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TOP SHIPS INC.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is the press release issued by Top Ships Inc. (the "Company") on April 1, 2009, announcing the Company's intention to release on Thursday, April 2, 2009, its fourth quarter and year-end 2008 results. Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 2 is the press release issued by the Company on April 2, 2009, announcing its operating results for the fourth quarter and the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

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NEWS RELEASE for April 1, 2009  
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TOP SHIPS ANNOUNCES DATE OF FOURTH QUARTER & YEAR-END 2008  
RESULTS RELEASE AND CONFERENCE CALL

ATHENS, GREECE (April 1, 2009) ... TOP Ships Inc. (NasdaqGS:TOPS) will release its fourth quarter and year-end 2008 results on Thursday, April 2, 2009, before market opening. That same day, at 11:00AM ET, management will host a conference call, which will be broadcast live over the Internet. Those interested in listening to the live webcast may do so by going to the Company's website at [www.topships.org](http://www.topships.org), or by going to [www.investorcalendar.com](http://www.investorcalendar.com).

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About TOP Ships Inc.

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nA fleet of eleven double-hull handymax tankers, with a total carrying capacity of approximately 0.5 million dwt, of which 74% are sister ships. Seven of the Company's handymaxes are on time charter contracts with an average term of one year with all of the time charters including profit sharing agreements above their base rates. Four of the Company's handymax tankers are fixed on a bareboat charter basis with an average term of eight and a half years.

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EXHIBIT 2

NEWS RELEASE for April 2, 2009

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TOP SHIPS REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL RESULTS

ATHENS, GREECE (April, 2009) ... TOP Ships Inc. (NasdaqGS:TOPS) today announced its operating results for the fourth quarter and the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

For the three months ended December 31, 2008, the Company reported net income of \$8,429,000, or \$0.30 per share, compared with net loss of \$37,439,000, or \$2.67 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2007. The weighted average numbers of common shares used in the computations were 28,090,125 and 14,082,742 for the fourth quarter of 2008 and 2007<sup>1</sup>, respectively. For the three months ended December 31, 2008, operating income was \$7,952,000, compared with operating loss of \$25,982,000 for the fourth quarter of 2007. Revenues for the fourth quarter of 2008 were \$36,962,000, compared to \$51,789,000 recorded in the fourth quarter of 2007.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company reported net income of \$25,639,000, or \$1.01 per share, compared with net loss of \$49,076,000, or \$4.09 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2007. The weighted average numbers of common shares used in the computations were 25,445,031 and 11,986,857 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007<sup>1</sup>, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2008, operating income was \$61,723,000, compared with operating loss of \$29,118,000 for the year ended December 31, 2007. Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$257,380,000, compared to \$252,259,000 recorded in the year ended December 31, 2007.

Evangelos J. Pistiolis, President and Chief Executive Officer of TOP Ships Inc., commented:

“The later part of 2008 was very challenging for the shipping industry and the world economy overall. Despite the challenges faced, we achieved another quarter with solid results, which is a product of our successful strategic decisions that were implemented throughout the year. Specifically, during 2008:

-We sold 7 owned suezmax tankers and 1 owned panamax dry bulk vessel for an aggregate sale price of \$380.5 million. These sales enhanced our liquidity and created a cash cushion during a period where liquidity is key to the survival of any company.

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<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for 1:3 reverse stock split effective in March 2008.

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- We arranged the sale of 6 chartered-in vessels, under bareboat charters, and terminated the respective charters.
- We completed the refinancing of our six new-building product tankers and we chartered all 6 vessels with 3 major charterers at fixed rates for periods that range between 7 and 10 years. These charters have been agreed on a bareboat basis, which not only reduces our long-term market risk relating to the vessels, but also eliminates the Company's operational risk for that period.
- We took delivery of our dry bulk vessels, which are currently deployed on time charters at premium rates.

