

Holmes Michael J
Form 4
December 14, 2007

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Holmes Michael J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ODYSSEY MARINE
EXPLORATION INC [OMEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5215 WEST LAUREL STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2007

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

TAMPA, FL 33607

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.5	12/12/2007			A		16,667		01/26/2008	01/26/2011	Common Stock	16,667 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Holmes Michael J 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET TAMPA, FL 33607			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
Holmes 12/14/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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On January 26, 2006, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock to vest upon the issuer meeting certain performance criteria. The option vests in three equal installments based on meeting certain performance criteria for the (1) twelve month periods ending on January 26, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The criteria were not met for the period ending January 26, 2007. On December 12, 2007, the Issuer's compensation committee determined that the criteria had been met for the period to end on January 26, 2008, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 16,667 shares.

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