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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 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February 2009

Commission File Number: 001-33869

Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (Translation of registrant's name into English)

7, Fragoklisias Street, 2nd floor, Maroussi 151 25, Athens, Greece (Address of principal executive office)

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#### INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is an update with respect to recent developments in the business of Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (the "Company").

This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-153304) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on September 2, 2008, as amended.

Exhibit 1

## Recent Developments

#### Star Beta

On February 10, 2009, the Company entered into a 13 to 15 month time charter agreement for the Star Beta at a gross daily rate of \$32,500. The vessel is expected to be delivered to the new charterer in February 2009.

#### Covenant Waivers

The Company has reached agreements in principle with its lenders to obtain waivers for certain covenants including minimum asset coverage covenants contained in its loan agreements. The related terms are described below.

With respect to the \$120.0 million facility, the lender will waive the loan-to-value ratio covenant through January 31, 2010. The Company will provide a first preferred mortgage on the currently debt-free vessel Star Alpha and pledge an account containing \$6.0 million as further security for this facility.

With respect to the \$150.0 million facility, the lenders will waive the security cover requirement through February 28, 2010, and the minimum asset coverage ratio for the year 2010 will be reduced to 110% from 125%. The Company will provide first preferred mortgages on the currently debt-free vessels Star Kappa and Star Ypsilon and will pledge an account containing \$9.0 million as further security for this facility.

With respect to the \$35.0 million facility, the lender will waive the security cover requirement through February 28, 2010, and the minimum asset coverage ratio for the year 2010 will be reduced to 110% from 125%. The Company will pledge an account containing \$5.0 million as further security for this facility.

Under the terms of the above referenced agreements, the Company's dividends and share repurchases are being suspended and the interest spread for each of the above loans will be adjusted to 2% per annum for the duration of the respective waiver period.

The above agreements require final approval by the credit committees of the respective lenders.

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## **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.

Star Bulk Carriers Corp.

Dated: February 12, 2009 By: /s/ Prokopios Tsirigakis

Name: Prokopios Tsirigakis

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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