FIRST MARINER BANCORP

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

MANTAKOS GEORGE H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST MARINER BANCORP

[FMAR]

(Month/Day/Year)

1501 SOUTH CLINTON STREET 03/25/2008

(Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner

Issuer

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BALTIMORE, MD 21224

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Title Amo

Date

or Num

> of Shar

> > 7,5

Executive

Stock \$ 5.7 03/25/2008 A 7,500 03/25/2009(1) 03/25/2018 COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MANTAKOS GEORGE H

1501 SOUTH CLINTON STREET X EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

BALTIMORE, MD 21224

Signatures

By: /s/ GEORGE H. 03/26/2008 MANTAKOS

**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).
- One-third of the option is exercisable on first anniversary of the grant date, one-third of the option is exercisable on the second anniversary of the grant date and one-third of the option is exercisable on the third anniversary of the grant date.

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