

Be a good neighbour

Get to know other boat owners in your marina and work together to keep the marina secure. You can do the following :

- Keep an eye on other boats, as well as your own.
- Report any strangers at the marina to the harbour master or yard master/manager.
- Don't give your marina access card/key to other people.
- Never tell anyone else the access code to the marina.
- Don't let strangers into the marina, however genuine they may seem.
- Keep the marina gate closed at all times.

Security Advice

It is important that you take the security of your boat as seriously as you would the security of your own home. Thieves are attracted to all kinds of things on your boat. They could take your outboard motor, your life raft or your expensive marine equipment. They'll also steal anything else that takes their fancy - your radio, tools, personal items and even the boat itself. Follow the advice outlined in this leaflet and you will go a long way towards keeping your boat secure from thieves.

And finally, remember to:

- Mark everything that you buy for your boat with your home postcode.
- Keep a list of serial numbers up to date.
- Take your ship and personal papers with you - don't leave them on board.
- Don't leave your home address on show.
- Keep everything securely locked away because your insurance company may not pay out if you don't.



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Marine Security

**Don't make your boat
attractive to thieves
in the first place**



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Thieves are always on the lookout for easy targets. Don't make yourself an easy target. Always follow these simple steps.

- Never leave anything valuable on display, however small and insignificant it may seem. Thieves steal first and think about value later.
- Don't leave anything loose in the cockpit or deck.
- Don't leave your engine key in the ignition - always take it with you.
- Keep your boat keys separate from the engine keys.
- Always keep your boat locked when no-one is on board, even for a short time.
- Use strong padlocks or rimlocks on all your hatches, entry points and cockpit lockers.

It costs nothing to be alert

Dyfed-Powys is a very safe place both personally and for your property. As a coastal area we have particular challenges - thefts of boats and of boating equipment is one of them. We ask that you take some sensible precautions and will do everything we can to help, but the boating community can help us build up an intelligence picture of who is behaving suspiciously around the boat yards and marinas. Many thefts are planned in advance, criminals may check out a premises to assess security and property and it is with this that you can help us to help you.

Improve your security

Constantly check and improve the security on your boat. It's a good idea to fit an alarm and a visible sticker to say that one is fitted. Make sure your cockpit lockers can be properly locked and check that the main hatch and fore-hatch are strong. Also think about having a strongbox down below. If you don't think something is secure, get it fixed. Keep a list of the serial numbers on valuables like your radio and navigation equipment and your outboard motor.

Before you go ashore (including landing from a dinghy)

Once you've tied up alongside, always do a quick security check before going ashore.

- Lock anything valuable out of sight in a strong locker secured by a strong padlock.
- Lock up emergency money away from other valuables.
- Keep your curtains closed so that no-one can look in.
- Keep unused ropes, fenders and other items out of sight in your cockpit, lockers and cupboards - and always lock them.
- Make sure that your life raft and outboard motor are secure, as these are valuable and attractive to boat thieves.
- When you go ashore from a dinghy, always remove your oars or paddles, rowlocks or pump and secure the dinghy with a strong chain or padlock

If you have a break-in

If you are the victim of boat theft, call the police immediately and tell the harbour master or boatyard manager. Check to make sure that your boat is still seaworthy and hasn't been badly damaged. And, if you can, check that neighbouring boats haven't been broken into as well.

