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**DIANA CONTAINERSHIPS INC. REPORTS FINANCIAL RESULTS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2012**

**DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND OF \$0.25 PER SHARE
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER**

ATHENS, GREECE, May 2, 2012 – Diana Containerships Inc. (NASDAQ: DCIX), a global shipping company specializing in owning and operating containerships, today reported net income of \$1.9 million for the first quarter of 2012, compared to a net income of \$0.3 million for the same period of 2011.

Time charter revenues were \$12.4 million for the first quarter of 2012, compared to \$3.2 million for the same period of 2011, mainly due to the increase in the number of vessels in the fleet following the delivery of the Maersk Merlion, Maersk Malacca and Maersk Madrid in June 2011 and the delivery of the Cap San Marco, Cap San Raphael, APL Sardonyx and APL Spinel in February and March 2012.

Dividend Declaration

The Company has declared a cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.25 per share. The cash dividend will be payable on May 31, 2012 to all shareholders of record as at May 17, 2012. The Company has 23,076,161 shares of common stock outstanding.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer's Comments

"The dividend we have just announced represents a substantial increase over the prior level, as the continued growth of our fleet has expanded the Company's earnings and dividend capacity. However, the current dividend rate does not reflect our full potential yield for the future, since four of our vessels joined the fleet during the 2012 first quarter, three in February and one in March, and therefore did not contribute to revenues and earnings for the full quarter. As we receive the full benefit of the revenue and earnings generated by our additional vessels in subsequent quarters of this year, we would expect our dividend potential to increase. We will continue to deliver on our strategy to build a fleet of quality container vessels with very lucrative time charters and a stable revenue stream," said Symeon Palios, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Diana Containerships Inc.

Fleet Employment Profile (As of April 26, 2012)

Vessel	Sister Ships*	Gross Rate (USD Per Day)	Com**	Charterer	Delivery Date to Charterer	Redelivery Date to Owners***	Notes
BUILT TEU							
Container Vessels							
SAGITTA 2010 3,426	A	\$22,000	2.25%	A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S	15-May-11	15-Mar-13 - 15-Jun-13	1
CENTAURUS 2010 3,426	A	\$20,000	2.25%	CSAV Valparaiso	4-Sep-10	21-Jul-12 - 19-Oct-12	
MAERSK MALACCA 1990 4,714	B	\$21,450	2.25%	A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S	24-Jun-11	10-May-13 - 8-Aug-13	2
MAERSK MERLION 1990 4,714	B	\$21,450	2.25%	A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S	19-Jun-11	5-May-13 - 3-Aug-13	2
MAERSK MADRID 1989 4,206		\$21,450	2.25%	A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S	15-Jun-11	1-May-13 - 30-Jul-13	2
CAP SAN MARCO 2001 3,739	C	\$22,750 \$22,850 \$23,250	1.00% 1.00% 1.00%	Reederei Santa Containerschiffe GmbH & Co. KG	6-Feb-12 6-Feb-13 6-Feb-14	6-Feb-13 6-Feb-14 23-Dec-14 - 23-Mar-15	
CAP SAN RAPHAEL 2002 3,739	C	\$22,750 \$22,850 \$23,250	1.00% 1.00% 1.00%	Reederei Santa Containerschiffe GmbH & Co. KG	6-Feb-12 6-Feb-13 6-Feb-14	6-Feb-13 6-Feb-14 23-Dec-14 - 23-Mar-15	
APL SARDONYX 1995 4,729	D	\$24,750	2.00%	APL (Bermuda) Ltd.	17-Feb-12	3-Jan-14 - 3-Apr-14	3
APL SPINEL 1996 4,729	D	\$24,750	2.00%	APL (Bermuda) Ltd.	1-Mar-12	15-Jan-14 - 15-Apr-14	3

* Each container vessel is a "sister ship," or closely similar, to other container vessels that have the same letter.

** Total commission as a percentage of charterhire paid to third parties and Diana Shipping Services S.A.

*** Charterers' optional period to redeliver the vessel to owners. Charterers have the right to add the off hire days, if any, and therefore the optional period may be extended.

1 The charterer has the option to employ the vessel for a further 11-13 month period. The optional period, if exercised, must be declared on or before December 15, 2012 and can only commence on May 1, 2013 at a gross daily rate of \$30,000.

2 The charterer has the option to employ the vessel for a further 12 month period, plus or minus 45 days at a gross daily rate of \$25,000. The optional period, if exercised, must be declared on or before the end of the 20th month of employment and will only commence at the end of the 24th month.

3 The charterer has the option to employ the vessel for a further 12 month period plus or minus 45 days, at a daily rate of \$24,750 starting 24 months after delivery of the vessel to the charterer. After that period the charterer has the option to employ the vessel for a further 12 month period plus or minus 45 days, at a daily rate of \$28,000 starting 36 months after delivery of the vessel to the charterer. Options must be declared by the charterer not later than 20 months for the first option and 32 months for the second option after the delivery date to the charterer.

