GARBARINO JOHN R

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

GARBARINO JOHN R

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]				(Check all applicable)		
(Last) 975 HOOPE	(First) (N	(Mont	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/17/2010			X Director X Officer (g below) Chairma			
			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		
TOMS RIVI	ER, NJ 08754						Person	Wiore than One I	ceporting
(City)	(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)		Code		(A) or (A) or))	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	03/17/2010		D	2,391	D	\$0	353,515	D (1)	
Common Stock							92,283	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock							55,847	I	By Esop (2)
Common Stock							401	I	By Matching ESOP (2) (3)
Common Stock							14,445	I	By Spouse

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities	beneficially owned directly or indirectly.	
Common Stock	9,584 I	Son 2 Trust
Common Stock	2,204 I	Son 1 Trust

$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

number.

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. onNumber 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)	\$ 17.88					02/20/2003	02/20/2012	Common Stock	120,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.44					05/30/2004	05/30/2013	Common Stock	90,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.525					05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	90,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07					01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	3,430
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.795					04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	3,806
	\$ 23.475					02/15/2007	02/15/2016		63,000

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Stock Option (Right to Buy)				Common Stock	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17	02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	60,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81	02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	63,788
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10	02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	89,305

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GARBARINO JOHN R 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754	X		Chairman, President and CEO			

Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney 03/17/2010

**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) Represents forfeiture of performance-based restricted shares, originally awarded on July 21, 2009. Shares earned under the award will vest on July 21, 2011.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006.
- Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2011.

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