

FIRST MARINER BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2009

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): January 15, 2009

FIRST MARINER BANCORP  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in Charter)

Maryland  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

000-21815

(Commission File Number)

52-1834860

(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

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:

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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))



INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

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

(b) Departure of Director.

Effective January 15, 2009, Howard Friedman resigned from the Board of Directors of First Mariner Bancorp. Mr. Friedman's other commitments require him to travel frequently and he believes that this will limit the usefulness of his further service to the Board.

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: January 16, 2009

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