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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

For the month of October 2012
Commission File Number: 001-32199

Ship Finance International Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Par-la-Ville Place
14 Par-la-Ville Road
Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F [X] Form 40-F []

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a revised copy of the press release of Ship Finance International Limited (the "Company"), dated October 1, 2012, announcing the underwritten public offering of 6,000,000 common shares.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 is the underwriting agreement dated October 1, 2012 by and among the Company and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as the underwriter, relating to the offering of common shares by the Company.

This report on Form 6-K, except for Exhibit 99.1, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-170598) that was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with an effective date of November 15, 2010.

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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.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Date: October 9, 2012

By: /s/ Ole B. Hjertaker Name: Ole B. Hjertaker

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Ship Finance Management AS (Principal Executive Officer)