

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Platt Jeffrey</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O TIDEWATER, INC., 601 POYDRAS ST. #1900</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/07/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>TIDEWATER INC [TDW]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	20,964	D	
Common Stock	708	I	Through Previous Employer's 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	834.7989	I	Through Tidewater Savings Plan

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**



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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) All granted options have vested as of the date of filing this Form 3.

(2) 11,666 of the 17,500 options granted have vested as of the date of filing this Form 3. The remaining 5,834 options granted will vest March 30, 2007.

(3) 6,500 of the 19,500 options granted have vested as of the date of filing this Form 3. The remaining 13,000 options granted will vest in 2 equal annual installments on March 29, 2008 and March 29, 2009.

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