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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 2005

TOP TANKERS INC.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Yes No

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Set forth herein as Exhibit 1 is the earnings release of TOP Tankers Inc. for the quarter ending March 31, 2005.

Exhibit 1

TOP TANKERS REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2005 EPS OF \$0.69 NOT INCLUDING \$0.24 PER SHARE IN CASH COMPENSATION

Athens, Greece, April 25, 2005 --

TOP Tankers Inc. (NasdaqNM: TOPT) today announced operating results for the first quarter of 2005.

For the three months ended March 31, 2005, the Company reported net income of \$19,121,000, or \$0.69 per share, compared with net income of \$1,244,000, or

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\$0.21 per share, for the first quarter of 2004. Net income for the first quarter of 2005 does not include \$6.8 million in cash or \$0.24 per share that the Company received as compensation in the amount of \$29,000 per day per vessel from February 1, 2005 to the delivery date of five Suezmax tankers. The \$6.8 million in cash we received was treated as a reduction of the purchase price of the vessels on our books. If these fees had been recognized as income, the Company's reported net income for the first quarter of 2005 would have been \$25,873,000 or \$0.93 per share. The weighted average number of basic and diluted shares used in the computations was 27,830,990 and 6,000,000 for the first quarter of 2005 and 2004, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2005, operating income was \$20,975,000, compared with \$1,598,000 for the first quarter of 2004. EBITDA(1) for the first quarter of 2005 was \$29,719,000, compared with \$3,036,000 for previous year's first quarter. EBITDA for the first quarter of 2005 does not include \$6.8 million in cash that the Company received as compensation for the delayed delivery of five Suezmax tankers acquired with the proceeds of our follow-on offering in November 2004. If these fees had been recognized as income, EBITDA for the first quarter of 2005 would have been \$36,471,000. Voyage revenues for the first quarter of 2005 were \$47,291,000, compared to \$7,728,000 recorded in the first quarter of the previous year.

Evangelos J. Pistiolis, President and Chief Executive Officer of TOP Tankers Inc., commented, "During the first quarter of 2005, we experienced another historically high spot charter market, notwithstanding concerns that had been expressed by industry participants on the continued strength of the market. We took advantage of these strong market conditions to secure long term period employment for four Suezmax tankers and extended the existing period charters for four of our Handymax tankers to the second half of 2009. We continued the growth of our fleet by acquiring four modern double hull Handymax tankers and chartering them for five years at attractive base rates with profit-sharing. We also agreed to sell our remaining single-hull vessel, consistent with the commitment we made during our IPO to operate a 100% double-hull tanker fleet."

 1 EBITDA represents earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations, as determined by GAAP, and our calculation of EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. EBITDA is included in this press release because it is a basis upon which we assess our liquidity position and because we believe that it presents useful information to investors regarding our ability to service and/or incur indebtedness.

The following key indicators serve to highlight changes in the Company's financial performance during the first quarters ended March 31, 2004 and 2005:

(In U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated)	Total Fleet		
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	2005	% Change
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Total available ship days	473	1,423	200.8%
Total operating days	469	1,401	198.7%
Utilization	99.2%	98.5%	-0.7%
TCE(2) per ship per day under spot voyage charter	13,422	43,280	222.5%
TCE per ship per day under time charter	12,453	21,532	72.9%

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TCE (Fleet Average)	12,957	29,123	124.8%
Vessel operating expenses per ship per day	5,190	5,682	9.5%
General and administrative expenses per ship per day	1,402	2,093	49.3%
Net operating cash flow per ship per day	6,365	21,348	235.4%

2 Time charter equivalent, or TCE, is a measure of the average daily revenue performance of a vessel on a per voyage basis. Our method of calculating TCE is consistent with industry standards and is determined by dividing net voyage revenue by voyage days for the relevant time period. Net voyage revenues are voyage revenues minus voyage expenses. Voyage expenses primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage, which would otherwise be paid by the charterer under a time charter contract, as well as commissions.

Fleet Report

As of March 31, 2005, the Company's fleet size was 18 vessels, or 1.3 million dwt from 15 vessels, or 1.08 million dwt on December 31, 2004. During the first quarter of 2005, the Company took delivery of two double-hull product tankers and one double-hull Suezmax tanker. In addition, the Company agreed to sell its remaining single-hull vessel, the M/T Yapi. The vessel is expected to be delivered to its new owners on or about July 31, 2005. As of March 31, 2005, we operated a fleet of 18 tankers. The fleet consisted of 5 Suezmaxes, 12 Handymaxes and 1 Handysize vessel of approximately 1.3 million dwt.

