

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Demarest Craig</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 POYDRAS ST., STE. 1900</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>06/02/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>TIDEWATER INC [TDW]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)<br/>Principal Accounting Officer</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 14,512   | D   |  |
| Common Stock                       | 339.3248 <sup>(3)</sup>                                  | I   | Through 401(k) Plan                                      |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
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|                        | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Options (right to buy) | 03/29/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/29/2016      | Common Stock | 12,500                     | \$ 55.76            | D   | Â |
| Options (right to buy) | 03/21/2008                | 03/21/2017      | Common Stock | 4,167                      | \$ 57.65            | D   | Â |
| Options (right to buy) | 03/05/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/05/2018      | Common Stock | 7,732                      | \$ 56.71            | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Demarest Craig<br>C/O TIDEWATER INC.<br>601 POYDRAS ST., STE. 1900<br>NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 | Â             | Â         | Â Principal Accounting Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ D. Clayton Cambre on behalf of Craig J. Demarest pursuant to a power of attorney 06/04/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The options vest 1/3 per year beginning March 29, 2006.
- (2) The options vest 1/3 per year beginning March 5, 2009.
- (3) Based on plan statement as of May 30, 2008.

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