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## HEWES FAMILY ANNOUNCES INTENT TO SELL HEWES MARINE COMPANY AND THE HEWESCRAFT BOAT BRAND

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Dave, Bill, and Launa Hewes, owners of Hewes Marine Company (HMC), have recently announced their intent to sell HMC and the Hewescraft brand of all-welded aluminum boats.

HMC has been manufacturing and selling aluminum boats out of Colville, Washington since its founding in 1948 by Ralph and Bob Hewes. The Hewes family has stated that they are currently seeking interested buyers at the time of this release.

Between the years 1997 and 2000, Ralph and Rita Hewes transitioned ownership of HMC to their sons, Bill and Dave Hewes. Launa Hewes, who married Bill in 1995, also became an integral part of the ownership team at that time. Since then, Dave, Bill, and Launa have presided over HMC as it has grown into a team of more than 180 employees and as the Hewescraft boat brand has become the #1-selling heavy-gauge, all-welded aluminum boat in the United States.

Since they took over the business, Dave, Bill, and Launa Hewes had always intended to transition the management of HMC to a third generation of Hewes family ownership when the time came for them to step away from the business. However, over the past several years, as they realized that this would not be possible, they gradually came to the decision that they must sell the business in order to pass the company to an individual or individuals who will continue to grow the business and the Hewescraft boat brand as successfully as possible for as long as possible.

The Hewescraft boat production facility currently employs 180 workers in all facets of welded aluminum boat design, production, marketing, sales, and distribution to 40 retail marine dealerships around the US and Canada. The HMC factory is currently building products at capacity, and sales of Hewescraft boats and marine products continues to grow.

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