

TAYLOR DEAN E  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
TAYLOR DEAN E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601  
POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900

(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2009                           |                                                    | G                              | V 115 D \$ 0                                                      | 132,635                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 2,628                                                                                         | I                                                        | As Custodian for Children (1)     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 3,937.2544                                                                                    | I                                                        | By Trustee (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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                              | Relationships |           |           |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                                                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| TAYLOR DEAN E<br>C/O TIDEWATER INC.<br>601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900<br>NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 | X             |           | President |       |

## Signatures

Dean E. Taylor by: Bruce D. Lundstrom - Agent and Attorney in Fact 12/18/2009

\_\_\_\_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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (2) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(K) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for the account through November 30, 2009.

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