

TIDEWATER INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TAYLOR DEAN E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601
POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900

(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/09/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 06/09/2008 | | M | | 22,900 A \$ 32.25 | 114,810 | D |
| Common Stock | 06/09/2008 | | M | | 72,630 A \$ 42.1875 | 187,440 | D |
| Common Stock | 06/09/2008 | | S | | 95,530 D \$ 68.379 | 91,910 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,754.5422 | I |

By
Trustee ⁽¹⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.25 | 06/09/2008 | | M | 22,900 | 03/29/2001 ⁽²⁾ 03/29/2010 | Common Stock | 22,900 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 42.1875 | 06/09/2008 | | M | 72,630 | 01/18/2002 ⁽²⁾ 01/18/2011 | Common Stock | 72,630 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAYLOR DEAN E C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 | X | | President | |

Signatures

Dean Taylor, By: Bruce D. Lundstrom- Agent and Attorney in Fact 06/11/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for the account through May 31, 2008.

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(2) The options vested in three annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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