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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2015

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NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS LTD
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the press release issued by Navigator Holdings Ltd. (the Company) on May 5, 2015: Navigator Holdings Ltd. Preliminary First Quarter 2015 Results.

NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS LTD. PRELIMINARY FIRST QUARTER 2015 RESULTS

Highlights

Navigator Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: NVGS) reports net income of \$22.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, up 30.5% compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014.

EBITDA¹ increased 25% to \$44.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 from \$36.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Earnings per share increased to \$0.40 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, after a write off of deferred financing costs equating to \$0.03 per share, compared to earnings per share of \$0.31 for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Completed the delivery of another newbuilding vessel, *Navigator Triton*, on January 9, 2015, taking our total fleet to 27 vessels on the water at March 31, 2015. We added a 28th vessel, a semi-refrigerated ethylene carrier, *Navigator Umbrio*, on April 27, 2015.

A current 10 semi-refrigerated gas carriers newbuildings on order, for delivery between June 2015 and March 2017.

First Quarter 2015 Financial Results Overview

Operating revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$74.2 million, an increase of \$4.4 million, or 6.3%, when compared to operating revenue of \$69.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. This increase was due to an increase in the weighted average number of vessels in our fleet, improvements in the average monthly charter rates and an increase in vessel utilization, offset by a decrease as a result of the fall in bunker prices.

During the first quarter of 2015, the average time charter equivalent rate across the entire fleet, including our fully-refrigerated vessels, was approximately \$887,560 per calendar month (\$29,180 per day), compared to \$871,385 per calendar month (\$28,648 per day) for the comparable period in 2014.

Fleet utilization across the 27 vessels operating during the three months ended March 31, 2015 increased slightly to 97.0% for the first quarter of 2015, from 96.9% of the first quarter of 2014.

Costs were in line with expectations with any increases primarily as a result of the increase in the number of vessels we operated.

The write off of deferred financing costs of \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 related to finance costs associated with one of our previous secured term loan facilities, which was refinanced during the three months ended March 31, 2015, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Net operating revenue, which is operating revenue less voyage expenses, amounted to \$67.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, up from \$59.9 million for the same period in 2014. Of this increase, \$6.1 million resulted from the additional vessels in the fleet, \$1.2 million from an increase in charter rates and \$0.1 million from a slight increase in vessel utilization.

Net income rose 30.5% to \$22.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, from \$16.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Earnings per share was \$0.40 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$0.31 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

EBITDA for the first quarter of 2015 was \$44.7 million, compared to \$36.0 million for the first quarter of 2014.

- 1 EBITDA represents net income before net interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to consolidated net income or cash generated from operations, as determined by U.S. GAAP, and our calculation of EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. EBITDA is not a recognized measurement under U.S. GAAP. Please see Appendix A for a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

Conference Call Details:

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. ET, the Company's management team will host a conference call to discuss the financial results.

Participants should dial into the call 10 minutes before the scheduled time using the following numbers: 1 866 819 7111 (US Toll Free Dial In), 0800 953 0329 (UK Toll Free Dial In) or +44 (0)1452 542 301 (Standard International Dial In). Please quote Navigator to the operator.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available until Wednesday, May 13, 2015 by dialing 1 866 247 4222 (US Toll Free Dial In), 0800 953 1533 (UK Toll Free Dial In) or +44 (0)1452 550 000 (Standard International Dial In). Access Code: 11870348#

Audio Webcast:

There will also be a live, and then archived, webcast of the conference call, available through the Company's website (www.navigatorgas.com). Participants to the live webcast should register on the website approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the webcast.

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Navigator Holdings Ltd.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)

	(in thousands)	
	December 31, 2014	March 31, 2015
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,526	\$ 50,514
Accounts receivable, net	7,195	7,271
Accrued income	3,642	10,660
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,323	12,279
Inventories	4,811	5,768
Total current assets	84,497	86,492
Non-current assets		
Long-term accounts receivable	198	198
Vessels in operation, net	1,145,066	1,182,598
Vessels under construction	131,345	130,051
Property, plant and equipment, net	284	258
Deferred finance costs, net	9,066	8,864
Total assets	\$ 1,370,456	\$ 1,408,461
Liabilities and stockholders equity		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 58,350	\$ 60,850
Accounts payable	6,448	6,634
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,312	6,547
Accrued interest	3,012	6,040
Deferred income	7,095	3,735
Total current liabilities	80,217	83,806
Non-current liabilities		
Secured term loan facilities, net of current portion	359,509	371,797
Senior unsecured bond	125,000	125,000
Total non-current liabilities	484,509	496,797
Commitments and contingencies		

Stockholders equity

Common stock \$.01 par value; 400,000,000 shares authorized; 55,363,467 shares issued and outstanding, (2014: 55,346,613 shares)	553	554
Additional paid-in capital	584,808	585,155
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(254)	(503)
Retained earnings	220,623	242,652
Total stockholders equity	805,730	827,858
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 1,370,456	\$ 1,408,461

