

**DRYSHIPS INC.
109 KIFISSIAS AVENUE AND SINA STREET
GR-151 24 MAROUSI
ATHENS, GREECE**

VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy materials electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS
DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

DRYSHIPS INC.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. To elect one Class A Director to serve until the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal One");

For Withhold

Nominee:

- 1a. George Economou

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

For Against Abstain

2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 ("Proposal Two");
3. To approve one or more amendments to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to effect one or more reverse stock splits of the Company's issued common shares at a ratio of not less than one-for-two and not more than one-for-1000, inclusive, and to authorize the Company's Board of Directors to implement one or more reverse stock splits by filing one or more amendments with the Registrar of Corporations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands ("Proposal Three"); and

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting.

Yes No

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]

Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual General Meeting:
The Notice and Proxy Statement is available at www.proxyvote.com.

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DRYSHIPS INC.
Annual General Meeting of Shareholders
May 2, 2017 4:00 p.m., local time
This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors

The shareholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Dimitris Dreliozis, as proxy, with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorize(s) him to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of DRYSHIPS INC. stock that the shareholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 4:00 p.m., local time on May 2, 2017, at the Company's offices located at 109 Kifissias Avenue and Sina Street, GR-151 24 Marousi, Athens, Greece, and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

Address Changes/Comments: _____

(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

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