#### OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

March 18, 2016

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GARBARINO JOHN R			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify		
975 HOOPER AVENUE			01/19/2016	below) below) Chairman		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754				Form filed by More than One Reporting		

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative Se	curitio	es Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed  Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities A Transaction(A) or Dispos Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8)			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/19/2016		J	V	122,301	D	\$0	0	I	By 401(k) (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/19/2016		J	V	122,301	A	\$0	212,391	D (2) (3)	
Common Stock	01/25/2016		J	V	73,405	D	\$ 0	0	I	By Esop (1) (2) (4)
Common Stock	01/25/2016		J	V	73,405	A	\$0	285,796	D (2) (3)	
Common Stock	03/16/2016		A		1,740	A	\$0	287,536	D (5)	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.								
Common Stock	9,584	I	Son 2 Trust					
Common Stock	265,277	I	Spouse Trust					
Common Stock	14,445	I	By Spouse					

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secui (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17					02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	60,750	
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	\$ 13.83					02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	90,000	

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(Right to Buy)					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.62	02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	80,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.75	03/01/2015	03/19/2024	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			

## **Signatures**

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney 03/18/2016

\*\*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) As part of his personal tax planning, Mr. Garbarino took distributions from his tax-qualified plans to direct holdings.
- (3) Total includes shares of restricted stock to vest in the future.
- (4) Includes shares acquired from the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which merged with the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 31, 2015.
- (5) Restricted shares awarded. Such shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2017. Total includes other restricted shares that vest in the future.
- (6) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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