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TOP SHIPS ANNOUNCES DELIVERY OF ITS FIFTH NEWBUILDING VESSEL

ATHENS, GREECE (May 22, 2009) ... TOP Ships Inc. (NasdaqGS:TOPS) announced today that it has taken delivery of the M/T “BRITTO” from SPP Plant & Shipbuilding Co., Ltd of the Republic of Korea.

The “BRITTO” is the fifth of six 50,000dwt product / chemical tankers to be delivered within 2009. The “BRITTO” has entered into a bareboat time-charter employment for a period of 10 years at a daily rate of \$14,550.

About TOP Ships Inc.

TOP Ships Inc., formerly known as TOP Tankers Inc., is an international provider of worldwide seaborne crude oil and petroleum products and drybulk transportation services. The Company operates a combined tanker and drybulk fleet as follows:

- A fleet of twelve double-hull handymax tankers, with a total carrying capacity of approximately 0.6 million dwt, of which 76% are sister ships. Seven of the Company's handymaxes are on time charter contracts with an average term of eleven months with all of the time charters including profit sharing agreements above their base rates. Five of the Company's handymax tankers are fixed on a bareboat charter basis with an average term of eight and a half years.
- One newbuilding product tanker, which is expected to be delivered in 2009. The expected newbuilding has fixed rate bareboat employment agreement for a period of ten years.
- A fleet of five drybulk vessels with a total carrying capacity of approximately 0.3 million dwt, of which 47% are sister ships. All of the Company's drybulk vessels have fixed rate employment contracts for an average period of 23 months.

Forward Looking Statement

Certain statements and information included in this release constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Federal Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. 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 reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and may 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,” “will,” “may,” “should,” “expect,” “pending” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

Important factors that, in our view, could affect the matters discussed in these forward-looking statements include, general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, changes in the demand for our vessels, offers that may be received from third parties, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, 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.

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