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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 September 2017

Commission File Number: 001-36185

Dynagas LNG Partners LP
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 6-K is a copy of the press release of Dynagas LNG Partners LP (the Partnership) dated September 5, 2017: DYNAGAS LNG PARTNERS LP REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017.

This Report on Form 6-K, except for the section entitled CEO Commentary contained in the press release in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Partnership's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-200659) that was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with an effective date of January 15, 2015.

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.

Date: September 6, 2017

DYNAGAS LNG PARTNERS LP

By: /s/ Tony Lauritzen
Name: Tony Lauritzen
Title: Chief Executive Officer

DYNAGAS LNG PARTNERS LP REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

MONACO September 5, 2017 - Dynagas LNG Partners LP (NYSE: DLNG) (Dynagas Partners or the Partnership), an owner and operator of liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers, today announced its results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

Highlights:

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Operating income of \$8.7 million, net loss of \$5.2 million and loss per common unit ⁽¹⁾ of \$0.19 for the three months ended June 30, 2017; Included in the second quarter 2017 results are: (i) \$4.9 million of scheduled class survey and dry dock costs for the three steam turbine vessels in the Partnership's fleet and (ii) a one-off \$2.6 million write-off of deferred loan fees associated with the Partnership's prior indebtedness refinanced with the proceeds of the Term Loan B.

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Adjusted Net Income ⁽²⁾ of \$4.2 million, Adjusted Earnings per common unit ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of \$0.07 and Adjusted EBITDA⁽²⁾ of \$22.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017;

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Distributable Cash Flow ⁽²⁾ of \$8.2 million during the three months ended June 30, 2017;

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\$74.3 million of cash and \$104.3 million of available liquidity as of June 30, 2017;

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Quarterly cash distribution of \$0.4225 per common unit and \$0.5625 per preferred unit.

(1) Earnings/(loss) per common unit and Adjusted Earnings/(Loss) per common unit presentation eliminate the effect of the Series A Preferred Units interest on the Partnership's net income/(loss) for the periods presented.

(2) Distributable Cash Flow, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings per common unit are not recognized measures under U.S. GAAP. Please refer to the definitions and reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP in Appendix B.

Recent Developments:

Quarterly Common Unit Cash Distribution: On July 5, 2017, the Partnership announced a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.4225 per common unit in respect of the second quarter of 2017. This cash distribution was paid on July 18, 2017, to all common unitholders of record as of July 11, 2017.

Series A Preferred Units Cash Distribution: On July 24, 2017, the Partnership also announced a cash distribution of \$0.5625 per unit of its Series A Preferred Units (NYSE: DLNG PR A) for the period from May 12, 2017 to August 11, 2017, which was paid on August 14, 2017, to all unitholders of record as of August 5, 2017.

CEO Commentary:

Tony Lauritzen, Chief Executive Officer of the Partnership, commented:

We are pleased to report our earnings for the financial quarter ended June 30, 2017, which were within our expectations. We have previously communicated that this quarter would be affected by scheduled class surveys and related dry dockings for three of our six vessels which would result in cost items and would also qualify as off-hire under the relevant contracts. We are satisfied that the class surveys, including dry dockings, were completed in a quick

and efficient manner with an average of approximately 15 days per vessel from arrival to departure at the shipyard. The vessels are on a 5-year special survey cycle, therefore we expect the next special class survey and related dry docking to occur in about 5 years.

On April 2017, the *Clean Energy* became available for employment, at which time we entered into two consecutive short-term charters to employ the vessel through the end of August 2017. Following the expiration of these charters, we have entered into an additional short-term charter and the vessel is expected to trade on the spot market until its delivery to Gazprom in July 2018, when it will commence a charter with duration of approximately 8 years.

