessels to a ship manager, CMA Ships Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of CMA CGM. The Company pays CMA Ships Limited an annual management fee of \$114 per vessel and reimburses costs incurred on its behalf, mainly being for the provision of crew, lubricating oils and routine maintenance. Such reimbursement is subject to a cap of between \$5.4 and \$8.8 per day per vessel depending on the vessel. The impact of the cap is determined quarterly and for the fleet as a whole. Ship management fees expensed for the three months ended March 31, 2013 amounted to \$485 (2012: \$485).

Except for transactions with CMA CGM companies, the Company did not enter into any other related party transactions.

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8. Commitments and Contingencies

Charter Hire Receivable

The Company has entered into time charters for all of its vessels. The charter hire is fixed for the duration of the charter. The maximum contracted future charter hire receivable (not allowing for any offhire) for the fleet of 17 vessels as at March 31, 2013, including the two replacement charters agreed in April 2013 as referred to in note 2(a), is as follows:

Year ending March 31,	Fleet as at March 31, 2013
2014	141,239
2015	136,372
2016	136,324
2017	127,993
2018	101,163
Thereafter	375,506
	<u>\$1,018,597</u>

9. Share Capital

At March 31, 2013 the Company had two classes of common shares. The rights of holders of Class B common shares are identical to those of holders of Class A common shares, except that the dividend rights of holders of Class B common shares are subordinated to those of holders of Class A common shares. Dividends, when declared, must be paid as follows:

- firstly, to all Class A common shares at the applicable rate for the quarter;
- secondly, to all Class A common shares until they have received payment for all preceding quarters at the rate of \$0.23 per share per quarter;
- thirdly, to all Class B common shares at the applicable rate for the quarter;
- then, to all Class A and B common shares as if they were a single class.

The Class B common shares remain subordinated until the Company has paid a dividend at least equal to \$0.23 per quarter per share on both the Class A and Class B common shares for the immediately preceding four-quarter period. Due to the requirements described above, Class B common shares cannot receive any dividend until all Class A common shares have received dividends representing \$0.23 per share per quarter for all preceding quarters. The last quarter for which a dividend was paid was fourth quarter 2008. Should the notional arrearages of dividend on the Class A common shares be made up and a dividend at the rate of \$0.23 per share be paid for four consecutive quarters, the Class B common shares convert to Class A common shares on a one-for-one basis. Also, each Class B common share will convert into a Class A common share on a change of control of the Company.

Restricted stock units are granted periodically to the Directors and management, under the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, as part of their compensation arrangements (see note 11).

The Series A preferred shares rank senior to the common shares and are mandatorily redeemable in 12 quarterly instalments commencing August 31, 2016. They are classified as a long-term liability. The dividend that preferred shareholders are entitled to is presented as part of interest expense.

There are 6,188,088 Class A Warrants outstanding which expire on September 1, 2013 and give the holders the right to purchase one Class A common share at a price of \$9.25.

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10. Interest Rate Derivatives and Fair Value Measurements

The Company is exposed to the impact of interest rate changes on its variable rate debt. Accordingly, the Company has entered into interest rate swap agreements to manage the exposure to interest rate variability. As of March 31, 2013 a total of \$327,000 of these interest rate swap agreements were in place, at a weighted average rate of 3.74%. An additional \$253,000 of swaps, all at a fixed rate of 3.40% expired on March 18, 2013. These interest rate swap agreements are secured by first priority mortgages on each of the Company's 17 vessels and rank secondary to the long-term debt (see note 6). None of the Company's interest rate agreements qualify for hedge accounting and therefore the net changes in the fair value of the interest rate derivative assets and liabilities at each reporting period are reflected in the current period operations as unrealized gains and losses on derivatives. Cash flows related to interest rate derivatives (initial payments for the derivatives and periodic cash settlements) are included within cash flows from investing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Realized gains or losses from interest rate derivatives are recognized in the consolidated statements of income. In addition, the interest rate derivatives are "marked to market" at each reporting period end and are recorded at fair values. This generates unrealized gains or losses. The unrealized gain on interest rate derivatives for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$5,453 (2012: unrealized gain of \$2,676).

Derivative instruments held by the Company are categorized as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. As at March 31, 2013, these derivatives represented a liability of \$30,138 (December 31, 2012: \$35,591). Within the consolidated balance sheets, there are no offsets of recognized assets or liabilities related to these derivatives.

