

MORRIS JOHN C  
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 \*  
MORRIS JOHN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5215 WEST LAUREL STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and Co-Chairman

TAMPA, FL 33607  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	
Common Stock	12/13/2007		M		85,000	A	
					\$ 2.5		
					1,546,162	D	

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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.5	12/12/2007		A	37,500	01/26/2008 01/26/2011	Common Stock	37,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.5	12/13/2007		M	85,000	03/18/2005 03/18/2008	Common Stock	85,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRIS JOHN C 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET TAMPA, FL 33607	X		President and Co-Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ David A. Morris, Power of Attorney  
 12/14/2007  
 \*\*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).

On June 28, 2006, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 112,500 shares of common stock to vest upon the issuer meeting certain performance criteria. The option vests in three equal installments based on meeting certain performance criteria for the twelve month periods ending on January 26, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The criteria were not met for the period ending January 26, 2007. On December 12, 2007, the Issuer's compensation committee determined that the criteria had been met for the period to end on January 26, 2008, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 37,500 shares.

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