Our reported earnings for the second quarter of 2017 were, as expected, below those of the second quarter of 2016 and were impacted by the following: (i) the class surveys and related dry dockings of three of our vessels, as described above, (ii) the temporary employment of the *Clean Energy* on the spot market, (iii) the inclusion in second quarter results of one-off non-cash expenses associated with our refinanced bank loans and (iv) our decision to reduce the charter hire rate on two vessels, the *Yenisei River* and the *Lena River*, with effect from November 2016, in exchange for a long-term charter on the *Clean Energy* with an approximate eight year term. These transactions were net accretive to our contracted backlog, thereby enhancing our revenue visibility.

On July 18, 2017, we paid quarterly cash distribution of \$0.4225 per common unit with respect to the second quarter of 2017. Since our initial public offering in November 2013, we have paid total cash distributions of \$5.94 per common unit. Further, on August 14, 2017, we paid a cash distribution of \$0.5625 per unit on our Series A Preferred Units for the period from May 12, 2017 to August 11, 2017.

Part of our strategy has been to enter into longer term charters for the employment of the vessels in our fleet. In general, based on the conditions of the charter market, long-term charters maybe priced at day rates above or below shorter term charters. With our fleet 84% contracted through 2017 and 75% contracted through each of 2018 and 2019, and with estimated fleet-wide average remaining contract duration of 10.2 years, we believe we have significant cash flow visibility.

Our revenues are derived from the employment of our vessels on fixed multi-year charter contracts. The revenues we earn under those charter contracts are earned on a fixed day rate basis and not linked in any way to commodity price fluctuations.

Our intent is to seek additional contract coverage, particularly in 2017 and 2018, to manage our operating expenses and continue the safe operation of our fleet.

We look forward to working towards meeting our goals, which we believe will continue to benefit our unitholders.

Financial Results Overview:

<i>(U.S. dollars in thousands, except per unit data)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	June 30, 2016 (unaudited)	June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	June 30, 2016 (unaudited)
Voyage revenues	\$ 31,975	\$ 42,638	\$ 71,067	\$ 85,379
Net Income/ (loss)	\$ (5,181)	\$ 16,966	\$ 7,731	\$ 34,101
Adjusted Net Income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 4,220	\$ 18,758	\$ 19,125	\$ 37,686
Operating income	\$ 8,734	\$ 25,723	\$ 30,627	\$ 51,727
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$ 22,921	\$ 35,024	\$ 54,192	\$ 70,202
Earnings/ (loss) per common unit	\$ (0.19)	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.86
Adjusted Earnings per common unit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.96

Distributable Cash Flow ⁽¹⁾	\$	8,200	\$	22,585	\$	26,834	\$	45,321
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⁽¹⁾ Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Earnings per common unit and Distributable Cash Flow are not recognized measures under U.S. GAAP. Please refer to the definitions and reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP in Appendix B.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 Financial Results

Net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was \$5.2 million as compared to net income of \$17.0 million in the corresponding period of 2016. The decrease, as further elaborated below, was mainly attributable to i) the decrease in period operating revenues, ii) the scheduled expenditures of technical nature for the fleet vessels that either underwent or were in the process of undergoing their special survey and dry-dock repairs in the second quarter of 2017 and iii) non-cash accelerated amortization of deferred loan fees and other financing costs associated with the Partnership's repaid commercial bank facilities as well as increased interest costs for servicing the Term Loan B (discussed below).

Adjusted Net Income for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was \$4.2 million, compared to Adjusted Net Income of \$18.8 million in the corresponding period of 2016. The decrease in Adjusted Net Income, which eliminates the effect of non-cash and non-recurring items, discussed above and further presented in Appendix B, was mainly due the lower utilization and the lower revenues earned on the Partnership's LNG carriers and higher financing costs, as discussed in further detail below.

Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended June 30, 2017 decreased by 34.6% across the quarters (second quarter 2017 Adjusted EBITDA of \$22.9 million, compared to second quarter 2016 Adjusted EBITDA of \$35.0 million) and was due to the factors outlined above.