11. Share-Based Compensation

Share based awards are summarized as follows:

	Restricted Stock Units		Weighted Average Fair Value on Grant Date	Actual Fair Value on Vesting Date
	Number of Units			
	Management	Directors		
Unvested as at January 1, 2012	150,000	17,886	\$ 3.40	n/a
Vested in January 2012	-	(17,886)	6.15	1.75
Granted on March 13, 2012	75,000	32,070	3.43	n/a
Unvested as at December 31, 2012	225,000	32,070	\$ 3.22	n/a
Vested in January 2013	-	(32,070)	3.43	3.07
Granted on March 7, 2013	75,000	27,550	3.43	n/a
Unvested as at March 31, 2013	300,000	27,550	\$ 3.26	n/a

Using the graded vesting method of expensing the restricted stock unit grants, the calculated weighted average fair value of the stock units is recognized as compensation cost in the consolidated statements of income over the vesting period. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company recognized a total of \$83 (2012: \$113) share based compensation costs. As at March 31, 2013, there was a total of \$529 unrecognized compensation cost relating to the above share based awards (December 31, 2012: \$260). The remaining cost is expected to be recognized over a period of 18 months.

The restricted stock units granted to Directors on March 17, 2011 and March 13, 2012 vested in January 2012 and January 2013 respectively. The restricted stock units granted to Directors on March 7, 2013 will vest in January 2014.

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11. Share-Based Compensation (continued)

The restricted stock units granted to four members of management on September 2, 2011 were to vest over two years; half during September and October 2012 and the remaining half during September and October 2013. In March 2012, these grants were amended and restated to provide that vesting would occur only when the individual leaves employment, for whatever reason, provided that this is after September 30, 2012 in respect of half of the grant and after September 30, 2013 for the other half of the grant. The restricted stock units granted to management on March 13, 2012 are expected to vest when the individual leaves employment, provided that this is after September 30, 2014 and is not as a result of resignation or termination for cause. The restricted stock units granted to management on March 7, 2013 are expected to vest when the individual leaves employment, provided that this is after September 30, 2015 and is not as a result of resignation or termination for cause.

12. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per common share is presented under the two-class method and is computed by dividing the earnings applicable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period.

Under the two class method, net income, if any, is first reduced by the amount of dividends declared in respect of common shares for the current period, if any, and the remaining earnings are allocated to common shares and participating securities to the extent that each security can share the earnings assuming all earnings for the period are distributed. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, no dividend was declared (2012: nil dividends). The Class B common shareholders' dividend rights are subordinated to those of holders of Class A common shares. Net income for the relevant period is allocated based on the contractual rights of each class of security and as there was insufficient net income to allow any dividend on the Class B common shares no earnings were allocated to Class B common shares.

Losses are only allocated to participating securities in a period of net loss if, based on the contractual terms, the relevant common shareholders have an obligation to participate in such losses. No such obligation exists for Class B common shareholders and, accordingly, losses would only be allocated to the Class A common shareholders.

At March 31, 2013, there were 6,188,088 Class A Warrants to purchase Class A common shares at an exercise price of \$9.25 outstanding which are due to expire on September 1, 2013. In addition, there were 327,550 restricted stock units granted and unvested as part of management's equity incentive plan and as part of the Directors' compensation for 2013. As of March 31, 2013 only Class A and B common shares are participating securities.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the diluted weighted average number of shares includes the incremental effect of outstanding stock based incentive awards but excludes the effect of outstanding warrants as these were antidilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the diluted weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding is the same as the basic weighted average number of shares outstanding. The diluted weighted average number of shares excludes the outstanding restricted stock units and the outstanding warrants as these would have had an antidilutive effect.

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12. Earnings per Share (continued)

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2013	2012
<i>(In thousands, except share data)</i>		
Class A common shares		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (B)	47,513,578	47,481,471
Dilutive effect of share-based awards	109,073	—
Common shares and common share equivalents (F)	<u>47,622,651</u>	<u>47,481,471</u>
Class B common shares		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (D)	7,405,956	7,405,956
Dilutive effect of share-based awards	—	—
Common shares (H)	<u>7,405,956</u>	<u>7,405,956</u>
Basic Earnings per Share		
Net income available to shareholders	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Available to:		
- Class A shareholders for period	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
- Class A shareholders for arrears	—	—
- Class B shareholders for period	—	—
- allocate pro-rata between Class A and B	—	—
Net income available for Class A (A)	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Net income available for Class B (C)	—	—
Basic Earnings per share:		
Class A (A/B)	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17
Class B (C/D)	—	—
Diluted Earnings per Share		
Net income available to shareholders	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Available to:		
- Class A shareholders for period	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
- Class A shareholders for arrears	—	—
- Class B shareholders for period	—	—
- allocate pro rata between Class A and B	—	—
Net income available for Class A (E)	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,950
Net income available for Class B (G)	—	—
Diluted Earnings per share:		
Class A (E/F)	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17
Class B (G/H)	—	—

13. Subsequent Events

There are no subsequent events other than those disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements.