

Form 10-C

Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, DC 20549

Report by issuer of securities quoted on The Nasdaq Stock Market, filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 13a-17 or 15d-17 thereunder.

EXACT NAME OF ISSUER AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER: West Marine, Inc.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 500 Westridge Drive, Watsonville, CA

95076

ISSUER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE): (408) 728-2700

I. Change in Number of Shares Outstanding

Indicate any change (increase or decrease) of five percent or more in the number of shares outstanding:

1. Title of security Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

2. Number of shares outstanding before the change 7,526,738

3. Number of shares outstanding after the change approximately 8,137,149

(estimate; assumes no fractional shares issued)

4. Effective date of change June 17, 1996

5. Method of change Issuance of West Marine, Inc. Common Stock in exchange for

the shares of E&B Marine Inc. Common Stock outstanding on June 17, 1996 in

connection with the acquisition by merger of E&B Marine Inc. effective on such

date.

Specify method (such as merger, acquisition, exchange, distribution, stock split, reverse split, acquisition of stock of treasury, etc.)

Give brief description of transaction. See above.

II. Change in Name of Issuer

1. Name prior to change _____

2. Name after change _____

3. Effective date of charter amendment changing name _____

4. Date of shareholder approval of change, if required _____

June 25, 1996

/s/ John C. Zott, Chief Financial Officer

DATE

OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE

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