The Partnership's Distributable Cash Flow for the three-month period ended June 30, 2017 was \$8.2 million, compared to \$22.6 million in the corresponding period of 2016, which represents a decrease of \$14.4 million or 63.7%.

For the three-month period ended June 30, 2017, the Partnership reported loss per common unit and Adjusted Earnings per common unit, basic and diluted of \$0.19 and \$0.07, respectively, after taking into account the Series A Preferred Units interest on the Partnership's net loss. Loss per common unit and Adjusted Earnings per common unit, basic and diluted are calculated on the basis of a weighted number of 35,490,000 units outstanding during the period, in the case of Adjusted Earnings per common unit after reflecting the impact of the non-cash items presented in Appendix B.

Please refer to the definitions and reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP in Appendix B hereto.

Voyage revenues were \$32.0 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$42.6 million for the same period of 2016, which represents a decrease of \$10.7 million or 25.0%. This decrease was primarily due to i) the anticipated off hire periods for the *Clean Energy*, the *Ob River* and the *Amur River* that had either completed (in the case of the *Clean Energy* and the *Ob River*) or were undergoing their scheduled dry-dock (in the case of the *Amur River*) as of June 30, 2017 (as opposed to no off-hire days in the same quarter in 2016), ii) lower utilization and lower charter rate earned for the *Clean Energy* while trading in the spot market during the current quarter in comparison to the corresponding quarter of 2016 and iii) the charter hire reductions on the *Yenisei River* and the *Lena River*, with effect from November 2016.

Vessel operating expenses increased to \$7.5 million in the three-month period ended June 30, 2017, from \$6.7 million for the same period of 2016, which represents an increase of \$0.8 million or 12.4%. This increase was primarily attributable to technical maintenance expenditures associated with the Partnership's three steam turbine vessels that either underwent or were in the process of undergoing their scheduled special survey and dry-dock during the second quarter of 2017.

Interest and finance costs increased from \$8.7 million in the second quarter of 2016 to \$13.7 million in the second quarter of 2017, which represents an increase of \$5.0 million, or 57.7%. As discussed above, this increase is associated primarily with i) an increase in the current period weighted average interest mainly as a result of the increased costs associated with the \$480 million Senior Secured Term Loan B facility that the Partnership entered into on May 18, 2017 and ii) the \$2.6 million deferred loan fees accelerated amortization associated with the prior indebtedness refinanced with the proceeds of the Term Loan B. The increase is also attributed, albeit to a lesser extent, with other expenses incurred in connection with the Term Loan B and the repaid bank loans.

The Partnership reported average daily charter hire gross of commissions⁽¹⁾ of approximately \$66,900 per day per vessel in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to approximately \$81,300 per day per vessel in the same period of 2016. During the three-month period ended June 30, 2017, the Partnership's vessels operated at 95% utilization compared to 100% in the same period of 2016.

(1) Average daily hire gross of commissions represents voyage revenue without taking into consideration the non-cash time charter amortization expense and amortization of prepaid charter revenue, divided by the Available Days in the Partnership's fleet as described in Appendix B.

Amounts relating to variations in period to period comparisons shown in this section are derived from the condensed financials presented below.

Liquidity/ Financing/ Cash Flow Coverage

As of June 30, 2017, the Partnership reported free cash of \$74.3 million. Total indebtedness outstanding as of June 30, 2017 was \$730.0 million (gross of unamortized deferred loan fees), which includes the Partnership's \$250.0 million senior unsecured notes due October 2019. As of June 30, 2017, \$4.8 million of the Partnership's outstanding indebtedness was repayable within one year.

The Partnership's liquidity profile is further enhanced by the \$30.0 million of borrowing capacity under the Partnership's revolving credit facility with its Sponsor, which is available to the Partnership at any time until November 2018 and remains available in its entirety as of the date of this release.