Developments during the fourth quarter of 2008 included:

- As of December 31, 2008, the Company was not in compliance with certain loan covenants. We are currently in advanced discussions with our lending banks to receive waivers of the covenants to 2010.
- We terminated an interest rate derivative product for \$5.0 million. When we entered into this product in November 2007, we had received an upfront payment of \$8.5 million.
- We completed the refinancing for our new-building product tankers, four of which have already been delivered to their bareboat charterers.
- We commenced our share repurchase program, which allows the Company to purchase up to \$20.0 million in our shares over period of one year.”

#### Recent Developments

Our Board of Directors has appointed as of April 1st, 2009 Mr. Alexandros Tsirikos to the position of Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Tsirikos, 34, is a UK qualified Chartered Accountant (ACA) and has been employed with Top Ships since July 2007 as the Company's Corporate Development Officer. Prior to joining TOP Ships, Mr Tsirikos was a manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers where he worked for six years. During his career with PwC, Mr. Tsirikos drew experience both from consulting as well as auditing as a member of the PwC Advisory team and Assurance team. As a member of the Advisory team, he lead and participated in numerous projects in the public and the private sectors, involving strategic planning and business modelling, investment analysis and appraisal, feasibility studies, costing and project management. As a member of the Assurance team, Mr. Tsirikos was part of the IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) technical team of PwC Greece and lead numerous IFRS conversion projects for listed companies. He holds an MSc in Shipping Trade and Finance from City University of London and a Bachelor's Degree with honours in Business Administration from Boston University in the United States. He speaks English, French and Greek.

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The following key indicators serve to highlight changes in the financial performance of the Company's vessels during the fourth quarters of 2007 and 2008 and the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008:

Suezmax Vessels

| (In U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated)                   | Three Months Ended December 31, |      |         | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|---|---------------------------------|------|---------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|   | 2007                            | 2008 | Change  | 2007                    | 2008   | Change |
| Total available ship days                                   | 1,104                           | -    | -100.0% | 4,500                   | 2,306  | -48.8% |
| Total operating days  | 845                             | -    | -100.0% | 3,801                   | 1,782  | -53.1% |
| Utilization   | 76.5%                           | -    | -       | 84.5%                   | 77.3%  | -8.5%  |
| TCE <sub>2</sub> per ship per day under spot voyage charter | 23,068                          | -    | -       | 32,249                  | 49,337 | 53.0%  |
| TCE per ship per day under time charter                     | 35,205                          | -    | -       | 35,355                  | 39,808 | 12.6%  |
| Average TCE   | 28,469                          | -    | -       | 33,466                  | 44,655 | 33.4%  |
| Other vessel operating expenses per ship per day            | 11,618                          | -    | -       | 9,388                   | 13,484 | 43.6%  |

Handymax Vessels

| (In U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated)        | Three Months Ended December 31, |        |        | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|  | 2007                            | 2008   | Change | 2007                    | 2008   | Change |
| Total available ship days                        | 736                             | 644    | -12.5% | 3,610                   | 2,789  | -22.7% |
| Total operating days                             | 584                             | 638    | 9.2%   | 3,190                   | 2,575  | -19.3% |
| Utilization                                      | 79.3%                           | 99.1%  | 24.9%  | 88.4%                   | 92.3%  | 4.5%   |
| TCE per ship per day under spot voyage charter   | -                               | -      | -      | -                       | 33,454 | -      |
| TCE per ship per day under time charter          | 16,526                          | 18,998 | 15.0%  | 19,589                  | 18,811 | -4.0%  |
| Average TCE                                      | 16,526                          | 19,030 | 15.2%  | 19,589                  | 19,496 | -0.5%  |
| Other vessel operating expenses per ship per day | 7,650                           | 8,470  | 10.7%  | 6,920                   | 9,029  | 30.5%  |

