

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHADWICK JOHN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

975 HOOPER AVENUE

(Street)

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/20/2006

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/20/2006		A	431 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	6,597	D	
Common Stock					345 ⁽²⁾	I	By Award
Common Stock					2,400	I	By Trust

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.88					02/20/2003 02/20/2012	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.44					05/30/2004 05/30/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.53					05/28/2005 05/28/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.48					02/15/2007 ⁽³⁾ 02/15/2016	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHADWICK JOHN W 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753	X			

Signatures

By: /s/ John K. Kelly, Power of
Attorney

04/24/2006

__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) Represents 2006 annual Director's retainer of \$10,000 granted in the form of OceanFirst Financial Corp. stock under the OceanFirst incentive plans.
- (2) Shares previously reported as being held directly are now reported as being held by "Award."
- (3) Vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2007.

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