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April 18, 2002

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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): April 17, 2002

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.)
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975 HOOPER AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08754

(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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ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, 6, 8 AND 9. NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 17, 2002, the Board of Directors of OceanFirst Financial Corp. (the "Company") declared a 50% stock dividend on its common stock having the effect of a three-for-two stock split. Shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 3, 2002 will receive one share of common stock for every two shares they own on that date. The new shares will be distributed on May 17, 2002. A copy of the news release announcing such action is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

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The following Exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

99.1 Press release dated April 17, 2002.

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SIGNATURES

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

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

/s/ John R. Garbarino

John R. Garbarino
Chairman of the Board,
President, Chief Executive Officer
and Director

Dated: April 17, 2002

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated April 17, 2002.

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