

THOMPSON JACK EDWARD  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * THOMPSON JACK EDWARD (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900 (Street)  NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TIDEWATER INC [TDW]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,500	D	^

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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Purchase) <sup>(1)</sup>	09/30/2005	03/30/2015	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 37.55	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON JACK EDWARD C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Jack Thompson, by: Michael Goldblatt, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

04/01/2005

\_\_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) Director stock option granted under the Tidewater Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Plan pursuant to which the reported option was granted provides for tax withholding rights.

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