

Global Ship Lease Files Annual Report on Form 20-F with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

LONDON, April 16, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL), a containership charter owner, today announced that on April 13, 2012 it filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Annual Report on Form 20-F that includes audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. An electronic version of the Annual Report is available online in the investor relations section of Global Ship Lease's website at www.globalshiplease.com or at www.sec.gov.

Investors may obtain a printed copy of Global Ship Lease's Annual Report free of charge by contacting the company either by phone, email or in writing at the address below:

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About Global Ship Lease

Global Ship Lease is a containership charter owner. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under long-term, fixed rate charters to top tier container liner companies.

Global Ship Lease owns 17 vessels with a total capacity of 66,349 TEU with an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, at March 31, 2012 of 8.1 years. All of the current vessels are fixed on long-term charters to CMA CGM with an average remaining term at March 31, 2012 of 6.8 years, or 8.1 years on a weighted basis.

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