Fleet Deployment

During the first quarter of 2005, the Company had approximately 65% of the fleet's net operating days on long-term employment contracts. The Company also announced on April 20, 2005, the signing of new employment agreements for four of its Suezmaxes and the extension of the existing employment contracts for four of its Handymaxes. Following these new contracts, all 14 Handymaxes and four out of nine Suezmaxes will be employed on time charter contracts. In total, 18 of the Company's 23 tankers will be on time charter contracts with an average term in excess of three years. All but one of these time charters include profit sharing agreements.

The Company has secured approximately 76% of the estimated working days for 2005 and 78% for 2006 under time charter contracts. At the same time, the five Suezmaxes operating in the spot market, together with the profit sharing component of the time charter contracts, expose approximately 57% of the Company's estimated working days for 2005 and 58% for 2006 to potentially higher spot rates.

Suezmax Fleet:

During the first quarter of 2005, the Company's Suezmax fleet operated in the spot market consisted of only two vessels, earning on average approximately \$49,432 per vessel per day on a time charter equivalent (TCE) basis.

On April 20, 2005 the Company announced that it has entered three of its Suezmax tankers into two-year time charter agreements with Glencore SA, one of the world's largest oil traders. Pursuant to these agreements, the M/T Stopless, M/T Timeless and M/T Flawless will earn base rates per day of \$28,000 during the term of the contracts. Should a vessel generate revenue in excess of its base rate over the duration of the contract, TOP Tankers will receive 100% of the

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first \$7,000 per day in excess of the base rate, up to \$35,000 per day, and 50% of the excess thereafter.

In addition, TOP Tankers has entered one Suezmax tanker into a five-year time charter contract with Hyundai Merchant Marine. The M/T Faultless will earn \$37,000 per day during the first two years of the time charter contract, \$36,000 per day for the third year and \$35,000 per day for the remaining two years through the expiration of the contract.

Handymax Fleet:

All of the Company's Handymax tankers operate under long-term employment agreements with Glencore and Vitol that provide for a base rate and additional profit-sharing.

Four of these contracts are with Glencore and have a base rate of \$14,500 per day. Should a vessel generate revenue in excess of its base rate over the duration of the contract, TOP Tankers receives 100% of the first \$500 per day in excess of the base rate and 50% of the excess thereafter. The Company extended these two-year time charter contracts by three years. The new three-year contracts will commence immediately upon the expiration of the current contracts. The base rates per day for the new three-year periods will be \$14,000. Should a vessel generate revenue in excess of the base rates over the duration of these contracts, TOP Tankers will receive 100% of the first \$500 per day in excess of the base rate and 50% of the excess thereafter.

The Company has also entered into five-year employment agreements with Glencore for all four of its double-hull Handymax tankers delivered during March and April 2005. Pursuant to these time charter agreements, the M/T Taintless, M/T Dauntless, M/T Soundless and M/T Topless will earn a base rate of \$17,000 per day during the first year of their respective contracts. Should a vessel generate revenue in excess of its base rate over the first year of the contract, TOP Tankers will receive 30% of the excess. From the second year through the expiration of these contracts, the base rates per day will be \$16,250. Should a vessel generate revenue in excess of its base rate per day during this period, TOP Tankers will receive 100% of the first \$1,000 in excess of its base rate and 50% of the excess thereafter.

Six Handymax vessels have been chartered to Vitol at a base rate of \$14,250 per day until December 31, 2005 and base rate of \$13,250 per day from January 1, 2006 until expiration of the contracts in February or March of 2007, as well as a profit sharing provision based on the actual rate that the charterer generates from the vessel. Under the profit sharing provision, the Company receives, on a quarterly basis, the first \$250 per day (until December 31, 2005) and the first \$1,250 per day (from January 1, 2006 until expiration of the contracts) that the charterer generates from the vessel in excess of the base rate and 50% of the excess thereafter above \$14,500 per day.

Including the profit-sharing allocated to the Company from these profit-sharing agreements, the Handymax fleet, earned on average approximately \$21,564 per vessel per day on a time charter equivalent (TCE) basis. During the first quarter of 2005, the Company's Handysize vessel M/T Yapi operated in the spot market, earning on average approximately \$10,278 per ship per day. The Company agreed to sell this vessel and expects delivery to its new owners on or about July 31, 2005.

