

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Shi Christiana Smith</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>500 WESTRIDE DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>WATSONVILLE CA 95076</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WEST MARINE INC [ WMAR ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/14/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/14/2017	09/14/2017	D <sup>(1)</sup>		34,083 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$12.97 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Outstanding shares of common stock disposed of pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of June 29, 2017, by and among the Issuer, Rising Tide Parent, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), and Rising Tide Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, effective September 14, 2017, Merger Sub was merged with and into the Issuer, with the Issuer surviving the merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent.
- Includes 6,493 restricted stock units ("RSUs") that were accelerated and became fully-vested and then cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment equal to the product of (i) the total number of shares of the Issuer's common stock subject to the cancelled RSUs multiplied by (ii) \$12.97.
- Outstanding shares disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for \$12.97 for each share of the Issuer's common stock held by the Reporting Person.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Pamela Fields, attorney-in-fact 09/18/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned, as an officer of WEST MARINE, INC. (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints each of Pam Fields, Tom Moran and Linda Kennedy, and each of them signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of West Marine, Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary, desirable or legally required in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17th day of September, 2010.

Signature /s/ Christiana S. Shi

Print Name Christiana S. Shi

WITNESS:

Signature /s/ Leslie VanBaggen

Print Name Leslie VanBaggen