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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC] Vallacchi Grace (Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 975 HOOPER AVENUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person TOMS RIVER, NJÂ 08753 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Executive Vice President & CRO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D (1) (2) Â Common Stock 19,373 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Common 03/01/2019 01/24/2028 Â $9.190^{(3)}$ D Common Stock \$ 27.4

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Vallacchi Grace 975 HOOPER AVENUE

A Executive Vice President & CRO TOMS RIVER, Â NJÂ 08753

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of 03/28/2018 Attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Includes 9,155 shares of restricted stock. 2,567 shares vest on March 1, 2019, 1,831 shares vest on March 1 of 2020, 2021, and 2022, and 1,095 shares vest on March 1, 2023.
- Includes 10,218 of performance-based restricted shares. One third of such shares vest on each of March 1, 2019, 2020, and 2021 at (2) approximately 60% or approximately 80% to 100% depending on the attainment of defined performance criteria for each of the calendar years ended 2018, 2019, and 2020, or are forfeited if threshold performance is not met.
- (3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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