On May 18, 2017, Arctic LNG Carriers Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership, refinanced its existing secured commercial bank facilities with a new \$480.0 million institutional Senior Secured Term Loan B facility due in 2023 (the Term Loan B). The Term Loan B provides for 0.25% quarterly amortization on the principal and a bullet payment at maturity.

As of June 30, 2017, the Partnership reported working capital surplus of \$52.7 million (Q4 2016: \$7.1 million) which is the result on the strengthening of the Partnership's balance sheet following the Term Loan B refinancing discussed above.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, the Partnership generated net cash from operating activities of \$11.4 million compared to \$29.7 million in the same period of 2016, which represents a decrease of 18.3 million, or 61.5%. This decrease was exclusively attributable to the decrease in period net income, due to the factors discussed above.

Vessel Employment

As of September 5, 2017, the Partnership had contracted employment⁽²⁾ for 84% of its fleet estimated Available Days for 2017, 75% of its fleet estimated Available Days for 2018 and 75% of its fleet estimated Available Days for 2019.

As of the same date, the Partnership's contracted revenue backlog estimate⁽³⁾ was approximately \$1.49 billion, with average remaining contract duration of 10.2 years.

(2) Time charter coverage for the Partnership's fleet is calculated by dividing the fleet contracted days on the basis of the earliest estimated delivery and redelivery dates prescribed in the Partnership's current time charter contracts net of scheduled class survey repairs by the number of expected Available days during that period.

(3) The Partnership calculates its contracted revenue backlog by multiplying the contractual daily hire rate by the expected number of days committed under the contracts (assuming earliest delivery and redelivery and excluding options to extend), assuming full utilization. The actual amount of revenues earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned may differ from the amounts and periods shown in the table below due to, for example, dry-docking and/or special survey downtime, maintenance projects, off-hire downtime and other factors that result in lower revenues than the Partnership's average contract backlog per day. Certain time charter contracts that the Partnership entered into with Yamal Trade Pte. are subject to the satisfaction of important conditions, which, if not satisfied, or waived by the charterer, may result in their cancellation or amendment before or after the charter term commences and in such case the Partnership may not receive the contracted revenues thereunder.

Conference Call and Webcast: September 5, 2017

As announced, the Partnership's management team will host a conference call on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the Partnership's financial results.

Conference Call details:

Participants should dial into the call 10 minutes before the scheduled time using the following numbers: 1 (866) 819-7111 (from the US), 0(800) 953-0329 (from the UK) or (+44) (0) 1452 542 301 (Standard International Dial In). Please quote "Dynagas."

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available until Tuesday, September 12th, 2017. The United States replay number is 1 (866) 247-4222; from the UK 0(800) 953-1533; the standard international replay number is (+44) (0) 1452 550 000 and the access code required for the replay is: 59711562#.

Audio Webcast - Slides Presentation:

There will be a live and then archived audio webcast of the conference call, via the internet through the Dynagas LNG Partners website www.dynagaspartners.com. Participants to the live webcast should register on the website approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the webcast.

The slide presentation on the second quarter ended June 30, 2017 financial results will be available in PDF format 10 minutes prior to the conference call and webcast, accessible on the company's website www.dynagaspartners.com on the webcast page. Participants to the webcast can download the PDF presentation.

About Dynagas LNG Partners LP

Dynagas LNG Partners LP (NYSE: DLNG) is a growth-oriented master limited partnership formed by Dynagas Holding Ltd., its Sponsor, to own and operate liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers employed on multi-year charters. The current fleet of Dynagas Partners consists of six LNG carriers, with an aggregate carrying capacity of approximately 914,000 cubic meters.

Visit the Partnership's website at www.dynagaspartners.com

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Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements. 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 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 Partnership 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, may, should, expect, expect expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, examination by the Partnership's management of historical operating trends, data contained in its records and other data available from third parties. Although the Partnership 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 the Partnership's control, the Partnership cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors, other important factors that, in the Partnership's 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 fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, changes in demand for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) shipping capacity, changes in the Partnership's operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, the market for the Partnership's vessels, availability of financing and refinancing, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hires and other factors. We derive our revenues from a limited number of charterers and as a result, the non-performance of obligations by any of our counterparties would have a material adverse effect on our business. Please see the Partnership's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties. The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof, and the Partnership disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this communication.