Navigator Holdings Ltd.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31 (in thousands, except share data)	
	2014	2015
Revenues		
Operating revenue	\$ 69,826	\$ 74,197
Expenses		
Address and brokerage commissions	1,485	1,630
Voyage expenses	9,886	6,871
Charter-in costs	2,100	
Vessel operating expenses	17,261	17,971
Depreciation and amortization	11,049	12,800
General and administrative costs	2,725	2,654
Other corporate expenses	459	363
Total operating expenses	44,965	42,289
Operating income	24,861	31,908
Other income / (expense)		
Interest expense	(7,850)	(7,852)
Write off of deferred financing costs		(1,797)
Interest income	92	4
Income before income taxes	17,103	22,263
Income taxes	(221)	(234)
Net income	\$ 16,882	\$ 22,029
Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.40
Diluted	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.40
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:		
Basic	55,326,765	55,349,422
Diluted	55,326,765	55,598,958

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31 (in thousands)	
	2014	2015
Net income	\$ 16,882	\$ 22,029
Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss):		
Foreign currency translation gain / (loss)	3	(249)
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 16,885	\$ 21,780

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity**(Unaudited)**

	(in thousands, except share data)				
	Common Stock at 0.01 par value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Total
January 1, 2014	\$ 553	\$ 584,031	\$ (88)	\$ 136,156	\$ 720,652
Issuance of common stock		(345)			(345)
Restricted shares issued					
April 14, 2014					
November 21, 2014					
December 1, 2014					
Net income				84,467	84,467
Foreign currency translation			(166)		(166)
Share-based compensation plan		1,122			1,122
December 31, 2014	\$ 553	\$ 584,808	\$ (254)	\$ 220,623	\$ 805,730
Restricted shares issued					
March 17, 2015	1				1
Net income				22,029	22,029
Foreign currency translation			(249)		(249)
Share-based compensation plan		347			347
March 31, 2015	\$ 554	\$ 585,155	\$ (503)	\$ 242,652	\$ 827,858

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31 (in thousands)	
	2014	2015
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 16,882	\$ 22,029
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	11,049	12,800
Payment of drydocking costs	(3)	56
Share-based compensation	150	347
Amortization of deferred financing costs	691	2,498
Unrealized foreign exchange	3	(236)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	1,641	(76)
Inventories	(1,044)	(957)
Prepaid expense and other current assets	4,023	(10,881)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(1,241)	1,092
Net cash provided by operating activities	32,151	26,672
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment to acquire vessels	(285)	(300)
Payment for vessels under construction	(22,346)	(51,110)
Purchase of other property, plant and equipment	(18)	(22)
Insurance recoveries		257
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,649)	(51,175)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from secured term loan facilities		30,000
Direct financing costs of secured term loan facilities		(2,296)
Repayment of secured term loan facilities	(15,188)	(15,213)
Issuance costs of stock	(330)	
Net cash (used in) / provided by financing activities	(15,518)	12,491
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(6,016)	(12,012)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	194,740	62,526
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 188,724	\$ 50,514

Supplemental Information

Total interest paid during the year, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,122
Total tax paid during the year	\$ 77	\$ 73

Appendix A

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA for the periods presented:

	Three months ended March 31 (in thousands)	
	2014	2015
Net income	\$ 16,882	\$ 22,029
Net interest expense	7,758	9,645
Income taxes	221	234
Depreciation and amortization	11,049	12,800
EBITDA	\$ 35,910	\$ 44,708

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included in this press release concerning plans and objectives of management for future operations or economic performance, or assumptions related thereto, including our financial forecast, contain forward-looking statements. In addition, we and our representatives may from time to time make other oral or written statements that are also forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies, business prospects, changes and trends in our business and the markets in which we operate as described in this press release. In some cases, you can identify the forward-looking statements by the use of words such as may, could, should, would, expect, plan, anticipate, intend, forecast, believe, estimate, predict, propose, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

future operating or financial results;

pending acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending;

operating expenses, availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking requirements and insurance costs;

general market conditions and shipping market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand;

our financial condition and liquidity, including our ability to obtain additional financing in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions and other corporate activities;

estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve our capital base;

our expectations about the receipt of our 10 newbuildings and the timing of the receipt thereof;

our expectations about the availability of vessels to purchase, the time that it may take to construct new vessels, or the useful lives of our vessels;

our continued ability to enter into long-term, fixed-rate time charters with our customers;

changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;

potential liability from future litigation;

our expectations relating to the payment of dividends; and

other factors discussed in other periodic filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether because of future events, new information, a change in our views or expectations, or otherwise. We make no prediction or statement about the performance of our common stock.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: May 5, 2015

By: /s/ Niall Nolan

Name: Niall Nolan

Title: Chief Financial Officer