Tanker Fleet

| (In U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated)        | Three Months Ended December 31, |        |        | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|  | 2007                            | 2008   | Change | 2007                    | 2008   | Change |
| Total available ship days                        | 1,840                           | 644    | -65.0% | 8,110                   | 5,095  | -37.2% |
| Total operating days                             | 1,429                           | 638    | -55.4% | 6,991                   | 4,357  | -37.7% |
| Utilization                                      | 77.7%                           | 99.1%  | 27.6%  | 86.2%                   | 85.5%  | -0.8%  |
| TCE per ship per day under spot voyage charter   | 23,068                          | -      | -      | 32,249                  | 47,511 | 47.3%  |
| TCE per ship per day under time charter          | 23,842                          | 18,940 | -20.6% | 24,606                  | 24,285 | -1.3%  |
| Average TCE                                      | 23,588                          | 18,650 | -20.9% | 27,134                  | 29,786 | 9.8%   |
| Other vessel operating expenses per ship per day | 10,030                          | 9,803  | -2.3%  | 8,289                   | 11,046 | 33.3%  |

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Drybulk Fleet

|  | Three Months Ended December 31, |        |        | Year Ended December 31, |        |         |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
|  | 2007                            | 2008   | Change | 2007                    | 2008   | Change  |
| (In U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated)        |                                 |        |        |                         |        |         |
| Total available ship days                        | 66                              | 460    | 597.0% | 66                      | 1,780  | 2597.0% |
| Total operating days                             | 41                              | 440    | 973.2% | 41                      | 1,742  | 4148.8% |
| Utilization                                      | 62.1%                           | 95.7%  | 54.0%  | 62.1%                   | 97.9%  | 57.5%   |
| TCE per ship per day under spot voyage charter   | -                               | -      | -      | -                       | -      | -       |
| TCE per ship per day under time charter          | 76,902                          | 53,070 | -31.0% | 76,902                  | 51,060 | -33.6%  |
| Average TCE                                      | 76,902                          | 53,070 | -31.0% | 76,902                  | 51,060 | -33.6%  |
| Other vessel operating expenses per ship per day | 10,092                          | 6,241  | -38.2% | 10,425                  | 6,088  | -41.6%  |

Total Fleet

|   | Three Months Ended December 31, |        |        | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|   | 2007                            | 2008   | Change | 2007                    | 2008   | Change |
| (In U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated)             |                                 |        |        |                         |        |        |
| Total available ship days                             | 1,906                           | 1,104  | -42.1% | 8,176                   | 6,875  | -15.9% |
| Total operating days                                  | 1,470                           | 1,078  | -26.7% | 7,032                   | 6,099  | -13.3% |
| Utilization   | 77.1%                           | 97.6%  | 26.6%  | 86.0%                   | 88.7%  | 3.1%   |
| TCE per ship per day under spot voyage charter        | 23,068                          | -      | -      | 32,249                  | 47,530 | 47.4%  |
| TCE per ship per day under time charter               | 26,015                          | 32,871 | 26.4%  | 25,060                  | 33,477 | 33.6%  |
| Average TCE   | 25,075                          | 32,699 | 30.4%  | 27,424                  | 35,862 | 30.8%  |
| Other vessel operating expenses per ship per day      | 10,033                          | 8,319  | -17.1% | 8,307*                  | 9,762  | 17.5%  |
| General and administrative expenses per ship per day* | 4,407                           | 6,392  | 45.1%  | 3,036                   | 4,578  | 50.8%  |

2 Consistent with general practice in the tanker shipping industry, time charter equivalent, or TCE, is a measure of the average daily revenue performance of a vessel on a per voyage basis. Our method of calculating TCE is consistent with industry standards and is determined by dividing net voyage revenue by voyage days for the relevant time period. Net revenues are revenues minus voyage expenses. Voyage expenses primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage, which would otherwise be paid by the charterer under a time charter contract, as well as commissions.

\* The daily General and Administrative expenses include approximately \$1,153 and \$1,303 for the three-month period and \$423 and \$1,055 for the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, respectively, of non-cash restricted stock expense, general compensation, specific legal fees and depreciation for other fixed assets.

