

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 8-K  
September 23, 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): September 17, 2009

**TIDEWATER INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-6311**  
(Commission

File Number)

**72-0487776**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

601 Poydras Street, Suite 1900

70130

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**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(504) 568-1010**

(Zip Code)

(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 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On September 17, 2009, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Tidewater Inc. (the Company ) approved and adopted an amendment and restatement of the Company s Bylaws to clarify the entitlement of directors, officers and employees of the Company to corporate indemnification (the Amendment ). The Amendment was effective upon adoption by the Board.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following are filed as exhibits to this report:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Bylaws of Tidewater Inc., as amended through September 17, 2009.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

September 23, 2009

**TIDEWATER INC.**

/s/ Quinn P. Fanning  
Quinn P. Fanning

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer