

TOP SHIPS INC.  
Form 6-K  
January 03, 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 January 2012..**

Commission File Number: **000-50859**

**TOP SHIPS INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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ALEXANDROU STREET  
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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.  
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**INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT**

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1 is the press release of TOP Ships Inc. (the "Company") dated January 3, 2012 entitled "TOP Ships Inc. Announces Expiration of Bareboat Charter".

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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.

**TOP SHIPS INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: January 3, 2012

**/s/ EVANGELOS J. PISTIOLIS**

Evangelos J. Pistiolis  
*Chief Executive Officer*