

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
GARBARINO JOHN R

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)
03/19/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 88,238 | D | <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,445 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 265,277 | I | Spouse Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 115,684 | I | By 401(k) <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 68,677 | I | By Esop <u>(2)</u> |

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|-----------------|-------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 555 | I | By Matching ESOP <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | 9,584 | I | Son 2 Trust |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.75 | 03/19/2014 | | A | 80,000 | 03/19/2015 03/19/2024 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| 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 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.475 | | | | | 02/15/2007 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 63,000 |
| | \$ 22.17 | | | | | 02/21/2008 02/21/2017 | | 60,750 |

| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | | | | Common Stock | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | 02/20/2009 | 02/20/2018 | Common Stock | 63,788 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10 | 02/17/2011 | 02/17/2020 | Common Stock | 89,305 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.87 | 02/18/2012 | 02/18/2021 | Common Stock | 90,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.83 | 02/15/2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 90,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.62 | 02/15/2014 | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock | 80,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GARBARINO JOHN R 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 03/20/2014
 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) Total includes shares of restricted stock to vest in the future.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006.

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(4) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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