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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

Date of Report: October 20, 2006 Commission File Number 1-32591

SEASPAN CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Unit 2, 7th Floor, Bupa Centre 141 Connaught Road West Hong Kong China (Address of principal executive offices)

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Item 1 - Information Contained in this Form 6-K Report

Attached as Exhibit I is a copy of an announcement of Seaspan Corporation dated October 20, 2006.

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.

SEASPAN CORPORATION

Date: October 20, 2006

By: /s/ Kevin M. Kennedy

Kevin M. Kennedy Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit I

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEASPAN CORPORATION ANNOUNCES DELIVERY OF NEW VESSEL

Rio Grande Express Delivered on October 20, 2006

Hong Kong, China, October 20, 2006 - Seaspan Corporation ("Seaspan") (NYSE: SSW) today announced the delivery of its 18th contracted vessel, the Rio Grande Express. The 4250 TEU vessel, which was built by Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd., was delivered approximately three weeks ahead of its contractual delivery date.

The Rio Grande Express is the sixth of nine Seaspan vessels to be chartered to Hapag-Lloyd USA.

"We are very pleased to add the Rio Grande Express to our operating fleet," said Gerry Wang, Chief Executive Officer of Seaspan. "Its early delivery gives us 18 vessels in operation and will have a positive impact on our financial performance."

About Seaspan

Seaspan owns containerships and charters them pursuant to long-term fixed-rate charters. Seaspan's fleet of 41 containerships consists of 18 existing containerships and 23 to be delivered over approximately the next three years.

Seaspan's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SSW."

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release contains certain forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) concerning future events and our operations, performance and financial condition, including, in particular, the likelihood of our success in developing and expanding our business. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "projects," "forecasts," "will," "may," "potential," "should expressions are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect management's current views only as of the date of this presentation and are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. As a result, you are cautioned not to rely on any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this release. Although these statements are based upon assumptions we believe to be reasonable based upon available information, including operating margins, earnings, cash flow, working capital and capital expenditures, they are subject to risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: future operating or financial results; our expectations relating to dividend payments and forecasts of our ability to make such payments; pending acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending; operating expenses, availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking requirements and insurance costs; general market conditions and shipping market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand; our financial condition and liquidity, including our ability to obtain additional financing in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate activities; estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve our capital base; our expectations about the availability of ships to purchase, the time that it may take to construct new ships, or the useful lives of our ships; our continued ability to enter into long-term, fixed-rate time charters with our customers; our ability to leverage to our advantage our Manager's relationships and reputation in the containership industry; changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities; changes in worldwide container demand; changes in trading patterns; competitive factors in the markets in which we operate; potential inability to implement our growth strategy; potential for early termination of long-term contracts and our potential inability to renew or replace long-term contracts; ability of our customers to make charter payments; potential liability from future litigation; conditions in the public equity markets; and other factors detailed from time to time in our periodic reports. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether because of future events, new information, a change in our views or expectations, or otherwise. We make no prediction or statement about the performance of our common and subordinated shares.

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