



Marine Crime Prevention Measures

**ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE
TO REDUCE BOAT THEFT**



Crime Prevention

Marine theft is on the increase; 24 boats were stolen in Northern Ireland and 58 outboard engine thefts were reported during 2010. The Police Service of Northern Ireland are encouraging boat owners to take some simple crime prevention steps to deter potential offenders.

Protecting outboard engines

Thieves are attracted to outboard engines as they are relatively easy to detach from the boat. Removing the original cowling and replacing with a specially designed cover will significantly reduce the resale value of the engine.

The Police Service have supplied boat clubs with a limited number of specially designed engine covers to make outboard boat engines less desirable to thieves.

Tips on preventing theft

Record it - make a complete inventory of your equipment, especially outboard motors. Include serial numbers and any identifying marks specific to your property. Photograph items that are distinctive and keep with your inventory.

Mark it - mark property with your postcode and name/house number in a concealed area.

Remove it - don't leave valuables onboard.

Lock it - a quality lock will prevent a thief from taking your property. Outboard motor locks and quality shielded 'heavy duty' locks can help. Window locks on sliding windows (or placing a strip of wood where the glass slides) will also help with security. Secure inflatable tenders to a fixed point using a quality chain or lock.

Report it - report any thefts immediately to police, your club and your insurance company.

Also, a tactful offer to assist a stranger on club premises in finding a person or boat will help to deter a thief and assist a genuine member

For further information on marine security please contact your local
Crime Prevention Officer on 0845 600 8000.