Fleet Report:

As of December 31, 2008, the Company's fleet consisted of 12 vessels, or 0.6 million dwt (including 7 owned and 5 vessels sold and leased back for a period of 5 to 7 years) as compared to 23 vessels, or 2.2 million dwt (including 11 vessels sold and leased back for a period of 5 to 7 years) on December 31, 2007.

The Company's fleet size and composition remained unchanged during the fourth quarter of 2008.

Fleet Deployment:

During the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company had 100% of the fleet's operating days on long-term employment contracts. As of December 31, 2008, all of the Company's 12 vessels were on time charter contracts with an average term of 1.7 years with all but four of the time charters including profit sharing agreements, and one vessel under bareboat charter with a term of over three years.

Tanker Vessels:

All of the Company's Handymax tankers operate under long-term employment agreements that provide for a base rate and additional profit sharing.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company's Handymax tankers earned on average \$18,998 per vessel per day on a time charter equivalent (TCE) basis, including profit-sharing allocated to the Company.

Drybulk Vessels:

During the fourth quarter of 2008, four of the Company's drybulk vessels operated under time charter contracts and one under bareboat charter, earning on average \$53,070 per vessel per day on a time charter equivalent (TCE) basis, including the amortization of the fair value of time charter contracts of \$14,492 per vessel per day.

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The following table presents the Company's current fleet list and employment:

|                                      | Dwt            | Year<br>Built | Charter Type        | Expiry    | Daily Base<br>Rate | Profit Sharing<br>Above Base Rate<br>(2009) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|
| <b>11 Handymax Tankers</b>           |                |               |                     |           |                    |   |
| RelentlessA                          | 47,084         | 1992          | Time Charter        | Q3/2009   | \$14,000           | 50% thereafter                              |
| VanguardB                            | 47,084         | 1992          | Time Charter        | Q1/2010   | \$15,250           | 50% thereafter                              |
| SpotlessB                            | 47,094         | 1991          | Time Charter        | Q1/2010   | \$15,250           | 50% thereafter                              |
| DoubtlessB                           | 47,076         | 1991          | Time Charter        | Q1/2010   | \$15,250           | 50% thereafter                              |
| FaithfulB                            | 45,720         | 1992          | Time Charter        | Q2/2010   | \$14,500           | 100% first \$500<br>+ 50% thereafter        |
| DauntlessC                           | 46,168         | 1999          | Time Charter        | Q1/2010   | \$16,250           | 100% first<br>\$1,000 + 50%<br>thereafter   |
| Ioannis PC                           | 46,346         | 2003          | Time Charter        | Q4/2010   | \$18,000           | 100% first<br>\$1,000 + 50%<br>thereafter   |
| Miss MarilenaC                       | 50,000         | 2009          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q1-2/2019 | \$14,400           | None  |
| LichtensteinC                        | 50,000         | 2009          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q1-2/2019 | \$14,550           | None  |
| Ionian WaveC                         | 50,000         | 2009          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q1-2/2016 | \$14,300           | None  |
| Thyrrhenian WaveC                    | 50,000         | 2009          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q1-2/2016 | \$14,300           | None  |
| <b>2 Newbuilding Product Tankers</b> |                |               |                     |           |                    |   |
| Hull S-1031                          | 50,000         | 2009          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q1-2/2019 | \$14,550           | None  |
| Hull S-1033                          | 50,000         | 2009          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q1-2/2019 | \$14,550           | None  |
| <b>Total Tanker dwt</b>              | <b>626,572</b> |               |                     |           |                    |   |
| <b>5 Drybulk Vessels</b>             |                |               |                     |           |                    |   |
| CycladesC                            | 75,681         | 2000          | Time Charter        | Q2/2011   | \$54,250           | None  |
| AmalfiC                              | 45,526         | 2000          | Time Charter        | Q2/2009   | \$12,000           | None  |
| Voc GallantC                         | 51,200         | 2002          | Bareboat<br>Charter | Q2/2012   | \$27,000F          | None  |
| PepitoC                              | 75,928         | 2001          | Time Charter        | Q2/2013   | \$41,000           | None  |
| AstraleC                             | 75,933         | 2000          | Time Charter        | Q2/2009   | \$40,000           | None  |
| <b>Total Drybulk dwt</b>             | <b>324,268</b> |               |                     |           |                    |   |
| <b>TOTAL DWT</b>                     | <b>950,840</b> |               |                     |           |                    |   |