APPENDIX A

DYNAGAS LNG PARTNERS LP**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**

<i>(In thousands of U.S. dollars except units and per unit data)</i>	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
REVENUES				
Voyage revenues	\$ 31,975	\$ 42,638	\$ 71,067	\$ 85,379
EXPENSES				
Voyage expenses (including related party)	(1,345)	(745)	(2,217)	(1,464)
Vessel operating expenses	(7,491)	(6,664)	(14,161)	(13,020)
Dry-docking and special survey costs	(4,911)		(5,131)	
General and administrative expenses (including related party)	(398)	(456)	(840)	(1,074)
Management fees -related party	(1,537)	(1,491)	(3,056)	(2,983)
Depreciation	(7,559)	(7,559)	(15,035)	(15,111)
Operating income	8,734	25,723	30,627	51,727
Interest and finance costs, net	(13,725)	(8,707)	(22,615)	(17,405)
Other, net	(190)	(50)	(281)	(221)
Net Income/ (loss)	\$ (5,181)	\$ 16,966	\$ 7,731	\$ 34,101
Earnings/ (loss) per common unit (basic and diluted)	\$ (0.19)	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.86
Weighted average number of units outstanding, basic and diluted:				
Common units	35,490,000	20,505,000	33,585,829	20,505,000

DYNAGAS LNG PARTNERS LP

Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars except for unit data)

	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,311	\$ 57,595
Due from related party	621	878
Other current assets	2,733	1,722
Total current assets	77,665	60,195
FIXED ASSETS, NET:		
Vessels, net	992,582	1,007,617
Total fixed assets, net	992,582	1,007,617
OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS:		
Restricted cash		25,000
Due from related party	1,350	1,350
Above market acquired time charters	8,920	12,514
Total assets	\$ 1,080,517	\$ 1,106,676
<u>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS EQUITY</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt, net of deferred financing costs	\$ 2,596	\$ 31,688
Trade payables	9,727	3,058
Due to related party	82	302
Accrued liabilities	5,724	3,750
Unearned revenue	6,867	14,258
Total current liabilities	24,996	53,056
Deferred revenue	1,122	1,036
Long-term debt, net of current portion and deferred financing costs	712,261	684,748
Total non-current liabilities	713,383	685,784
<u>PARTNERS EQUITY</u>		
General partner: 35,526 units issued and outstanding as at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016	71	97
Common unitholders: 35,490,000 units issued and outstanding as at June 30, 2017 and 20,505,000 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016	268,851	302,952
	73,216	73,216

Series A Preferred unitholders: 3,000,000 units issued and outstanding as at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016

Subordinated unitholders: None issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2017 and 14,985,000 units issued and outstanding as at

December 31, 2016

(8,429)

Total partners equity **342,138** **367,836**

Total liabilities and partners equity **\$ 1,080,517** **\$ 1,106,676**

DYNAGAS LNG PARTNERS LP

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income:	\$ 7,731	\$ 34,101
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	15,035	15,111
Amortization and write-off of deferred financing fees	3,723	990
Amortization of fair value of acquired time charter	3,594	3,614
Deferred revenue amortization	86	(29)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(196)	(170)
Prepayments and other assets	(878)	(525)
Inventories	63	(557)
Due from/ to related parties	37	174
Trade payables	6,074	399
Accrued liabilities	1,690	191
Unearned revenue	(7,391)	
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	29,568	53,299
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Vessel Acquisitions and other additions to vessels cost		(37,178)

