TAYLOR DEAN E Form 4

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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		
(Last) C/O TIDEWA POYDRAS S'			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2013	(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		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		
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130				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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock	03/11/2013		M(1)	51,419	A	\$ 27.92	271,327	D			
Common Stock	03/11/2013		S	39,148	D	\$ 46.3909 (2)	232,179	D			
Common Stock							4,699.38	I	By Trustee (3)		
Common Stock							3,957	I	As Custodian for Children		

Common Stock 4,582 I By Trust

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.92	03/11/2013		M	51,419	03/12/2004(5)	03/12/2013	Common Stock	51,419

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TAYLOR DEAN E							
C/O TIDEWATER INC.	X						
601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900	Λ						
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130							

Signatures

Bruce D. Lundstrom as Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Dean E.

Taylor

03/13/2013

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously entered into by the reporting person.

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- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$46.14 to \$46.60. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for the account through February 28, 2013.
- (4) The reporting person 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.
- (5) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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