TIDEWATER INC Form 4

March 22, 2016

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Demarest Craig**

> (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1500

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Principal Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ 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

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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 | 3) | Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | ed of | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|----|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.21 | 03/21/2016 | | A | | 14,982 | | (1) | 03/21/2026 | Common Stock | 14,982 |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 03/21/2016 | | A | | 23,127 | | <u>(1)</u> | 04/20/2019 | Common Stock | 23,127 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Demarest Craig C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1500 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

Principal Accounting Officer

Signatures

Bruce D. Lundstrom as Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Craig J. Demarest

03/22/2016

**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) This award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 21, 2017.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of the Issuer's common stock in cash.

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