

FIRST MARINER BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 20, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 18, 2011

FIRST MARINER BANCORP  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

000-21815  
(Commission  
File Number)

52-1834860  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1501 S. Clinton Street, Baltimore, MD 21224  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 342-2600

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing

On May 18, 2011, First Mariner Bancorp (the “Company”) received a letter (the “Letter”) from the Nasdaq Stock Market (“NASDAQ”) notifying the Company that it does not currently meet the listing requirement to maintain a minimum of \$2,500,000 in stockholders’ equity set forth in NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(b)(1) (the “Listing Rule”).

Pursuant to the Letter, the Company has 45 calendar days, or until July 5, 2011, to submit a plan to regain compliance with the Listing Rule. The Company intends to submit a plan to regain compliance to NASDAQ within the prescribed time frame.

The Letter from NASDAQ has no effect at this time on the listing of the Company’s common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market, where it trades under the symbol “FMAR.”

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SIGNATURES

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.

FIRST MARINER BANCORP

Date: May 20, 2011

By: /s/ Mark A. Keidel  
Mark A. Keidel  
President and Chief Operating  
Officer