OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Tsimbinos Steven James

(Last) (First) (Middle)

975 HOOPER AVENUE

(Street)

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
First Senior VP/Corp Secretary

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

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	03/16/2016		A		5,345	A	$ 0	18,178	D (1)	
Common Stock								2,831	I	By 401(k) (2)
Common Stock								1,959	I	By ESOP (2)

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 17.28	03/16/2016		A		15,000		03/01/2017	03/16/2026	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 11.32							09/07/2011	09/07/2020	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 13.87							02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 13.83							02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 14.62							02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option	$ 17.75							03/01/2015	03/19/2024	Common Stock	13,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy	$ 17.37							03/01/2016	03/18/2025	Common Stock	13,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	**Relationships**			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Tsimbinos Steven James
975 HOOPER AVENUE
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

First Senior VP/Corp Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos	03/18/2016
**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) Restricted shares awarded. Such shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2017. Total includes other restricted shares that vest in the future.

(2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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