

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) January 5, 1999

Brunswick Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specific in Its Charter)

Delaware	1-1043	36-0848180
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 North Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045-4811
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (847) 735-4700

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events

On January 5, 1999, Brunswick Corporation announced that a suit was filed by Volvo Penta of the Americas, Inc. in the Federal District Court in Virginia claiming Brunswick violated various provisions of the antitrust laws in connection with its sales of MerCruiser sterndrive and inboard engines. The suit was filed in the Eastern District of Virginia on December 22, 1998, and the complaint was served on Brunswick on December 29, 1998. A copy of the press release is Exhibit 99 to this current report on Form 8-K.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99. Press release announcing that Brunswick Corporation was sued in Federal District Court in Virginia for violation of antitrust laws.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

BRUNSWICK CORPORATION

DATE: January 7, 1999

By: /s/ Victoria J. Reich

Name: Victoria J. Reich
Title: Vice President
and Chief Financial
and Controller

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EXHIBIT 99

SUIT FILED AGAINST BRUNSWICK

For Immediate Release

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Jan. 5, 1999 - Brunswick Corporation (NYSE: BC) announced today that it has been served with a lawsuit filed recently in Federal District Court in Virginia claiming Brunswick violated various provisions of the antitrust laws in connection with its sales of MerCruiser sterndrive and inboard engines. The suit was filed by Volvo Penta of the Americas, Inc., seeking damages in an unspecified amount and injunctive relief. Brunswick said it believes the suit is without merit and will aggressively defend itself against it. The complaint invokes the allegations contained in a suit brought in Little Rock, Ark., where, as previously reported, a jury awarded a group of 22 boat builders treble damages totaling \$133 million in June 1998. The company is in the process of appealing this verdict. While there can be no assurances, the company believes the jury verdict will ultimately be reversed.

Brunswick Corporation is a multinational company serving outdoor and indoor active recreation markets with consumer products that include such leading brands as Zebco and Quantum fishing equipment; American Camper and Remington camping gear; Igloo coolers and ice chests; Mongoose, Roadmaster and Ride Hard bicycles; Brunswick bowling and family entertainment centers, equipment and consumer products; Brunswick billiards tables; Life Fitness, Hammer Strength and ParaBody exercise equipment; Sea Ray, Bayliner and Maxum pleasure boats, Baja high-performance boats, Boston Whaler and Trophy offshore fishing boats; Mercury, Mariner and Force outboard engines and MerCruiser sterndrives and inboard engines.