

The Department of Commerce took the extraordinary step of bringing the first “self-initiated” trade remedy case in almost 30 years, investigating Chinese Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet for 1xxx, 3xxx, and 5xxx series. The tariffs that could come from this case have the potential to severely damage the recreational boating industry and hurt more Americans than it helps.

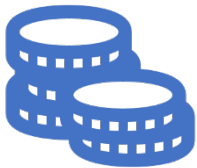
**Aluminum sheet is used for pontoon boats, engines, components, trailers and more**



**\$3 billion total economic value in 2016 alone**

- 111,000 aluminum powerboats sold, representing 43% of the powerboat market
- 35,000 of these are pontoons
- 205,000 boat trailers sold for a total of \$351 million in sales

**Import duties could disrupt supply and raise costs for aluminum sheet**



- Duties could kick in as early as April 12
- Commerce Department’s own initial projections show duties of at least 60 percent, leading to estimated price increases of over 56%
- The marine industry requires wide sheet aluminum (72in +) which is not widely available through US mills. Wide sheets are a safety issue for boats, minimizing seams for welding and leakage issues

**Imports are not displacing domestic production**



- Currently, U.S. mills are at or near capacity and can’t meet demand
- The price of imports has not caused a US pricing collapse
- The marine industry sources aluminum from all over the world—including US mills, China, Korea, and Greece

**Commerce is choosing one group of workers over another (larger) group**

Tariffs will harm more U.S. jobs than they help!



**Domestic aluminum sheet makers employ 3,700 workers while 22,000 marine industry jobs are at stake**

- 8,000 direct recreational aluminum boat manufacturing jobs
- 4,000 direct marine manufacturing jobs
- 10,000 direct marine dealer jobs

PLUS tens of thousands of RV and trailer industry jobs are at risk!

**Fastest Estimated Timeline of Next Steps (as of January 2018)**

	<b>CVD</b>	<b>AD</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determination</b>	4/12/2018	4/20/2018
<b>DOC Final Affirmative Determination</b>	6/26/2018	7/4/2018
<b>ITC Final Hearing (predicted)</b>	6/26/2018	6/26/2018
<b>DOC Issues Order</b>	8/17/2018	8/25/2018