

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KELLY JOHN K

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/20/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP/ Corporate Secretary

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					21,712	D	
Common Stock					19,438	I	By 401(k) (1)
Common Stock					33,727	I	By ESOP (2)
Common Stock					6,474	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					3,875	I	By Trust

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Common Stock	3,000	I	By wife/ cust child 1
Common Stock	3,000	I	By wife/ cust child 2

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.795	04/20/2005		A	750	04/20/2006 ⁽³⁾ 04/20/2010	Common Stock	750
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6067					02/04/1998 02/04/2007	Common Stock	28,835
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.88					02/20/2003 02/20/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.44					05/30/2004 05/30/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.525					05/28/2005 05/28/2014	Common Stock	10,000

buy)

Stock

Option \$ 23.07
(right to buy)

01/19/2005 01/19/2015 Common Stock 676

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLY JOHN K 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753			Senior VP/ Corporate Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Kelly, John
K. 04/22/2005

**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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions under the ESOP pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Stock Options vest in five equal annual installments commencing on April 20, 2006.

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