A. Vessels sold and leased back in August and September 2005 for a period of 7 years.

B. Vessels sold and leased back in March 2006 for a period of 5 years.

- C. Owned vessels.
  - D. Year of delivery for the newbuilding product tankers.
  - E. For the newbuilding product tankers, the expected expiry is inserted.
  - F. From May/June 2009 until May/June 2012, the daily base rate will be \$24,000.
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## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Since the Company's formation, the sources of funds have been cash from operations, long-term borrowings and equity provided by the shareholders. The Company's principal use of funds has been capital expenditures to establish and grow its fleet, maintain the quality of its vessels, comply with international shipping standards and environmental laws and regulations, fund working capital requirements and make principal repayments on outstanding served loan facilities. The Company expects to rely upon operating cash flows, long-term borrowings and equity financings to implement its future growth plan.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had total indebtedness under senior secured credit facilities of \$346.9 million (excluding unamortized financing fees of \$4.4 million) with its lenders, the Royal Bank of Scotland ("RBS"), HSH Nordbank ("HSH"), DVB Bank ("DVB"), Alpha Bank ("ALPHA") and Emporiki Bank ("EMPORIKI"), maturing from 2013 through 2019.

The Company's unencumbered cash as of December 31, 2008 was \$46.2 million.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had three interest rate swap agreements with RBS for the amounts of \$25.4 million, \$10.0 million and \$10.0 million for a remaining period of one, five and five years, respectively. Under these agreements the interest rate is fixed at an effective annual rate of 4.66% (in addition to the applicable margin), 4.23% and 4.11%, respectively. The Company also had one interest rate swap agreement with Egnatia Bank for the amount of \$10.0 million for a remaining period of five years, respectively. Under this agreement the interest rate is fixed at an effective annual rate of 4.76%. In addition, the Company had seven interest rate swap agreements with HSH, six of them for the amounts of \$11.2 million, \$11.2 million, \$11.2 million, \$15.1 million, \$7.4 million and \$13.4 million, for a remaining period of three, three, three, five, five and seven years, respectively, and a forward interest rate swap agreement with HSH for the amount of \$15.1 million effective in June 2010 for a period of four years, at a fixed interest rate of 4.73% in addition to the applicable margin. The above swaps of \$10.0 million and \$10.0 million with RBS and \$10.0 million with Egnatia Bank include steepening terms based on the two and 10 year U.S. Dollar swap difference, which is calculated quarterly in arrears. The interest rate for the remaining balance of the loans is LIBOR, plus the margin.

## Loan Covenants and Discussions with Banks

As at December 31, 2008, the Company was not in compliance with certain of its loan covenants.

As of the date of this release, the Company is in advanced discussions with all its lenders in order to receive waivers for such non-compliance, extending until the end of March 2010, but no definitive agreement has been signed yet. In order to receive waivers, the Company may have to amend certain terms of its existing financing agreements.

Because definitive agreements with respect to such waivers have not yet been signed, the Company currently cannot provide a breakdown of its debt and swap facilities into current and long term as such a breakdown is directly related to the status of the covenants.

If the Company receives waivers for more than one year from all its lenders then the debt and swap facilities would be split into current and long term portions based on when the installments fall due. If the Company cannot obtain covenant waivers from all of its lenders, all loans would need to be categorized as current as a result of cross default covenants attached to all loan agreements.

If the Company is not able to obtain covenant waivers or modifications, its lenders may require the Company to post additional collateral, enhance its equity and liquidity, increase its interest payments or pay down its indebtedness to a level where it is in compliance with its loan covenants, sell vessels, or they may accelerate its indebtedness, which

would impair its ability to continue to conduct its business. In order to further enhance its liquidity, the Company may find it necessary to sell vessels at a time when vessel prices are low, in which case it will recognize losses and a reduction in its earnings, which could affect its ability to raise additional capital necessary for the Company to comply with its loan covenants and/or the additional lender requirements described above.

