

Roualet Mark C.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Roualet Mark C.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION,Â 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>FALLS CHURCH,Â VAÂ 22042</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/15/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP [GD]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
			<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	22,220	D	Â
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	4,583.2617	I	401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	Â <u>(1)</u>	03/02/2009	Common Stock	9,640	\$ 45.67	D	Â
Stock Options	Â <u>(2)</u>	03/01/2010	Common Stock	10,600	\$ 52.65	D	Â
Stock Options	Â <u>(3)</u>	02/28/2011	Common Stock	9,400	\$ 62.355	D	Â
Stock Options	Â <u>(4)</u>	03/06/2012	Common Stock	10,650	\$ 76.23	D	Â
Stock Options	Â <u>(5)</u>	03/04/2013	Common Stock	15,500	\$ 82.78	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Roualet Mark C. C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Julie P. Aslaksen, by power of attorney 10/17/2008

\*\*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).
- (1) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/3/05 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 3/3/06.
- (2) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/2/06 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 3/2/07.
- (3) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/1/07 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 3/1/08.
- (4) Fifty percent became exercisable on 3/7/08 and the remaining fifty percent will become exercisable on 3/7/09.
- (5) Fifty percent become exercisable on 3/5/09 and the remaining fifty percent will become exercisable on 3/5/10.

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