

TAYLOR DEAN E  
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 \*  
TAYLOR DEAN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/21/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, CEO & President

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601  
POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/21/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,200 A	\$ 22.75 48,463 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					2,829	I <sup>(3)</sup>	As Custodian for Children
Common Stock					3,573	I <sup>(4)</sup>	By Trustee

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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 22.75	11/21/2005		M	2,200	<sup>(5)</sup> 03/19/2009	Common Stock	2,200

## 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 E. Taylor, by: Michael L. Goldblatt, Agent and Attorney-in-Faxt 11/21/2005

\*\*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) Exercise of employee stock options granted under Tidewater Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Includes 34 shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) The reporting disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (4) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of Tidewater 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through October 31, 2005.

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(5) Exercisable in 3 annual installments beginning March 11, 2000.

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