



## STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP. ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

**ATHENS, GREECE, October 10, 2019** – Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (the “Company” or “Star Bulk”) (Nasdaq: SBLK, Oslo: SBLK), a global shipping company focusing on the transportation of dry bulk cargoes, today announced the publication of its first Annual Sustainability Report (“Report”), for the year 2018, developed in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative Standards (Core Option).

The Report has been published on the Company’s website under the following link:

<https://www.starbulk.com/gr/en/events-presentations/>

The scope of the Report covers all aspects of the Company’s sustainable operations including corporate governance, operational excellence, and the ways in which it measures and manages its impact on the environment, its people and society. The Report describes the Company’s strategy and priorities, provides extensive information about the Company’s activities towards sustainable development, and communicates the actions taken for accomplishing the Company’s goals. Highlighting and reporting on the material issues as these have been identified by the Company’s stakeholders including employees, investors, customers, banks and suppliers, the Report demonstrates the Company’s commitment to becoming the global leader in sustainable dry bulk shipping.

Commenting on the publication of the Report, Mr. Petros Pappas, Star Bulk CEO, emphasized: “Monitoring, reporting and strengthening our Environmental, Social and Governance activities, is at the top of our strategic agenda. With this Report we aim to enhance the transparency of our Sustainability performance, contribute to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and present our action plan for continuous improvement.”

### **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, which include bauxite, fertilizers and steel products. Star Bulk was incorporated in the Marshall Islands on December 13, 2006 and maintains executive offices in Athens, Oslo, New York, Limassol and Geneva. Its common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and on the Oslo Stock Exchange under the symbol “SBLK”. On a fully delivered basis, Star Bulk will have a fleet of 118 vessels, with an aggregate capacity of 13.0 million dwt, consisting of 17 Newcastlemax, 19 Capesize, 2 Mini Capesize, 7 Post Panamax, 35 Kamsarmax, 2 Panamax, 17 Ultramax and 19 Supramax vessels with carrying capacities between 52,055 dwt and 209,537 dwt. Where we refer to information on a “fully delivered basis”, we are referring to such information after giving effect to the delivery of the remaining three Delphin Vessels and the sale of 2 vessels discussed elsewhere herein.

### **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, examination by the Company’s management of historical operating trends, data contained in its records and other data available from third parties. Although the Company 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 the Company’s control, the Company cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors, other important factors that, in the Company’s view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include general dry bulk shipping market conditions, including fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values; the strength of world economies; the stability of Europe and the Euro; fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates; changes in demand in the dry bulk shipping industry, including the market for our vessels; changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry docking and insurance costs; 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; the availability of financing and refinancing; our ability to meet requirements for additional capital and financing to complete our newbuilding program and grow our business; the impact of the level of our indebtedness and the restrictions in our debt agreements; vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hire; risks associated with vessel construction; potential exposure or loss from investment in derivative instruments; potential conflicts of interest involving our Chief Executive Officer, his family and other members of our senior management and our ability to complete acquisition transactions as planned. Please see our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties. The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof, and the Company 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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