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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2008

STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

EXHIBIT 1

**STAR BULK TAKES DELIVERY OF SUPRAMAX VESSEL STAR COSMO;
EXPANDS ITS OPERATIONAL FLEET TO TWELVE VESSELS**

Athens, Greece, July 2, 2008 - Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (NASDAQ:SBLK) announced today that it has taken delivery of the Star Cosmo, a Supramax bulk carrier of approximately 52,247 dwt, built in 2005. The vessel comes with a staggered 3-year charter to Korea Line that commenced on March 17, 2008, at a gross daily rate of \$55,900, \$41,900 and \$27,900 for the first, second and third year respectively.

With the delivery of Star Cosmo, Star Bulk's operational fleet currently consists of twelve dry bulk carriers. In addition, the Company has definitive agreements to acquire one Capesize dry bulk carrier and to sell its oldest vessel, a Panamax dry bulk carrier. The contracted fleet operating days under time charter in 2008, 2009 and 2010 are currently 100%, 84% and 63% respectively.

Akis Tsirigakis, President and CEO of Star Bulk commented: We are pleased to announce that we have taken delivery of the Star Cosmo, a modern vessel with an attractive time charter attached. Our fleet is fully contracted for 2008 therefore our revenue is unaffected by the recent freight market volatility, as is our ability to pay our fixed dividend which should be mentioned, represents only approximately 57% of our free cash flow.

Fleet Table:

Vessel Name	Type	DWT	Year Built	Time Charter Expiry (1)	Time Charter Rate (2)
Capesize Fleet					
Star Alpha	Capesize	175,075	1992	Jul 5 - Oct 5, 2009	\$47,500
Star Beta	Capesize	174,691	1993	Feb 12 - May 2, 2010	\$106,500
Star Sigma	Capesize	184,400	1991	Mar 1 - Mar 31, 2009	\$100,000

				Mar 2010	\$ 69,000
				Mar 2011	\$ 63,000
				Mar - Aug 2012	\$ 57,000
Supramax Fleet				Jan 4 - Feb 14, 2009	\$28,500
Star Gamma	Supramax	53,098	2002	Feb 2010	\$45,000
				Feb 2011	\$38,000
Star Delta	Supramax	52,434	2000	Jan -Mar 2012	\$31,000
				Feb 7 - May 7, 2009	\$25,800
Star Epsilon	Supramax	52,402	2001	Dec 15, 08- Mar 15, 09	\$25,550
				Feb 2014 May 2014	\$32,400
Star Zeta	Supramax	52,994	2003	May 2008	\$65,000
				Apr 2011 Jul 2011	\$42,500
Star Theta	Supramax	52,425	2003	April 2 - Jun 16, 2009	\$32,500
Star Kappa	Supramax	52,055	2001	Aug 24 - Nov 23, 2010	\$47,800
Star Omicron	Supramax	53,489	2005	Feb - May 2011	\$ 43,000
Star Cosmo	Supramax	52,247	2005	Mar17, 2009	\$55,900
				Mar 17,2010	\$41,900
Bought Vessels	To be Delivered to Star Bulk			Feb 17 May 12, 2011	\$27,900
				Jul 2009	\$112,600
Star Ypsilon ⁽³⁾	Capesize	150,940	1991	Jul 2010	\$93,300
Sold Vessels	To be Delivered to Buyers			Jul 2011	\$74,100
				Mar 7 - Apr 17, 2009	\$18,000
Star Iota ⁽⁴⁾	Panamax	78,585	1983		
Grand Total	13	1,184,835			

(1)

Range represents the earliest and latest expiry dates allowed by the charter party. Charterers have the right to add off-hire days, if any, which occurred during the charter period.

(2)

Represents the gross daily rate

(3)

Star Ypsilon is expected to be delivered to Star Bulk by September 2008

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Star Iota is expected to be delivered to its new owners by September 2008

About Star Bulk

Star Bulk is a global shipping company providing worldwide seaborne transportation solutions in the dry bulk sector. Star Bulk's vessels transport major bulks, which include iron ore, coal and grain and minor bulks such as bauxite, fertilizers and steel products. Star Bulk was incorporated in the Marshall Islands on December 13, 2006 and is headquartered in Athens, Greece. Its common stock and warrants trade on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbols "SBLK" and "SBLKW" respectively. Currently, Star Bulk has an operating fleet of twelve dry bulk carriers, plus definitive agreements to acquire one Capesize dry bulk carrier and sell its Panamax dry bulk carrier. The total fleet consists of four Capesize, one Panamax and eight Supramax dry bulk vessels with an average age of approximately 10 years and a combined cargo carrying capacity of 1,184,835 deadweight tons.

Forward-Looking Statements

The information in this press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding: (1) the delivery and operation of assets of Star Bulk; (2) Star Bulk's future operating or financial results; (3) future, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy, areas of possible expansion, and expected capital spending or operating expenses; (4) drybulk market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting vessel supply and demand; and (5) other statements identified by words such as "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "will," "should," "may," or words of similar meaning.

Such forward looking statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, Star Bulk's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in their records and other data available from third parties. Although Star Bulk believes 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 their control, Star Bulk cannot assure you that Star Bulk will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the failure of a seller to deliver one or more vessels, the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in Star Bulk's operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists. Additional factors that could cause Star Bulk's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Star Bulk's Registration Statement on Form F-1/F-4 and reports on Form 6-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and available at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof, and Star Bulk disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward looking statements as a result of developments occurring

after the date of this communication.

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Dated July 2, 2008

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