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To Sailing Clubs and Marina Managers/Owners

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

This is the first letter of many to advise you on the formation of a dedicated General Maritime Team within Border Force. There are a number of Teams nationally, with a crossover of responsibility from region to region. The Teams will be responsible for Immigration and Customs activity.

The primary responsibility of the General Maritime Team is to react to information and intelligence received from stakeholders such as yourselves. It is recognised that you, and your clients/members/colleagues, are at sea much of the time, and have the ability to quickly identify and report suspicious activity with regards to privately owned boats, yachts and inflatable craft.

The General Maritime Team will also visit cargo vessels, yachts and fishing/diving charter boats either as a result of information received, or just to meet people and share views. These visits will be both planned as well as ad hoc.

Border Force believes it is vitally important that you have a local point of contact to report any suspicious activity that you notice while at sea, or which is brought to your attention; as well as a point of contact for any questions you may have. The General Maritime Team should be contacted at Bournemouth airport (Tel: 01202 579233) from 06:30 to 23:59 daily. Any report that requires immediate attention should be referred to this number as soon as possible.

Reports that require immediate attention between 00:01 and 06:29 should be referred to the Border Force Regional Command and Control Unit based at Folkestone (Tel: 01303 299073).

Routine information reports and any relevant questions should be referred via email to dorsetborderforce@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk This inbox is monitored from 06:30 to 23:59 daily.

We hope to meet some of you as we visit ports, marinas and sailing clubs over the next twelve months and we look forward to getting to know you.

Yours sincerely

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