- TABLE FOLLOWS -

The following table presents the Company's fleet list and the employment agreements:

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	Dwt	Year Built	Charter Type	Expiry	Daily Base Rate	Profit Above Bas
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9 Suezmax Tankers						
Timeless.....	154,970	1991	Time Charter	Q2/2007	\$28,000	100% first \$7,
Flawless.....	154,970	1991	Time Charter	Q2/2007	\$28,000	100% first \$7,
Stopless A.....	154,970	1991	Time Charter	Q2/2007	\$28,000	100% first \$7,
Priceless.....	154,970	1991	Spot			
Faultless B.....	154,970	1992	Time Charter	Q2/2010	\$37,000 (1)	
Noiseless C.....	149,554	1992	Spot			
Stainless A.....	149,599	1992	Spot			
Endless.....	135,915	1992	Spot			
Limitless.....	136,055	1993	Spot			
14 Handymax Tankers						
Victorious.....	47,084	1991	Time Charter	Q3/2009	\$14,500 2	100% first \$50
Sovereign.....	47,084	1992	Time Charter	Q3/2009	\$14,500 2	100% first \$50
Invincible.....	47,084	1992	Time Charter	Q3/2009	\$14,500 2	100% first \$50
Relentless.....	47,084	1992	Time Charter	Q3/2009	\$14,500 2	100% first \$50
Vanguard.....	47,084	1992	Time Charter	Q3/2007	\$14,250 3	100% first \$25
Restless.....	47,084	1991	Time Charter	Q3/2007	\$14,250 3	100% first \$25
Spotless.....	47,094	1991	Time Charter	Q3/2007	\$14,250 3	100% first \$25
Doubtless.....	47,076	1991	Time Charter	Q3/2007	\$14,250 3	100% first \$25
Faithful.....	45,720	1992	Time Charter	Q2/2007	\$14,250 3	100% first \$25
Fearless.....	44,646	1992	Time Charter	Q2/2007	\$14,250 3	100% first \$25
Topless D.....	47,262	1998	Time Charter	Q2/2010	\$17,000 4	
Taintless.....	46,217	1999	Time Charter	Q1/2010	\$17,000 4	
Dauntless.....	46,168	1999	Time Charter	Q1/2010	\$17,000 4	
Soundless E.....	46,185	1999	Time Charter	Q2/2010	\$17,000 4	
Total Tanker DWT	1,998,845					

Remaining vessel deliveries during the 2nd quarter:

- A. Delivered on April 1, 2005
- B. Delivered on April 11, 2005
- C. Delivered on April 15, 2005
- D. To be delivered on or about April 25, 2005
- E. Delivered on April 19, 2005

- 1. Base rate will change to \$36,000 in the third year of the contract and \$35,000 in the fourth year until expiration.
- 2. Base rate will change to \$14,000 in the third year of the contract until expiration.
- 3. Base rate will change to \$13,250 from 1/1/2006 until expiration of the contracts, with 100% profit sharing participation in the first \$1,250 above base rate and 50% thereafter.
- 4. Base rate will change to \$16,250 in the second year of the contract until expiration, with 100% profit sharing participation in the first \$1,000 above base rate and 50% thereafter.

Credit Facility

As of March 31, 2005 TOP Tankers had total indebtedness of \$340 million, provided by the Royal Bank of Scotland and DVB Bank, maturing in 2013 and 2012 respectively. On March 31, 2005, the Company entered into three interest rate swap agreements with Royal Bank of Scotland for the amounts of \$93.5 million, \$36.5 million and \$27.9 million for a period of five, four and four years, respectively. Under these agreements the interest rate is fixed at 4.72%, 4.66% and 4.5775%, respectively, in addition to the applicable margin. The interest rate for the remaining balance of the loan is LIBOR, plus the margin, whereas the interest rate for the DVB loan is LIBOR, plus 1.25% margin. On March 31,

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2005, the Company's ratio of indebtedness to total capital was approximately 50.3%.

Dividend

The Company paid its second quarterly dividend of \$0.21 per share on April 14, 2005, to shareholders of record as of March 31, 2005.

