

INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING CORP  
Form 8-A12B  
February 20, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-2989662**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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11 North Water Street, Suite 18290

Mobile, Alabama  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(251) 243-9100

36602  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

**Title of each class  
to be so registered**

**Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered**

9.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-169899

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered**

This Registration Statement relates to the registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of shares of the 9.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (liquidation preference \$100.00 per share) (the Series A Preferred Shares), of International Shipholding Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Registrant). The description of the Series A Preferred Shares to be registered hereunder is set forth under the caption Description of the Preferred Shares in the Registrant's prospectus supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on February 15, 2013 and under the caption Description of Capital Stock in the Registrant's base prospectus, which forms a part of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-169899) and was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 27, 2010. Such description, as so supplemented, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

The exhibits to this Registration Statement on Form 8-A are listed in the Exhibit Index, which appears at the end of this Registration Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING CORPORATION

/s/ Manuel G. Estrada  
Manuel G. Estrada

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 20, 2013

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended through May 19, 2010 (filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q dated July 28, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	By-Laws of the Registrant as amended through October 28, 2009 (filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 2, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.3*	Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of 9.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock.
4.2*	Specimen of 9.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock Certificate.

\* Filed herewith.