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## **NEWSLETTER 01/17**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We will kick off this spring newsletter with Portwatch. This is an adaptation of the Shopwatch scheme, used to empower local shops etc in keeping abreast of occurrences within town centers, allowing for swift action in cases of theft or antisocial behaviour.

Portwatch is available on PC ([website](#)) and as an app on Apple and Android devices at the relevant stores. Within the scheme you can:

- Text message
- Email
- Secure message
- Live chat

With all members in your portal.

The portal is administrated by Dorset Police, and the membership is growing all the time including Border Force GM Team members. This could be a good and easy way to get requests and sightings to the appropriate right people in time for the situation to be dealt with/investigated.

## **General maritime threat**

With over 11,000 miles of British mainland coastline it is important that we protect our shores. So we're focused on co-ordinating resources, the timely sharing of intelligence and ensuring we have the right tools for the job. Locally, the Poole Maritime Team covers the coastline from Totton in the East to Axmouth in the West.

Our work to **strengthen the maritime border** is already underway. Three **pilot projects** in Thames, Cornwall and Humber are helping us test a range of new approaches. Additionally to our five Cutters, eight Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPV) will become operational during 2017, with a possibility that one will be based in Poole.





## **Project Kraken**

With the return to strengthening the maritime border, Project Kraken has had a makeover to reflect the new initiative. Poole Maritime Team members will try and replace any out of date literature you may have with the updated material. If you want to get your hands on the new leaflets and posters sooner, they can be obtained from this [link](#)

You have been sent a separate email regarding the Kraken survey, so please complete this at your leisure. The relevant Kraken posters etc are also available via the Portwatch – South West Maritime portal

## **Diary dates for the next quarter:**

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Team members will attend the Yarmouth Harbour (IoW) Training day

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – Team members will attend the Axe Yacht Club meeting

**13th May** - Christchurch Sailing Club Open Day – we will be attending in our marked vehicle for questions and handing out of leaflets

**15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Poole Maritime Festival (May 2017) – It is hoped that the Poole Maritime Team will share a stand with Dorset Police Marine Branch and IFCA.

## **Skippers visiting the Channel Islands**

Please be aware that if you are purchasing duty free goods from any of the Channel Islands, there are restrictions on your allowances. Fishing charter boat skippers in particular, please be aware of the need to log all purchases for your clients. Significant abuse of these rules may result in you losing your boat, losing your goods and receiving a significant fine. If you have any doubts, please refer to the attached link.

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## **Next newsletter**

From April to August we will plan to send out monthly newsletters.

Regards

**Poole Maritime Team**