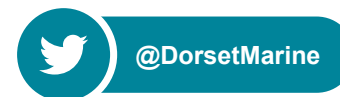




# Marine summer crime prevention advice





# Crime prevention advice to keep your vessel and equipment safe this summer

## Remove it when not on-board

Have you:

- Removed your engine key from the ignition and locked your boat when no one else is on board, even for a short time?
- Removed personal belongings and kit (this includes life jackets and anything with your address on it)?
- Secured or removed the outboard motor?

## Checklist

- Keep property out of sight and securely locked away. Never leave items on the deck or in the cockpit area
- Use strong padlocks or rim locks on entrances or hatches
- Fit anti-theft devices to outboard motors i.e outboard motor lock or round barrel locks
- Fit an alarm which can notify you that somebody is on board
- Mark your property by either engraving or painting your post code somewhere visible. Also, mark out of direct view with a UV pen, or by using DNA solution<sup>™</sup> i.e SmartWater<sup>™</sup> or Select DNA
- Keep curtains or shutters closed to prevent people looking inside the vessel
- Make a list of serial numbers and take photos of all equipment
- Fit solar powered LED lights to deter criminals

**Make sure your boat's security systems are well maintained and if something is broken, fix it or replace it as soon as possible.**

## Remember, be a good neighbour

- **Keep an eye on other boats as well as your own**
- Report anyone suspicious at boat yards and mariners to the police or staff who are working there
- Don't give your gate code or gate pass to anyone
- Don't let strangers into a secure area, however genuine they may seem

**Remove it / Lock it / Mark it / Alarm it / Sort it**

To make a general enquiry or report an incident please go to the Dorset Police website and select the Do it Online function, alternatively you can dial 101. Please remember, if a crime is in progress or life in danger always dial 999.