Summary of Selected Financial & Other Data

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
INCOME STATEMENT DATA (in thousands of U.S. Dollars):		
Time charter revenues	\$ 12,448	\$ 3,240
Voyage expenses	284	116
Vessel operating expenses	5,701	954
Net income / (loss)	1,868	257
FLEET DATA		
Average number of vessels	7.0	2.0
Number of vessels	9.0	2.0
Weighted average age of fleet (in years)	14.6	0.8
Ownership days	638	180
Available days	638	180
Operating days	638	180
Fleet utilization	100.0%	100.0%
AVERAGE DAILY RESULTS		
Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate (1)	\$ 19,066	\$ 17,355
Daily vessel operating expenses (2)	\$ 8,936	\$ 5,301

(1) Time charter equivalent rates, or TCE rates, are defined as our time charter revenues less voyage expenses during a period divided by the number of our available days during the period, which is consistent with industry standards. Voyage expenses include port charges, bunker (fuel) expenses, canal charges and commissions. TCE is a non-GAAP measure. TCE rate is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare daily earnings generated by vessels on time charters with daily earnings generated by vessels on voyage charters, because charter hire rates for vessels on voyage charters are generally not expressed in per day amounts while charter hire rates for vessels on time charters are generally expressed in such amounts.

(2) Daily vessel operating expenses, which include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance, the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses, are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by ownership days for the relevant period.

Conference Call and Webcast Information

Diana Containerships Inc. will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 8:30 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, May 2, 2012.

Investors may access the webcast by visiting the Company's website at www.dcontainerships.com, and clicking on the webcast link. The conference call also may be accessed by telephone by dialing 1-877-407-8029 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-201-689-8029 (for international callers), and asking the operator for the Diana Containerships Inc. conference call.

A replay of the webcast will be available soon after the completion of the call and will be accessible for 30 days on www.dcontainerships.com. A telephone replay also will be available for 30 days by dialing 1-877-660-6853 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-201-612-7415 (for international callers), and providing the Account number 391 and Replay ID number 391509.

About the Company

Diana Containerships Inc. is a Marshall Islands corporation founded in 2010 to own and operate containerships and pursue containership acquisition opportunities. Diana Containerships Inc. intends to continue to capitalize on investment opportunities by purchasing additional containerships in the secondhand market, from other companies, shipyards and lending institutions, and may also enter into newbuilding contracts with shipyards for new containerships.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts.

The Company desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with this safe harbor legislation. The words "believe," "anticipate," "intends," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "plan," "potential," "may," "should," "expect," "pending" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, our management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe 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 our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors, other important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, changes in demand for containership capacity, changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, the market for our vessels, availability of financing and refinancing, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, vessels breakdowns and instances of off-hires and other factors. Please see our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties.

(See financial tables attached)

DIANA CONTAINERSHIPS INC.

FINANCIAL TABLES

Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars, except for share and per share data

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
REVENUES:		
Time charter revenues	\$ 12,448	\$ 3,240
EXPENSES:		
Voyage expenses	284	116
Vessel operating expenses	5,701	954
Depreciation	2,689	724
Management fees	315	90
General and administrative expenses	939	851
Foreign currency losses / (gains)	(33)	6
Operating income	<u>2,553</u>	<u>499</u>
OTHER INCOME / (EXPENSES):		
Interest and finance costs	(711)	(264)
Interest Income	26	22
Total other expenses, net	<u>(685)</u>	<u>(242)</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 1,868</u>	<u>\$ 257</u>
Earnings per common share, basic and diluted	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
Weighted average number of common shares, basic	<u>22,929,499</u>	<u>6,106,161</u>
Weighted average number of common shares, diluted	<u>22,934,228</u>	<u>6,106,161</u>

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Net income	\$ 1,868	\$ 257
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,868</u>	<u>\$ 257</u>

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	<u>March 31, 2012</u>	<u>December 31, 2011</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,668	\$ 41,354
Other current assets	3,336	2,205
Advances for vessel acquisitions and other vessel costs	-	6,634
Vessels' net book value	253,080	158,827
Other non-current assets	37,199	991
Total assets	\$ <u>302,283</u>	\$ <u>210,011</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities, including current portion of long-term debt	\$ 4,999	\$ 3,114
Long-term debt, net of current portion and of unamortized deferred financing costs	91,757	-
Other non-current liabilities	364	364
Total stockholders' equity	205,163	206,533
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ <u>302,283</u>	\$ <u>210,011</u>

OTHER FINANCIAL DATA

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	\$ 7,153	\$ 1,831
Net Cash used in Investing Activities	(119,808)	-
Net Cash provided by Financing Activities	79,969	18,883