

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): March 31, 2019

**BRUNSWICK**  
BRUNSWICK CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

001-01043

(Commission File  
Number)

36-0848180

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

26125 N. Riverwoods Blvd., Suite 500 Mettawa, Illinois

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60045-3420

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 735-4700

N/A

(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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-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. ☐

**Item 5.02.                   Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 4, 2019, Brunswick Corporation announced that Christopher Drees, currently President, Marine Parts and Accessories at Mercury Marine, is being promoted to Vice President and President-Mercury Marine. Drees is succeeding John C. Pfeifer, current Senior Vice President and President-Mercury Marine, who informed the Company on March 31, 2019 that he is leaving the Company effective April 30, 2019.

The news release Brunswick issued announcing these organizational changes is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>   | <b><u>Description of Exhibit</u></b>                                                                               |
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| <a href="#"><u>99.1</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Brunswick Corporation News Release, dated April 4, 2019, announcing organizational changes.</u></a> |

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**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.

**BRUNSWICK CORPORATION**

Dated: April 4, 2019

By: /S/ CHRISTOPHER F. DEKKER  
Christopher F. Dekker  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

### **Brunswick Corporation Names Christopher Drees President - Mercury Marine**

**METTAWA, Ill. April 4, 2019** - Brunswick Corporation (NYSE: BC) today promoted Christopher Drees, president - marine parts and accessories, to president - Mercury Marine. Drees succeeds John Pfeifer, who has chosen to leave Brunswick to pursue opportunities outside the Company. Drees will report to Brunswick Chief Executive Officer David M. Foulkes. The appointment is effective immediately.



“Assuming the Mercury presidency is a natural progression for Chris,” Foulkes explained. “He has spent more than 20 years with the Company, distinguishing himself in a number of varied assignments and making a series of planned career moves to hone his skills and experience in preparation for this well-deserved role. Working alongside Mercury’s experienced and accomplished leadership team, Chris will continue building on the Company’s momentum of innovation, market-leading products and superior quality and customer service.”

Drees joined Mercury Marine in 1998, and during his first eight years held a variety of positions within the Company, including roles in purchasing, sales and marketing, and as general

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manager of the Mercury propeller business. From 2006 through 2014, Drees led Mercury's Attwood operations, first as chief operating officer and then as president.

In 2014, Drees was promoted to vice president - Mercury global operations, and during his tenure in the role Mercury made great strides in increasing the productivity and efficiency of its propulsion operations, according to Foulkes. In 2018, Drees assumed his role leading marine parts and accessories, where he was responsible for the integration of Power Products, Brunswick's largest acquisition ever, into the P&A portfolio. Drees' successor in his P&A role will be the subject of a later announcement. Until that time, marine parts and accessories leadership will continue to report to Drees.

Drees earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, and an MBA from Marquette University.

"Chris's appointment is indicative of both the deep bench of talent and leadership we have throughout the Brunswick organization and our continued focus on succession planning," Foulkes said.

"We thank John, who will remain at Mercury for a short time to effect a smooth transition, for his many significant contributions through the years in a variety of roles at Mercury and Brunswick," Foulkes concluded. "Having originally joined Brunswick in 2006, John has served as Mercury Marine's president since 2014. We wish John the very best in his future endeavors."

#### **About Brunswick**

Headquartered in Mettawa, Ill., Brunswick Corporation's leading consumer brands include Mercury Marine outboard engines; Mercury MerCruiser sterndrive and inboard packages; Mercury global parts and accessories including propellers and SmartCraft electronics; Power Products Integrated Solutions; MotorGuide trolling motors; Attwood, Garelick and Whale marine parts; Land 'N' Sea, BLA, Payne's Marine, Kellogg Marine and Lankhorst Taselaar marine parts distribution; Mercury and Quicksilver parts and oils; Bayliner, Boston Whaler, Crestliner, Cypress Cay, Harris, Lowe, Lund, Princecraft, Quicksilver, Rayglass, Sea Ray, Thunder Jet and Uttern boats; Boating Services Network, NAUTIC-ON, OnBoard Boating Club and Rentals; Life Fitness, Hammer Strength, Cybex, Indoor Cycling Group and SCIFIT fitness equipment; and Brunswick billiards tables, accessories and game room furniture. For more information, visit <https://www.brunswick.com>.

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