TIDEWATER INC Form 8-K July 25, 2012

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 19, 2012

# TIDEWATER INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

DELAWARE 1-6311 72-0487776

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

601 Poydras Street, Suite 1900 New Orleans, Louisiana (Address of principal executive offices)

70130 (Zip Code)

(504) 568-1010

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Tidewater Inc. (the Company ) held its 2012 annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting ) on July 19, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As of June 1, 2012, the record date for the meeting, the Company had 49,917,049 shares of common stock outstanding. Of that number, 46,376,483 full shares were represented in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The Company s stockholders voted on the following three proposals at the Annual Meeting, casting their votes as described below.

#### Proposal 1: Election of Thirteen Directors

Each of the individuals listed below was elected at the Annual Meeting to serve a one-year term on the Company s Board of Directors.

			Broker
Director Nominee	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Non-Votes
M. Jay Allison	43,062,906	291,044	3,022,533
James C. Day	43,116,486	237,463	3,022,533
Richard T. du Moulin	42,994,965	358,985	3,022,533
Morris E. Foster	42,990,818	363,131	3,022,533
J. Wayne Leonard	43,129,281	224,668	3,022,533
Jon C. Madonna	42,613,475	740,475	3,022,533
Joseph H. Netherland	42,982,369	371,580	3,022,533
Richard A. Pattarozzi	42,484,228	869,722	3,022,533
Jeffrey M. Platt	43,141,783	212,167	3,022,533
Nicholas J. Sutton	42,919,507	434,442	3,022,533
Cindy B. Taylor	43,057,861	296,089	3,022,533
Dean E. Taylor	42,595,536	758,414	3,022,533
Jack E. Thompson	42,986,896	367,053	3,022,533

Proposal 2: Advisory Say-on-Pay Vote

Proposal 2 was an advisory vote on executive compensation as disclosed in the proxy materials for the Annual Meeting. This advisory vote was approved.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
42,264,665	968,951	120,334	3,022,533

Proposal 3: Ratification of the Appointment of Auditors

Proposal 3 was a proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. This proposal was approved.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	
45,736,231	611,591	28,660	

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### TIDEWATER INC.

July 23, 2012

/s/ Bruce D. Lundstrom Bruce D. Lundstrom

Executive Vice President,

Secretary and General Counsel