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January 11, 2018

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) January 10, 2018

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33143 04-3106389 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

59 Maiden Lane, 43rd Floor, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 220-7120

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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(17 **CFR** 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule "14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) "under the Exchange Act (17 **CFR** 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c)..under the Exchange Act (17 **CFR** 240.133-4 (c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 10, 2018, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the appointment of a special committee of the Company's board of directors to review the proposal from private equity funds managed by Stone Point Capital LLC, together with Barry D. Zyskind, George Karfunkel and Leah Karfunkel (collectively, the "Zyskind-Karfunkel Family"), to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of the Company that are not currently owned or controlled by the Zyskind-Karfunkel Family. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press Release</u>, dated January 10, 2018, issued by AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

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SIGNATURES

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.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (Registrant)

Date January 11, 2018

/s/ Stephen Ungar Stephen Ungar SVP, General Counsel and Secretary