

Costamare Inc.
Form 6-K
April 19, 2012

**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**

For the month of April 2012

Commission File Number: 001-34934

COSTAMARE INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

60 Zephyrou Street & Syngrou Avenue 17564, Athens, Greece

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 99.1 Press Release Dated April 19, 2012: Costamare Inc. Declares Quarterly Dividend of \$0.27 per Share.

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.

Date: April 19, 2012

COSTAMARE INC.

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| By: | /s/ Gregory G. Zikos |
| Name: | Gregory G. Zikos |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

Costamare Inc. Declares Quarterly Dividend of \$0.27 per Share

ATHENS, GREECE April 19, 2012 Costamare Inc. (the Company) (NYSE: CMRE) has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Dividend Declaration

The Company today declared a cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.27 per common share, payable on May 9, 2012 to stockholders of record at the close of trading of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on April 30, 2012. The Company has 67,800,000 shares of common stock outstanding as of today.

The declaration of a dividend is subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company, and accordingly will depend on, among other things, the Company's earnings, financial condition and cash requirements and availability, the Company's ability to obtain debt and equity financing on acceptable terms as contemplated by the Company's growth strategy, the restrictive covenants in the Company's existing and future debt instruments and global economic conditions.

Management Commentary

Gregory Zikos, Chief Financial Officer of the Company said: "In line with our dividend policy, the Company's Board of Directors declared our sixth consecutive quarterly dividend since we commenced trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Our prudent balance sheet management, together with the cash flow from the operations of our existing fleet, provides us with the ability to pay what we consider to be a secure dividend without impacting our growth plans."

Our goal remains to continually increase our dividend payments over time, consistent with our dividend policy.

About Costamare Inc.

Costamare Inc. is one of the world's leading owners and providers of containerships for charter. Costamare Inc. has 37 years of history in the international shipping industry and a fleet of 56 containerships, including 10 newbuilds on order and one secondhand vessel to be delivered, with a total capacity of approximately 324,000 TEU. Costamare Inc.'s common shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CMRE.

Forward-Looking Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as believe , intend , anticipate , estimate , project , forecast , plan , potential could and expect and similar expressions. These statements are not historical facts but instead represent only Costamare s belief regarding future results, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of Costamare s control. It is possible that actual results may differ, possibly materially, from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements. For a discussion of some of the risks and important factors that could affect future results, see the discussion in Costamare Inc. s Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-34934) under the caption Risk Factors .

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