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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 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2017

Commission File Number 001-37889

TOP SHIPS INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

1 VAS. SOFIAS & MEG. ALEXANDROU STREET 151 24, MAROUSSI

ATHENS, GREECE

(Address of principal executive offices)

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 [X] Form 40-F []

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

On May 15, 2017, Top Ships Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Note Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Xanthe Holdings Ltd. ("Xanthe"), pursuant to which the Company will issue an unsecured promissory note in the original principal amount of \$5,000,000 (the "Promissory Note") to Xanthe. The Company will use the proceeds from the Promissory Note for general corporate purposes.

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1.1 is a copy of the Purchase Agreement.

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1.2 is the Promissory Note.

The information contained in this report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-215577) that was filed with the SEC and became effective on February 1, 2017.

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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)

Dated: May 15, 2017 By: /s/ Evangelos Pistiolis

Evangelos Pistiolis Chief Executive

Officer