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Date:	November 21, 2022
Subject:	Diana Shipping Inc. – Distribution Option Symbol: DSX New Symbol: DSX2 Date: 11/25/2022
Contract Adjustment	
Effective Date:	November 25, 2022
Option Symbol:	DSX changes to DSX2
Strike Prices:	No Change
Number of Contracts:	No Change
Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150; a strike of 25 yields \$2,500.00)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	<ol> <li>1) 100 Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX) Common Shares</li> <li>2) 100 x the number of OceanPal Inc. (OP) Common Shares automatically distributed per DSX share to DSX shareholders in lieu of the 7.0% Series D Convertible Preferred Shares of OP</li> <li>3) Cash in lieu of fractional OP shares, if any</li> </ol>
	Note: Once determined, the cash in lieu of fractional share portion of the option deliverable will remain fixed and will not vary with price changes of any security.
Settlement Allocation:	DSX: 95% OP: 5%
CUSIPs:	DSX: Y2066G104 OP: Y6430L103

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CLEARING CORPORATION (NSCC), AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, TRANSACTION OR CUSTOMER ACCOUNT STATEMENTS.

## **Delayed Settlement**

The DSX component of the DSX2 deliverable will settle through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC). OCC will delay settlement of the OP and cash components, if any, until the final distribution rate has been determined. Upon determination of the final distribution rate, OCC will require Put exercisers and Call assignees to deliver the appropriate number of shares and cash, if any.

## **Background**

Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX) has announced a distribution of 7.0% Series D Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Shares of OceanPal Inc. ("Preferred Shares") to DSX shareholders. The distribution rate is to be determined. Because there is not currently a market for the Preferred Shares nor is there the expectation that one will develop, the Series D Preferred Shares will automatically be converted into OceanPal Inc. Common Shares on or about the payable date, and then distributed to DSX shareholders. The default of this distribution will, therefore, be the OP Common Shares, though DSX shareholders may elect to opt out of the conversion to OP Common Shares.

The distribution and conversion rates have yet to be determined. The record date is November 28, 2022; the payable date is December 15, 2022. The NYSE has set November 25, 2022, as the ex-distribution date for this distribution.

## **Exercise Considerations**

DSX2 options will not call for delivery of the 7.0% Series D Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Shares. Call option holders who wish to receive the Preferred Shares in the distribution should exercise their options in sufficient time in advance of the contract adjustment to observe the election procedures. In all cases, it is the sole responsibility of persons holding call options seeking to receive the underlying securities to determine when to exercise their options.

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