

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
601 POYDRAS ST. #1900  
(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/08/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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                    | 11/08/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>            |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 2,292 A \$ 43.625                                                                             | 75,266                                                   | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 11/08/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>            |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 1,964 D \$ 50.91                                                                              | 73,302                                                   | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 11/09/2006                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 12,708 A \$ 43.625                                                                            | 86,010                                                   | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 11/09/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 400 D \$ 52                                                                                   | 85,610                                                   | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 11/09/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 200 D \$ 52.02                                                                                | 85,410                                                   | D                                                     |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 52.07 | 84,110 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 52.12 | 83,910 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 52.15 | 83,710 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 52.19 | 83,510 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 500   | D | \$ 52.2  | 83,010 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 2,300 | D | \$ 52.25 | 80,710 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 52.28 | 78,710 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 400   | D | \$ 52.33 | 78,310 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 52.34 | 78,110 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 52.36 | 78,010 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | S | 4,708 | D | \$ 52.44 | 73,302 | D |

|              |  |  |  |  |  |            |   |                                          |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  |  | 5,757      | I | As Custodian for Children <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  |  | 3,639.5319 | I | By Trustee <sup>(3)</sup>                |

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) |
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|                             |           |                           | Code | V (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------|-------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 43.625 | 11/08/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> | M    |       |     | 03/19/1998 <sup>(4)</sup> | 03/19/2007      | Common Stock | 2,292                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 43.625 | 11/09/2006                | M    |       |     | 03/19/1998 <sup>(4)</sup> | 03/19/2007      | Common Stock | 12,708                     |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| TAYLOR DEAN E<br>601 POYDRAS ST. #1900<br>NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 | X             |           | Chairman, CEO & President |       |

**Signatures**

Dean E. Taylor, by: Michael L. Goldblatt, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 11/13/2006

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\*\*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).
- Mr. Taylor attested to ownership of the 1,964 shares delivered in payment of the exercise price and delivered the attestation form to the
- (1) Company's agent after the close of the trading markets on November 7, 2006. On November 8, the agent transmitted the attestation form and necessary documentation to Mr. Taylor's broker through DTC to effect the payment of the exercise price.
  - (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
  - (3) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through October 31, 2006.
  - (4) The options vested in 3 equal annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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