

KELLY JOHN K  
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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 \*  
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)  
03/17/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	03/17/2010		D		429	D	\$ 0	25,698	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								25,190	I By 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								44,880	I By Esop <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								4,790	I By Matching ESOP <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								6,474	I By Spouse

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Common Stock	3,875	I	By Trust
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. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07					01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	676

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.795	04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475	03/01/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17	02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	6,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81	02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	7,088
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10	02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	9,925

## 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/ John K. Kelly                      03/17/2010

\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Represents forfeiture of performance-based restricted shares, originally awarded on July 21, 2009. Shares earned under the award will vest on July 21, 2011.
- (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
- (4) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2011.

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