

Holmes Michael J
Form 4
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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 W LAUREL ST
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/26/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
CFO

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	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/26/2011		M		33,768	A	\$ 0	155,264	D
Common Stock	12/26/2011		F ⁽¹⁾		8,932	D	\$ 2.53	146,332	D
Common Stock	12/26/2011		M		16,625	A	\$ 0	162,957	D
Common Stock	12/26/2011		F ⁽¹⁾		4,397	D	\$ 2.53	158,560	D
Common Stock								75,000	I By LLC

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/26/2011		M		33,768		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	33,768
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/26/2011		M		16,625		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	16,625

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Holmes Michael J 5215 W LAUREL ST TAMPA, FL 33607	CFO

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
Holmes 12/27/2011

__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) Shares delivered to the Issuer to satisfy tax liability obligations in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of OMEX common stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units vest in two annual installments on 12/26/2010 and 2011.

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(4) Restricted Stock Units vest in two annual installments on 12/26/2011 and 2012.

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