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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2008

STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**EXHIBIT 1**

## **STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN POLICY OF ACCOUNTING FOR VESSEL DRYDOCKING COSTS**

**ATHENS, Greece, May 13, 2008** Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (the Company) (Nasdaq: SBLK) announced today that starting with its fiscal first quarter ended March 31, 2008, it has elected to change its policy for accounting for vessel drydocking costs from the deferral method, under which the Company deferred and amortized its drydocking costs over the estimated period of benefit between drydockings, to the direct expense method, under which the Company expenses all drydocking costs as incurred.

There have been no drydocking costs that the Company has incurred prior to the first quarter of 2008, therefore, there will be no impact on the Company's prior financial statements as a result of the adoption of this change in policy. The Company believes that the new direct expensing method eliminates the significant amount of subjectivity that is needed to determine which costs and activities related to drydocking should be deferred. The first effect of this change in accounting policy, will appear in the Company's results for the quarter ended March 31, 2008. This change in accounting policy will not impact the Company's dividend distributions per share, given that the Company has a fixed dividend policy.

### **About Star Bulk**

Star Bulk is a global shipping company providing worldwide seaborne transportation solutions in the dry bulk sector. Star Bulk's vessels transport major bulks, which include iron ore, coal and grain and minor bulks such as bauxite, fertilizers and steel products. Star Bulk was incorporated in the Marshall Islands on December 13, 2006 and is headquartered in Athens, Greece. Its common stock and warrants trade on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbols "SBLK" and "SBLKW" respectively. Currently, Star Bulk has an operating fleet of eleven dry bulk carriers, plus definitive agreement to sell its Panamax dry bulk carrier. The total fleet consists of three Capesize, one Panamax and seven Supramax dry bulk vessels with an average age of approximately 10 years and a combined cargo carrying capacity of 981,648 deadweight tons.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

The information in this press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding: (1) the delivery and operation of assets of Star Bulk; (2) Star Bulk's future operating or financial results; (3) future, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy, areas of possible expansion, and expected capital spending or

operating expenses; (4) drybulk market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting vessel supply and demand; and (5) other statements identified by words such as "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "will," "should," "may," or words of similar meaning.

Such forward looking statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, Star Bulk's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in their records and other data available from third parties. Although Star Bulk believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond their control, Star Bulk cannot assure you that Star Bulk will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the failure of a seller to deliver one or more vessels, the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in Star Bulk's operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists. Additional factors that could cause Star Bulk's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Star Bulk's Registration Statement on Form F-1/F-4 and reports on Form 6-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and available at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof, and Star Bulk disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this communication.

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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.

**STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP.**

(Registrant)

Dated May 13, 2008

By:

/s/ PROKOPIOS TSIRIGAKIS

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Title: Chief Executive Officer and President