

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

May 11, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FITZPATRICK MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
[OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
975 HOOPER AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Executive Vice President & CFO

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753

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

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/09/2006		M		87,222	A	\$ 9.61
Common Stock	05/09/2006		F		36,520	D	\$ 22.95
Common Stock							
					40,615	I	By ESOP

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)	\$ 9.61	05/09/2006		M		87,222		02/04/1998	02/04/2007	Common Stock	87,222
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.88							02/20/2003	02/20/2012	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.44							05/30/2004	05/30/2013	Common Stock	33,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.53							05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.07							01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	1,320
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.8							04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	1,464
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.48							02/15/2007 ⁽¹⁾	02/15/2016	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FITZPATRICK MICHAEL J 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753			Executive Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Fitzpatrick,
Michael J. 05/10/2006

__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) Vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2007.

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