#### Conference Call and Webcast

Top Ships' management team will host a conference call to review the results and discuss other corporate news and its outlook on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 11:00 AM ET.

Those interested in listening to the live webcast may do so by going to the Company's website at <http://www.topships.org>, or by going to <http://www.investorcalendar.com>.

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## Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts.

The Company desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with this safe harbor legislation. The words "believe," "anticipate," "intends," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "plan," "potential," "will," "may," "should," "expect" "pen" expressions identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, our management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors, other important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, failure of a seller to deliver one or more vessels or of a buyer to accept delivery of one or more vessels, inability to procure acquisition financing, default by one or more charterers of our ships, changes in the demand for crude oil and petroleum products, changes in demand for dry bulk shipping capacity, changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, the market for our vessels, availability of financing and refinancing, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, vessels breakdowns and instances of off-hires and other factors. Please see our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties.

TABLES FOLLOW

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## TOP SHIPS INC.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF  
INCOME

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars - except for share and per share data)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, |                     | Year Ended<br>December 31, |                     |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2007<br>(Unaudited)                | 2008<br>(Unaudited) | 2007<br>(Unaudited)        | 2008<br>(Unaudited) |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>   |                                    |                     |                            |                     |
| Revenues   | \$51,789                           | \$36,962            | \$252,259                  | \$257,380           |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>   |                                    |                     |                            |                     |
| Voyage expenses  | 14,929                             | 1,712               | 59,414                     | 38,656              |
| Charter hire expense   | 18,035                             | 5,810               | 94,118                     | 53,684              |
| Amortization of deferred gain on sale and leaseback of vessels | (1,360)                            | (807)               | (15,610)                   | (18,707)            |
| Other vessel operating expenses                                | 19,122                             | 9,184               | 67,914                     | 67,114              |
| Dry-docking costs  | 9,829                              | 364                 | 25,094                     | 10,036              |
| Depreciation   | 8,614                              | 5,856               | 27,408                     | 32,664              |
| General and administrative expenses                            | 8,399                              | 7,057               | 24,824                     | 31,473              |
| Foreign currency (gains) / losses, net                         | 203                                | (166)               | 176                        | (85)                |
| Gain on sale of vessels  | -                                  | -                   | (1,961)                    | (19,178)            |
| Operating income (loss)  | (25,982)                           | 7,952               | (29,118)                   | 61,723              |
| <b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES):</b>                                |                                    |                     |                            |                     |
| Interest and finance costs                                     | (6,620)                            | (3,612)             | (18,318)                   | (27,138)            |
| Fair value change of financial instruments                     | (5,768)                            | 3,293               | (4,904)                    | (10,650)            |
| Interest income  | 901                                | 815                 | 3,248                      | 1,831               |
| Other, net   | 30                                 | (19)                | 16                         | (127)               |
| Total other expenses, net                                      | (11,457)                           | 477                 | (19,958)                   | (36,084)            |
| Net Income (loss)  | \$(37,439)                         | \$8,429             | \$(49,076)                 | \$25,639            |
| Earnings (loss) per share, basic and diluted                   | \$(2.67)                           | \$0.30              | \$(4.09)                   | \$1.01              |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic              | 14,082,742                         | 28,090,125          | 11,986,857                 | 25,445,031          |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted            | 14,082,742                         | 28,090,125          | 11,986,857                 | 25,445,031          |

