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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 14)

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

032359309

(CUSIP Number)

Barry D. Zyskind

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 22, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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17,352,013

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

27,524,562

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 44,776,575
- 12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 22.8%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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PERSON WITH

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 32,438,408
- 12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 16.5%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP No. 032359309 13D Page 4 of 6 Pages 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Leah Karfunkel CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) (b) 3 SEC USE ONLY 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS PF 5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America **SOLE VOTING POWER** NUMBER OF 6,596,463 **SHARES** 8 SHARED VOTING POWER **BENEFICIALLY** 15,504,562 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER OWNED BY 6,596,463 **EACH** 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING 15,504,562 PERSON WITH

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

22,101,025

- 12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

11.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 14 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 14) amends Amendment No. 13 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 13), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on January 10, 2018 and amended Amendment No. 12 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 12), which was filed with the SEC on December 7, 2017 and amended and restated in its entirety the Schedule 13D and amendments thereto filed by Barry D. Zyskind, George Karfunkel and Leah Karfunkel (collectively, the Group), with respect to the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Shares), of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer).

This Amendment No. 14 is filed solely for the purpose of providing the additional disclosure set forth in Item 4 below. Except as set forth below, all previous Items and disclosure set forth in Amendment No. 12, as amended by Amendment No. 13, are unchanged.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of Schedule 13D is amended by inserting the following at the end of the fourth paragraph of Item 4 in Amendment No. 13:

The proposal contemplates that each series of the Issuer s preferred stock will remain outstanding following completion of the proposed transaction in accordance with its terms. In addition, it is the Group s current intention that, following completion of the proposed transaction, each series of the Issuer s preferred stock will continue to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Issuer will continue to file reports with the SEC and the Issuer will continue to pay dividends on each series of preferred stock on a current basis. In the future, the Issuer may take any action that is permitted by the terms of each series of preferred stock.

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SIGNATURES

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.

January 22, 2018

/s/ Barry D. Zyskind Barry D. Zyskind

/s/ George Karfunkel George Karfunkel

/s/ Leah Karfunkel Leah Karfunkel