

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GROSS MICHAEL S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>500 PARK AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/16/2026</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Global Ship Lease, Inc. [GSL]</u> | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Shares, par value of \$0.01 per share | 42,759 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Shares, par value of \$0.01 per share | 21,346 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 577 Class A Common Shares of Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the "Issuer") granted to the reporting person pursuant to the Issuer's 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "Plan"), that are scheduled to vest on March 31, 2026.

2. Unvested awards of Class A Common Shares of the Issuer granted to the reporting person pursuant to the Plan, consisting of (i) 6,346 shares which vest quarterly, pro rata, commencing from the quarter ended June 30, 2026, conditioned on the reporting person's continued service, (ii) 7,500 shares, of which approximately 1/3 are earned upon the Company's achievement of a specified annualized return on equity that is measured as of December 31 of 2026, 2027 and 2028, respectively, after which, such earned shares are notionally divided into a number of quarterly installments within the 3.25 year period beginning October 1, 2025 (the "Term") and are eligible to vest on this basis, and (iii) 7,500 shares which vest at December 31, 2028 based on the Company's achievement of a specified return on equity over the full Term.

/s/ Michael S. Gross

03/16/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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