

FIRST MARINER BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

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

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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) **October 21, 2008**

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**FIRST MARINER BANCORP**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in Charter)*

<b>Maryland</b> <i>(State or other Jurisdiction of incorporation)</i>	<b>000-21815</b> <i>(Commission File Number)</i>	<b>52-1834860</b> <i>(IRS Employer Identification No.)</i>
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**1501 S. Clinton Street, Baltimore, MD 21224**  
*(Address of Principal Executive Offices/Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(410) 342-2600**

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 21, 2008, First Mariner Bancorp (the “Registrant”) issued a press release reporting its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008. A copy of this press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into Item 2.02.

The information contained in this Item 2.02 and in Exhibit 99.1 hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated October 21, 2008 (furnished herewith)

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**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.

FIRST MARINER BANCORP

Date: October 23, 2008

By:

/s/ Joseph A. Cicero  
Joseph A. Cicero  
President and Chief Operating Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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