MARITRANS INC /DE/ Form 8-K December 21, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event

December 8, 2005

reported):

MARITRANS INC.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

1-9063 **Delaware** 51-0343903

(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification

No.)

of incorporation)

Two Harbour Place, Knights Run Avenue, Suite 1200,

Tampa, Florida

33602

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone, including area

(813) 209-0600

code:

Not applicable.

(Former name and former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The exhibits below are filed as part of this report.

5.1 Opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP regarding legality of common stock.

23.1 Consent of Morgan,

Lewis & Bockius LLP (included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1)

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

MARITRANS INC.

Date: December 21, 2005 By: /s/ Walter T. Bromfield

Name: Walter T. Bromfield Title: Chief Financial Officer

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