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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, \$.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

G5753U112

(CUSIP Number)

with copies to:
Maiden Holdings, Ltd.
131 Front Street, 2nd Floor
Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

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

August 10, 2011

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Cusip No. G5753U112

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON:
Barry D. Zyskind

2 SS OR IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS: NA
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF GROUP (See Instructions) (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS:
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
United States of America

Number of 7 SOLE VOTING POWER:
Shares

Beneficially 3,688,494

Owned by 8 SHARED VOTING POWER:
Each

Trustee 0

With: 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10 3,688,494
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:
3,688,494

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDE CERTAIN SHARES (See
Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):
5.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions):
IN

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

The title and class of equity security to which this Schedule 13D (this “Statement”) relates is the common shares, par value \$.01 per share (the “Common Shares”), of Maiden Holdings, Ltd., an insurance holding company organized under the laws of Bermuda (the “Issuer”). The address of the Issuer’s principal executive offices is 131 Front Street, 2nd Floor, Hamilton HM12 Bermuda.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

This report is being filed by Barry D. Zyskind (the “Reporting Person”) with a business address of 59 Maiden Lane, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10038. The Reporting Person is a citizen of the United States of America. The Reporting Person is the President, Chief Executive Officer and director of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., an insurance holding company. The principal address of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. is 59 Maiden Lane, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10038.

During the last five years, the Reporting Person has not (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which the Reporting Person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation of such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

On June 14, 2007, the Reporting Person acquired 2,600,000 Common Shares and a warrant to purchase 1,350,000 Common Shares for the aggregate purchase price of \$16,666,667 (described in further detail in Item 6 of this Statement). The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On June 20, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 20,000 Common Shares at \$7.48 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On November 13, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 50,000 Common Shares at \$3.00 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On December 2, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 1,500 Common Shares at \$3.644 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On December 4, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 20,000 Common Shares at \$3.80 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On March 2, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 50,000 Common Shares at \$4.2465 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On May 28, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 50,000 Common Shares at \$5.087 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

On August 12, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 50,000 Common Shares at \$7.35 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person’s personal funds.

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On August 28, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 19,882 Common Shares at \$7.455 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On September 25, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 1,100 Common Shares at \$7.19 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On November 12, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 3,741 Common Shares at \$7.09 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On November 13, 2009, the Reporting Person acquired 6,159 Common Shares at \$7.32 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On September 20, 2010, pursuant to the Warrant Exchange Agreement and the Lockup Agreement between the Reporting Person and the Issuer, the Reporting Person exchanged his warrant to acquire 1,350,000 Common Shares for 600,000 Common Shares, subject to a three-year lockup agreement expiring on September 20, 2013.

On November 16, 2010, the Reporting Person acquired 24,764 Common Shares at \$7.57 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On November 17, 2010, the Reporting Person acquired 1,700 Common Shares at \$7.58 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On November 22, 2010, the Reporting Person acquired 50,000 Common Shares at \$7.70 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On December 1, 2010, the Reporting Person acquired 10,469 Common Shares at \$7.68 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On December 2, 2010, the Reporting Person acquired 39,531 Common Shares at \$7.71 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On August 10, 2011, the Reporting Person acquired 50,000 Common Shares at \$7.92 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

On August 19, 2011, the Reporting Person acquired 39,648 Common Shares at \$7.81 per share on the open market. The source of funds for this purchase was the Reporting Person's personal funds.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The transactions described in Item 3 of this Statement were effected for investment purposes only.

The Reporting Person does not have any current plans or intentions which relate to or would result in any of the actions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

- (a) As of September 9, 2011, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 3,688,494 Common Shares.
- (b) As of September 9, 2011, the Reporting Person had sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 3,688,494 Common Shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
- (c) Except for the transactions described in Item 3, the Reporting Person has not had any other transactions in the Common Shares that were affected during the past 60 days.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Other than as described in this Item 6 of this Schedule 13D, the Reporting Person has no other contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships with any other person with respect to any securities of the Issuer.

Under the terms of the Warrant Exchange Agreement, the Reporting Person agreed to surrender the warrant held by him, issued by the Issuer on June 7, 2007 for the purchase of 1,350,000 of the Issuer's Common Shares at \$10.00 per share, in exchange for 600,000 of the Issuer's Common Shares. On September 20, 2010, the warrant was accepted for exchange by the Issuer, and the Issuer issued the Common Shares to the Reporting Person.

On September 20, 2010, as a condition to the exchange for Common Shares, the Issuer also entered into a Lockup Agreement with the Reporting Person. Under the terms of the Lockup Agreement with the Reporting Person, pursuant to which the Reporting Person agreed that for a period of 36 months following the grant date he will not, without the prior written consent of the Issuer, directly or indirectly, (A) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer any shares acquired by the shareholder as a result of the warrant exchange, or (B) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the shares acquired in the warrant exchange.

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.

September 9, 2011

BARRY D. ZYSKIND

By: /s/ Barry D. Zyskind