

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
Form SC 13G
February 16, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(Amendment No.)*

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

675234108

(CUSIP Number)

February 16, 2018

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

(Continued on following pages)

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF
ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES
ONLY)

2 WL Ross & Co. LLC (1)
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
4 ORGANIZATION

Delaware
5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF -0-
SHARES 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 2,596,216 (1)
EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING
PERSON -0-
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Item 1.

- (a) The name of the issuer is OceanFirst Financial Corp, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer").
(b) The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at 975 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753.

Item 2.

- (a) The names of the persons (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") filing this Schedule 13G (this "Statement") are:

- WL Ross & Co. LLC
- WLR SBI AcquisitionCo, LLC
- WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC
- WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P.

- (b) The principal business office for each of the Reporting Persons is c/o WL Ross & Co. LLC, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

- (c) Each of the Reporting Persons is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

- (d) This Statement relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Issuer.

- (e) The CUSIP Number of the Common Stock is 675234108.

Item 3.

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership.

The percentages used in this Item 4 are calculated based on 47,675,979 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

WL Ross & Co. LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,596,216
- (b) Percent of Class: 5.4%
- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,596,216
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: -0-
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
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WLR SBI AcquisitionCo, LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,596,216
 - (b) Percent of Class: 5.4%
 - (c) (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
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WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,596,216
- (b) Percent of Class: 5.4%
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 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,596,216
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: -0-
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WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,596,216
- (b) Percent of Class: 5.4%
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 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
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Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the

7. Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of a Group.

See Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certifications

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 16, 2018

WL ROSS & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Ben Gruder
Name: Ben Gruder
Title: Authorized Person

WLR SBI ACQUISITIONCO, LLC

By: WLR Recovery Associates IV, L.P.,
its Sole Manager

By: WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC,
its General Partner

By: WL Ross & Co. LLC,
its Managing Member

By: /s/ Ben Gruder
Name: Ben Gruder
Title: Authorized Person

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By: WL Ross & Co. LLC,
its Managing Member

By: /s/ Ben Gruder
Name: Ben Gruder
Title: Authorized Person

WLR RECOVERY
ASSOCIATES IV LLC

By: WL Ross & Co. LLC,
its Managing Member

By: /s/ Ben Gruder
Name: Ben Gruder
Title: Authorized Person

EXHIBIT INDEX TO SCHEDULE 13G

Exhibit 1 Identification of Members of the Group

Exhibit 2 Joint Filing Agreement among WL Ross & Co. LLC, WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P., WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC and WLR SBI AcquisitionCo, LLC.