

Costamare Inc.
Form 6-K
August 31, 2017

**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 August 2017

Commission File Number: 001-34934

COSTAMARE INC.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

7 Rue du Gabian, MC 98000 Monaco
(Address of principal executive office)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 99.1 Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
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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.

Date: August 31, 2017

COSTAMARE INC.

~~By~~/ Gregory G. Zikos

~~Name~~ Gregory G. Zikos

~~Title~~ Chief Financial

Officer