Conference Call and Webcast

TOP Tankers' management team will host a conference call at 10:00 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, to review the results and discuss other corporate news and its outlook. Participants should dial into the call 10 minutes before the scheduled time using the following numbers: 877-407-8035 (from the US and Canada) or +1 201-689-8035 (from outside the US and Canada). A live webcast of the conference call will also be accessible via the Internet at www.toptankers.com, or by going to www.vcall.com.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available by dialing 877-660-6853 (from the US and Canada) or +1 201-612-7415 (from outside the US and Canada); enter account number 286 and conference ID number 148997. An online archive will also be available immediately following the call at the sites noted above. Both are available through May 2, 2005.

About TOP Tankers Inc.

TOP Tankers Inc. is an international provider of worldwide seaborne transportation services of bulk commodities. Including vessels delivered in April 2005, the Company owns and operates a fleet of 23 tankers transporting crude oil and refined petroleum products. The fleet consists of nine double-hull Suezmax tankers and 14 double-hull Handymax tankers, with a total carrying capacity of approximately 2.0 million dwt of which 93.1% of the fleet are sister ships. Eighteen of the Company's 23 tankers are on time charter contracts with an average term of over three years with all but one of the time charters including profit sharing agreements.

Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. 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 forward-looking statements in this release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although TOP Tankers believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, TOP Tankers cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, failure of a seller to deliver one or more vessels, failure of a buyer to accept delivery of a vessel, inability to procure acquisition financing, changes in demand for oil and petroleum products, the effect of changes in OPEC's petroleum production levels

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and worldwide oil consumption and storage, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in TOP Tankers' operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, changes in governmental rules and regulations including requirements for double-hull tankers or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists.

Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by TOP Tankers with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

- TABLES FOLLOW -

TOP TANKERS INC.
(Formerly Ocean Holdings Inc.)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)
Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars - except for share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2005
REVENUES:		
Voyage revenues	7,728	47,291
EXPENSES:		
Voyage expenses	1,651	6,490
Vessel operating expenses	2,455	8,085
Depreciation and amortization	1,378	8,736
General and administrative expenses	663	2,979
Foreign currency (gains) / losses, net	(17)	26
	1,598	20,975
Operating income	1,598	20,975
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES):		
Interest and finance costs	(414)	(2,510)
Interest income	-	648
Other, net	60	8
	(354)	(1,854)
Total other expenses, net	(354)	(1,854)
Net Income	1,244	19,121
Earnings per share, basic and diluted	0.21	0.69
Weighted average number of shares, basic and diluted	6,000,000	27,830,990

EBITDA RECONCILIATION
(Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2005
EBITDA	3,036	29,719
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	(1,378)	(8,736)

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INTEREST AND FINANCE COSTS, NET	(414)	(1,862)
NET INCOME	1,244	19,121

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars - except
for share and per share data)

	December 31, 2004 ----	March 31, 2005 ---- (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	114,768	52,411
Other current assets	26,283	31,503
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Total current assets	141,051	83,914
FIXED ASSETS:		
Advances for vessels acquisitions	25,650	114,765
Vessels, net	355,997	480,837
Deferred charges and other non-current assets	17,188	16,223
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Total assets	539,886	695,739
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt	19,540	32,677
Dividends payable	5,845	5,845
Other current liabilities	17,426	14,073
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Total current liabilities	42,811	52,595
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LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion	175,266	307,138
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	321,809	336,006
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	539,886	695,739
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TOP TANKERS INC.
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars)

Three Months Ended March 31, -----	
2004 ----	2005 ----

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Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities:		
Net income	1,244	19,121
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,396	8,917
Change in operating assets and liabilities	(1,823)	(7,652)
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Net Cash from Operating Activities	817	20,386
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Cash Flows from (used in) Investing Activities:		
Advances for vessels acquisitions	-	(94,060)
Acquisition of vessels and equipment	(75,846)	(127,666)
Other	(116)	-
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Net Cash used in Investing Activities	(75,962)	(221,726)
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Cash Flows from (used in) Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from long-term debt	59,900	157,531
Payments of long-term debt	(1,021)	(10,000)
Capital contributions	17,077	-
Payment of financing costs	(330)	(2,703)
Dividends paid	(2,318)	(5,845)
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Net Cash from Financing Activities	73,308	138,983
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,837)	(62,357)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,343	114,768
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	506	52,411
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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Interest paid	336	3,370
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SIGNATURES

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.

TOP TANKERS INC.
(registrant)

Dated: April 27, 2005

By: /s/ Stamatis N. Tsantanis

Stamatis N. Tsantanis
Chief Financial Officer

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