

MCLAUGHLIN DONALD E
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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 *
 MCLAUGHLIN DONALD E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2012

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

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/15/2012		A	681 D \$ 0	38,641	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					5,123	I	By Spouse ⁽²⁾

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.83	02/15/2012		A	3,500	02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	3,500
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)	\$ 22.525					05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475					02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17					02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	2,363
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.28					02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Common Stock	2,363

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10	02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	3,310
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87	02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCLAUGHLIN DONALD E 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754		X		

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney 02/17/2012

__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) Restricted shares awarded vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2013. Total includes other unvested restricted stock.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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