

EXCEL MARITIME CARRIERS LTD  
Form 6-K  
March 31, 2011

**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March 2011

**EXCEL MARITIME CARRIERS LTD.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Par La Ville Place

14 Par-La-Ville Road

Hamilton, HM JX Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**Form 20-F  Form 40-F**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby  
furnishing the information to the commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a press release dated March 31, 2011: Excel Maritime Announces Availability of 2010 Annual Report on Form 20-F.

**Exhibit 1**

**Excel Maritime Announces Availability of 2010 Annual Report on Form 20-F**

**ATHENS, GREECE March 31, 2011** Excel Maritime Carriers Ltd (NYSE: EXM), an owner and operator of dry bulk carriers and an international provider of worldwide seaborne transportation services for dry bulk cargoes, announced today that its Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The 2010 Annual Report on Form 20-F may also be accessed through the Excel Maritime Carriers website [www.excelmaritime.com](http://www.excelmaritime.com) at the Investor Relations section under Financial Reports.

Alternatively, shareholders may also request a hard copy of the Form 20-F, free of charge, by contacting Capital Link, Investor Relations advisors for Excel Maritime Carriers, using the contact details provided below.

**About Excel Maritime Carriers Ltd.**

Excel is an owner and operator of dry bulk carriers and a provider of worldwide seaborne transportation services for dry bulk cargoes, such as iron ore, coal and grains, as well as bauxite, fertilizers and steel products. Excel owns a fleet of 41 vessels, among which one Capesize vessel is through a majority joint venture and, together with seven Panamax vessels under bareboat charters, operates a total of 48 vessels (7 Capesize, 14 Kamsarmax, 21 Panamax, 2 Supramax and 4 Handymax vessels) with a total carrying capacity of about 4.2 million DWT. Excel's Class A common shares have been listed since September 15, 2005 on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol EXM and, prior to that date, were listed on the American Stock Exchange (AMEX) since 1998. For more information about Excel, please go to our corporate website [www.excelmaritime.com](http://www.excelmaritime.com).

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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.

**EXCEL MARITIME CARRIERS LTD.**  
(registrant)

Dated: March 31, 2011

By:

/s/ Pavlos Kanellopoulos

Pavlos Kanellopoulos

Chief Financial Officer