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## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars - except for share and per share data)

|  | December<br>31,<br>2007<br>(Unaudited) | December<br>31,<br>2008<br>(Unaudited) |
|--|--|--|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |  |  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                              | \$26,012                               | \$46,242                               |
| VESSEL HELD FOR SALE                                   | 46,268                                 | -                                      |
| ADVANCES FOR VESSELS ACQUISITIONS / UNDER CONSTRUCTION | 66,026                                 | 159,971                                |
| VESSELS, NET   | 553,891                                | 414,515                                |
| RESTRICTED CASH  | 26,500                                 | 52,575                                 |
| OTHER ASSETS   | 58,220                                 | 25,072                                 |
| Total assets   | \$776,917                              | \$698,375                              |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>            |  |  |
| FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS                                  | 10,683                                 | 16,438                                 |
| FAIR VALUE OF BELOW MARKET TIME CHARTER                | 29,199                                 | 3,911                                  |
| BANK DEBT  | 438,884                                | 342,479                                |
| DEFERRED GAIN ON SALE AND LEASEBACK OF VESSELS         | 40,941                                 | 15,479                                 |
| OTHER LIABILITIES                                      | 45,802                                 | 28,017                                 |
| Total liabilities                                      | 565,509                                | 406,324                                |
| <b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>                   |  |  |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                                   | 211,408                                | 292,051                                |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity             | \$776,917                              | \$698,375                              |

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## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars)

|   | Year Ended  |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2007        | 2008        |
|   | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities:                                   |             |             |
| Net income (loss)   | \$(49,076)  | \$25,639    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |             |             |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 30,124      | 38,605      |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 935         | 5,116       |
| Change in fair value of financial instruments                                     | 4,904       | 10,650      |
| Financial instrument termination payments   |             | (7,500)     |
| Amortization of deferred gain on sale and leaseback of vessels                    | (15,610)    | (18,707)    |
| Amortization of fair value below market time charter                              | (1,413)     | (21,795)    |
| (Gain) / loss on sale of other fixed assets                                       | 69          | 126         |
| Gain on sale of vessels   | (1,961)     | (19,178)    |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities  | 20,738      | (1,109)     |
| Net Cash from (used in) Operating Activities                                      | (11,290)    | 11,847      |
| Cash Flows from (used in) Investing Activities:                                   |             |             |
| Principal payments received under capital lease                                   |             | 46,000      |
| Principal payments paid under capital lease                                       |             | (68,828)    |
| Advances for vessels acquisitions / under construction                            | (37,343)    | (114,260)   |
| Vessel acquisitions and improvements  | (355,045)   | (118,142)   |
| Insurance claims recoveries   | 1,852       | 3,447       |
| Increase in restricted cash   | -           | (26,075)    |
| Decrease in restricted cash   | 23,500      | -           |
| Net proceeds from sale of vessels   | 51,975      | 338,143     |
| Net proceeds from sale of other fixed assets                                      | 74          | 58          |
| Acquisition of other fixed assets   | (3,295)     | (1,792)     |
| Net Cash from (used in) Investing Activities                                      | (318,282)   | 58,551      |
| Cash Flows from (used in) Financing Activities:                                   |             |             |
| Proceeds from long-term debt  | 316,851     | 271,156     |
| Payments of long-term debt  | (92,537)    | (368,563)   |
| Financial instrument upfront receipt  | 8,500       | 1,500       |
| Issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs                                   | 98,341      | 50,601      |
| Cancellation of fractional shares   | -           | (2)         |
| Repurchase and cancellation of common stock                                       |             | (731)       |
| Payment of financing costs  | (5,563)     | (4,129)     |
| Dividends paid  | -           | -           |

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|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Net Cash from (used in) Financing Activities                    | 325,592  | (50,168) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents            | (3,980)  | 20,230   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                | 29,992   | 26,012   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                      | \$26,012 | \$46,242 |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>                       |          |          |
| Interest paid   | \$13,731 | \$19,616 |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b> |          |          |
| Fair value below market time charter                            | \$30,612 | \$12,647 |
| Amounts owed for capital expenditures                           | \$1,215  | \$55     |

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.

TOP SHIPS INC.

(registrant)

Dated: April 9, 2009

By: /s/ Evangelos J. Pistiolis

Evangelos J. Pistiolis  
Chief Executive Officer