

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
**GARBARINO JOHN R**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**975 HOOPER AVENUE**  
 (Street)  
**TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/19/2005**

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, President and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)			
Common Stock	09/19/2005		G	V	450	D	\$ 0 14,445	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	09/19/2005		G	V	450	A	\$ 0 9,004	I	Son 2 Trust
Common Stock							252,639	D	
Common Stock							57,813	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock							39,097	I	By ESOP

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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)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.607					02/04/1998	02/04/2007	Common Stock	219,732
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

