



MARINE CRIME PREVENTION

RECORD IT

Make a complete inventory of your equipment, especially outboard motors. Include serial numbers and any identifying marks specific to your property. Serial numbers can be placed on the Police National Computer and aid recovery of stolen items. Photograph items which are distinctive and keep with your inventory.

MARK IT

Mark property with your post code and name / house number in a concealed area. There are many ways to do this, from etching or marking with waterproof indelible pen to “Smartwater” (or other specialist identifying methods).

REMOVE IT

The best way to keep thieves from stealing property is to not leave valuables on board – removing electronic equipment and other valuables will eliminate the majority of thefts. Although many boats have lockable storage installed by boat manufacturers, they are not adequate to deter thieves. Additional locks and security hinges can assist to improve the security of your boat. Window locks on sliding windows (or placing a strip of wood where glass slides) will assist with security.

CHALLENGE CULTURE SECURITY

Many boat thieves are successful because they look like they belong to the area. A tactful offer to assist a stranger in finding a person or boat will help to deter a thief and will assist a genuine person.

LOCK IT

Lightweight hasps and locks are easily broken or cut, providing access to equipment stored in lockers. Outboard motor locks and quality shielded “heavy duty” locks can assist; Although these are more expensive initially, a quality lock will prevent a thief from taking your property. Inflatable tenders are easily moved and are a popular item for resale. Secure your tender to a fixed point, using a quality chain or lock.

REPORT IT

Report any thefts immediately to the Police, your club and also to your insurance company. Use your inventory to assist in giving as much information as possible.

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