#### TIDEWATER INC

Form 4

February 23, 2007

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * OMALLEY WILLIAM C			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol TIDEWATER INC [TDW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (E			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2007	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(S	Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				Securities O Beneficially Fo Owned (E Following In Reported (Ii	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/22/2007		M	50,000	A	\$ 44	308,826	D		
Common Stock	02/22/2007		M	50,000	A	\$ 35.29	358,826	D		
Common Stock	02/22/2007		M	50,000	A	\$ 27.85	408,826	D		
Common Stock	02/22/2007		F(1)	99,094	D	\$ 54.06	309,732	D		
Common Stock							643	I (2)	By Trustee	

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or Di (D)	rities nired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44	02/22/2007		M		50,000	03/29/2002	03/28/2007(3)	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.29	02/22/2007		M		50,000	07/26/2002	03/28/2007(3)	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.85	02/22/2007		M		50,000	11/29/2002	03/28/2007(3)	Common Stock	50,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
OMALLEY WILLIAM C C/O TIDEWATER, INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130	X						

# **Signatures**

William C. O'Malley, By: Cliffe Laborde, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **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) Shares delivered for payment of exercise price of options.
- (2) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through January 31, 2007.
- (3) Pursuant to their terms, these options expire on the fifth anniversary of the Reporting Person's retirement, which occurred on March 28, 2002.

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