Net cash used in Investing Activities		(37,178)
Cash flows from Financing Activities:		
Decrease in restricted cash	25,000	
Payment of preferred units issuance costs and other filing costs		(119)
Distributions declared and paid	(33,429)	(33,428)
Repayment of long-term debt	(472,500)	(16,250)
Proceeds from long-term debt	480,000	66,667
Payment of deferred finance fees	(11,923)	(36)
Net cash (used in)/ provided by Financing Activities	(12,852)	16,834
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	16,716	32,955
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	57,595	24,293
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ 74,311	\$ 57,248

Supplemental information

ARCTIC LNG CARRIERS Ltd. and its operating subsidiaries

The following table sets forth summary financial information of Arctic LNG Carriers Ltd., the Partnership's wholly owned subsidiary and borrower of the Term Loan B due 2023 and each of its vessel owning subsidiaries that is a subsidiary guarantor to the Term Loan B (collectively Arctic LNG Carriers) as at and for the periods presented, which are derived from the unaudited financial statements of Arctic LNG Carriers and are presented in connection with certain reporting requirements governing the Term Loan B.

June 30,

(expressed in thousands of United states dollars)

2017

Balance sheet data:

Total assets	\$	1,017,394
Total cash		12,127
Total debt, net of deferred loan fees	\$	467,465

	Three months ended June 30, 2017	Six Months Ended June 30, 2017
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(expressed in thousands of United states dollars)

Income statement and other operational data:

Net income/ (loss)	\$	(618)	\$	16,931
Revenues		31,974		71,067
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	23,329	\$	55,022

Arctic LNG Carriers reconciliation of net income/ (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA

	Three months ended June 30, 2017	Six Months Ended June 30, 2017
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(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

Net Income/ (loss)	\$	(618)	\$	16,931
Net interest and finance costs ⁽¹⁾		9,570		14,245
Depreciation		7,559		15,035
Class survey costs		4,911		5,131
Amortization of fair value of acquired time charter		1,807		3,594
Charter hire amortization		100		86
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	23,329	\$	55,022

⁽¹⁾ Includes interest and finance costs (inclusive of amortization of deferred financing costs), net of interest income, if any.

Fleet statistics

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<i>(expressed in United states dollars except for operational data)</i>				
Number of vessels at the end of period	6	6	6	6
Average number of vessels in the period (1)	6	6	6	6
Calendar Days (2)	546.0	546.0	1,086.0	1,092.0
Available Days (3)	506.6	546.0	1,046.6	1,092.0
Revenue earning days (5)	482.1	546.0	1,014.4	1,092.0
Time Charter Equivalent (4)	\$ 60,462	\$ 76,727	\$ 65,784	\$ 76,845
Fleet Utilization (5)	95%	100%	97%	100%
Vessel daily operating expenses (6)	\$ 13,720	\$ 12,205	\$ 13,040	\$ 11,923

(1)Represents the number of vessels that constituted the Partnership's fleet for the relevant period, as measured by the sum of the number of days each vessel was a part of its fleet during the period divided by the number of Calendar Days in the period.

(2)Calendar Days are the total days the Partnership possessed the vessels in its fleet for the relevant period.

(3)Available Days are the total number of Calendar Days the Partnership's vessels were in its possession during a period, less the total number of scheduled off-hire days during the period associated with major repairs, or dry-dockings.

(4)Time charter equivalent rate, or TCE rate, is a measure of the average daily revenue performance of a vessel. For time charters, this is calculated by dividing total voyage revenues, less any voyage expenses, by the number of Available Days during that period. Under a time charter, the charterer pays substantially all vessel voyage related expenses. However, the Partnership may incur voyage related expenses when positioning or repositioning vessels before or after the period of a time charter, during periods of commercial waiting time or while off-hire during dry-docking or due to other unforeseen circumstances. The TCE rate is not a measure of financial performance under U.S. GAAP (non-GAAP measure), and should not be considered as an alternative to voyage revenues, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, TCE rate is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a company's performance and assists the Partnership's management in making decisions regarding the deployment and use of the Partnership's vessels and evaluating their financial performance. The Partnership's calculation of TCE rates may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. The following table reflects the calculation of the Partnership's TCE rates for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars, except for TCE rates, which are expressed in U.S. dollars, and Available Days):

Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
June 30,		June 30,	
2017	2016	2017	2016

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except for Available Days and TCE rate)

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Voyage revenues	\$ 31,975	\$ 42,638	\$ 71,067	\$ 85,379
Voyage Expenses (7)	(1,345)	(745)	(2,217)	(1,464)
Time Charter equivalent revenues	\$ 30,630	\$ 41,893	\$ 68,850	\$ 83,915
Available Days (3)	506.6	546.0	1,046.6	1,092.0
Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate	\$ 60,462	\$ 76,727	\$ 65,784	\$ 76,845

(5)The Partnership calculates fleet utilization by dividing the number of its Revenue earning days, which are the total number of Available Days of the Partnership's vessels net of unscheduled off-hire days during a period, by the number of Available Days during that period. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company's efficiency in finding employment for its vessels and minimizing the amount of days that its vessels are off-hire for reasons such as unscheduled repairs but excluding scheduled off-hires for vessel upgrades, dry-dockings or special or intermediate surveys.

(6)Daily vessel operating expenses, which include crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores, lubricating oil, insurance, spares and repairs and flag taxes, are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by fleet Calendar Days for the relevant time period.

(7)Voyage expenses include commissions of 1.25% paid to Dynagas Ltd., the Partnership's Manager, and third party ship brokers, when defined in the charter parties, bunkers, port expenses and other minor voyage expenses.

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP Financial Information to Non-GAAP Financial Information

Reconciliation of Net Income/(loss) to Adjusted EBITDA

<i>(In thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	2017	June 30, 2016	2017	June 30, 2016

*Reconciliation to Net (loss)/
income*

Net (loss) /income	\$ (5,181)	\$ 16,966	\$ 7,731	\$ 34,101
Net interest and finance costs (1)	13,725	8,707	22,615	17,405
Depreciation	7,559	7,559	15,035	15,111
Class survey costs	4,911		5,131	
Amortization of fair value of acquired time charter	1,807	1,807	3,594	3,614
Charter hire amortization	100	(15)	86	(29)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 22,921	\$ 35,024	\$ 54,192	\$ 70,202

(1)Includes interest and finance costs (inclusive of amortization of deferred financing costs), net of interest income, if any.

The Partnership defines Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest and finance costs, net of interest income (if any), gains/losses on derivative financial instruments (if any), taxes (when incurred), depreciation and amortization (when incurred), class survey costs and significant non-recurring items (if any). Adjusted EBITDA is used as a supplemental financial measure by management and external users of financial statements, such as investors, to assess the Partnership's operating performance.

The Partnership believes that Adjusted EBITDA assists its management and investors by providing useful information that increases the comparability of the Partnership's performance operating from period to period and against the operating performance of other companies in its industry that provide Adjusted EBITDA information. This increased comparability is achieved by excluding the potentially disparate effects between periods or companies of interest, other financial items, depreciation and amortization and taxes, which items are affected by various and possibly changing financing methods, capital structure and historical cost basis and which items may significantly affect net income between periods. The Partnership believes that including Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of operating performance benefits investors in (a) selecting between investing in the Partnership and other investment alternatives and (b) monitoring the Partnership's ongoing financial and operational strength in assessing whether to continue to hold common units.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance under U.S. GAAP, does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income, cash flow from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, Adjusted EBITDA, as presented above, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Reconciliation of Net Income/ (loss) to Adjusted Net Income available to common unitholders and Adjusted Earnings per common unit

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<i>(In thousands of U.S. dollars except for units and per unit data)</i>				

