

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 8-K  
November 18, 2014

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 13, 2014

**TIDEWATER INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**DELAWARE**  
*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

**1-6311**  
*(Commission  
File Number)*

**72-0487776**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

**601 Poydras Street, Suite 1500**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**70130**  
*(Zip Code)*

**(504) 568-1010**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On November 13, 2014, the board of directors (the Board ) of Tidewater Inc. (the Company ) voted to increase the size of the Board from 10 to 11 members and, on the recommendation of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, elected Richard D. Paterson to serve as a director effective immediately. Mr. Paterson, age 63, was appointed to serve on the Audit Committee and the Finance and Investment Committee. Assuming Mr. Paterson is renominated for Board service, he will stand for reelection by the Company s stockholders at the 2015 annual meeting.

A copy of a press release issued by the Company regarding Mr. Paterson s election is attached as Exhibit 99.1, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) <b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibits Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated November 17, 2014. <b>SIGNATURE</b>

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**TIDEWATER INC.**

November 18, 2014

/s/ Bruce D. Lundstrom  
Bruce D. Lundstrom  
Executive Vice President,  
Secretary and General Counsel