TIDEWATER INC
Form 8-K
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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)* December 6, 2011

TIDEWATER INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**1-6311**	**72-0487776**
(State of incorporation)	***(Commission File Number)***	***(IRS Employer Identification No.)***

601 Poydras Street, Suite 1900	**70130**
(Address of principal executive offices)	***(Zip Code)***

(504) 568-1010

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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 8.01. Other Events.

In accordance with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company notes that certain statements set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K provide other than historical information and are forward looking. The actual achievement of any forecasted results, or the unfolding of future economic or business developments in a way anticipated or projected by the Company, involve numerous risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company s actual performance to be materially different from that stated or implied in the forward-looking statement. Among those risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, include, without limitation, volatility in worldwide energy demand and oil and gas prices; fleet additions by competitors and industry overcapacity; changes in capital spending by customers in the energy industry for offshore exploration, field development and production; changing customer demands for vessel specifications, which may make some of our older vessels technologically obsolete for certain customer projects or in certain markets; uncertainty of global financial market conditions and difficulty in accessing credit or capital; acts of terrorism and piracy; significant weather conditions; unsettled political conditions, war, civil unrest and governmental actions, such as expropriation, especially in higher risk countries where we operate; foreign currency fluctuations; labor influences proposed by international conventions; increased regulatory burdens and oversight following the Deepwater Horizon incident; and enforcement of laws related to the environment, labor and foreign corrupt practices. Readers should consider all of these risk factors as well as other information contained in this report.

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Dean E. Taylor, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Joseph M. Bennett, Executive Vice President and Chief Investor Relations Officer, presented at the Capital One Southcoast 6th Annual Energy Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The following information is being provided under Item 8.01 Other Events in this Current Report on Form 8-K: (1) a slide presentation presented at the Capital One Southcoast 6th Annual Energy Conference on December 6, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana included as Exhibit 99.1 and (2) a transcript of the presentation at the Capital One Southcoast 6th Annual Energy Conference on December 6, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana included as Exhibit 99.2. Both Exhibit 99.1 and 99.2 are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

The information contained in the transcript, which was prepared by Wall Street Webcasting, is a textual representation of the Company s presentation. There may be material errors, omissions or inaccuracies in the reporting of the contents of the presentation. The Company assumes no responsibility to correct or update the third-party transcript. Users are advised to review the Company s SEC filings before making any investment or other decisions.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished with this Form 8-K:

99.1 Slide presentation presented at the Capital One Southcoast 6th Annual Energy Conference on December 6, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

99.2 Transcript of the presentation presented at the Capital One Southcoast 6th Annual Energy Conference on December 6, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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.

TIDEWATER INC.

By: /s/ Joseph M. Bennett
Joseph M. Bennett
Executive Vice President and Chief Investor Relations Officer

Date: December 9, 2011