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Net Income/ (loss)	\$ (5,181)	\$ 16,966	\$ 7,731	\$ 34,101
Non-cash expense from accelerated amortization of deferred loan fees	2,583		2,583	
Charter hire amortization	100	(15)	86	(29)
Amortization of fair value of acquired time charter	1,807	1,807	3,594	3,614
Class survey costs	4,911		5,131	
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 4,220	\$ 18,758	\$ 19,125	\$ 37,686
Less: Adjusted Net Income attributable to subordinated, preferred unitholders and general partner	(1,707)	(8,915)	(4,848)	(17,902)
Common unitholders interest in Adjusted Net Income	\$ 2,513	\$ 9,843	\$ 14,277	\$ 19,784
Weighted average number of common units outstanding, basic and diluted:	35,490,000	20,505,000	33,585,829	20,505,000
Adjusted Earnings per common unit, basic and diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.96

Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) represents net income/(loss) before non-recurring expenses (such as class survey costs and accelerated amortization of deferred loan fees), charter hire amortization related to time charters with escalating time charter rates and amortization of fair value of acquired time charters, all of which are significant non-cash items. Adjusted Net Income/(Loss) available to common unitholders represents the common unitholders interest in Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) for each period presented. Adjusted Earnings/ (Loss) per common unit represents Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) attributable to common unitholders divided by the weighted average common units outstanding during each period presented.

Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss), Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) per common unit and Adjusted Earnings/ (Loss) per common unit, basic and diluted, are not recognized measures under U.S. GAAP and should not be regarded as substitutes for net income/ (loss) and earnings/ (loss) per unit, basic and diluted. The Partnership's definition of Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss), Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) per common unit and Adjusted Earnings/ (Loss) per common unit, basic and diluted, may not be the same as that reported by other companies in the shipping industry or other industries. The Partnership believes that the presentation of Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) and Adjusted Earnings/ (Loss) per unit available to common unitholders are useful to investors because they facilitate the comparability and the evaluation of companies in the Partnership's industry. In addition, the Partnership believes that Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) is useful in evaluating its operating performance compared to that of other companies in the Partnership's industry because the calculation of Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) generally eliminates the accounting effects of items which may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance. The Partnership's presentation of Adjusted Net Income/ (Loss) available to common unitholders and Adjusted Earnings/ (Loss) per common unit should not be construed as an inference that its future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

Distributable Cash Flow Reconciliation

<i>(In thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net Income/ (loss)	\$ (5,181)	\$ 16,966	\$ 7,731	\$ 34,101
Depreciation	7,559	7,559	15,035	15,111
Amortization and write-off of deferred finance fees	3,237	501	3,723	990
Net interest and finance costs, excluding amortization ⁽¹⁾	10,488	8,206	18,892	16,415
Class survey costs	4,911		5,131	
Amortization of fair value of acquired time charter	1,807	1,807	3,594	3,614
Charter hire amortization	100	(15)	86	(29)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 22,921	\$ 35,024	\$ 54,192	\$ 70,202
Net interest and finance costs, excluding amortization ⁽¹⁾	(10,488)	(8,206)	(18,892)	(16,415)
Maintenance capital expenditure reserves	(1,038)	(1,038)	(2,077)	(2,077)
Replacement capital expenditure reserves	(3,195)	(3,195)	(6,389)	(6,389)
Distributable Cash Flow	\$ 8,200	\$ 22,585	\$ 26,834	\$ 45,321

⁽¹⁾ Interest and finance costs, net of interest income, if any.

Distributable Cash Flow with respect to any period presented means Adjusted EBITDA after considering period interest and finance costs and estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures. Estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, including estimated expenditures for drydocking, represent capital expenditures required to maintain over the long-term the operating capacity of, or the revenue generated by the Partnership's capital assets. Distributable Cash Flow is a quantitative standard used by investors in publicly-traded partnerships to assist in evaluating a partnership's ability to make quarterly cash distributions. The Partnership's calculation of the Distributable Cash Flow may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. Distributable Cash Flow is a non-GAAP financial measure and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or any other indicator of the Partnership's performance calculated in accordance with GAAP.