

TAYLOR DEAN E
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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 *
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)
03/30/2005

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)
Chairman, CEO & 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/30/2005		A	25,000 (1)	A (1) 45,263 (2)	D	
Common Stock					2,829	I	As Custodian for Children
Common Stock					3,547	I	By Trustee (3)

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 37.55	03/30/2005		A		20,000		03/30/2005	03/30/2015	Common Stock	20,000

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		Chairman, CEO & President	

Signatures

Dean Taylor, by: Michael Goldblatt, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 04/01/2005

__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 stock award under the Tidewater Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The Plan pursuant to which the restricted stock award was granted provides for tax withholding rights. The restricted stock award vests at the rate of 25% per year if Return on Total Capital (ROTC) for the year of determination exceeds the greater of 15% or the average of the prior four year's ROTC. Any unvested restricted stock will automatically vest on March 30, 2009.
 - (2) Includes 34 shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan.
 - (3) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through March 31, 2005.
 - (4) Stock option granted under the Tidewater Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Plan pursuant to which the reported option was granted provides for tax withholding rights. The option vests on March 30, 2005.

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