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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 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2026

Commission File Number: 001-34153

**GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o GSL Enterprises Ltd.  
9 Irodou Attikou Street  
Kifisia, Athens  
Greece, 14561**

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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*Quarterly Dividend on Class A Common Shares*

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K (this “Report”) as [Exhibit 99.1](#) is a copy of the press release of Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the “Company”), dated May 11, 2026, announcing that the Company’s Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend on the Company’s Class A common shares for the first quarter of 2026.

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 and 333-290461) and on Form S-8 (File Nos. 333-258992, 333-264113 and 333-294357).

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**SIGNATURE**

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)

Dated: May 12, 2026

By: /s/ Thomas Lister  
Thomas Lister  
Chief Executive Officer

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### **Global Ship Lease Declares Quarterly Dividend per Common Share for First Quarter of 2026**

ATHENS, Greece, May 11, 2026 – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) (the “Company”), a containership owner and lessor, announced today that the Company’s Board of Directors has declared a dividend of \$0.625 per Class A common share for the first quarter of 2026, to be paid on June 3, 2026 to shareholders of record as of May 22, 2026.

#### **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.

Our fleet of 71 vessels as of December 31, 2025, including the last newly acquired vessel, Cypress, which was delivered in January 2026, had an average age weighted by TEU capacity of 17.9 years. 41 ships are wide-beam Post-Panamax.

As of December 31, 2025, including the last newly acquired vessel, Cypress, which was delivered in January 2026, and all charters agreed during 2025 and through February 28, 2026, the average remaining term of the Company’s charters, to the mid-point of redelivery, including options under the Company’s control and other than if a redelivery notice has been received, was 2.7 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted revenue on the same basis was \$2.24 billion. Contracted revenue was \$2.77 billion, including options under charterers’ control and with latest redelivery date, representing a weighted average remaining term of 3.6 years.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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.