

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

January 08, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 7, 2009**

**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-27428**  
(Commission File No.)

**22-3412577**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**975 HOOPER AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08753**

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)240-4500

(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 140.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On January 7, 2009 OceanFirst Financial Corp. issued a press release announcing that it has received preliminary approval from the U.S. Treasury for the sale of \$38.263 million in preferred stock and related warrants to the U.S. Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program (the CPP ) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. Final approval is subject to affirmation by the Company's Board of Directors and the execution of a definitive agreement with the U.S. Treasury.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated January 7, 2009 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 hereof)

SIGNATURES

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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

/S/ Michael Fitzpatrick  
Michael Fitzpatrick  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 8, 2009