

Securing Outboard Motors

- Consider covering your outboards with a full canvas cover.
- Position your boat to be under a light or in well lit areas.
- Consider locking devices specialized in making engine removal difficult.
- Position the outboard against an object to limit the amount of working space.
- Keep a copy of the engine make, model, and serial numbers handy.
- Remove keys from ignitions and do not leave a spare key on the vessel.



What to do if you are a victim.

- Immediately call 911 and report the crime.
- Don't board the vessel or touch anything in the area of the crime.
- Gather documentation of vessel and items missing, including photos.
- Formulate a timeline of when and where the items were last seen and when discovered missing.

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General Security for All Vessels

- Check insurance coverage on the vessel and items on board. Be sure to insure electronics and all valuable equipment. Read insurance policy carefully and be aware of prerequisites for proper coverage. Meet all requirements to insure compensation for loss or damages.
- Keep a record of your vessels HIN (Hull Identification Number), serial numbers of outboard engines, make, model, and serial numbers of all electronics. Store this information in a log book at home not on the boat.
- Mark or etch electronics and valuable equipment with your drivers license number or state identification number.
- Take photographs or video of your vessel, all electronics, and any valuable equipment on board. Keep photos with log book. This helps identify items during recovery.
- Remove valuable electronics and equipment when not in use. Take items with you to a safe place. If your unable to remove them, cover or conceal equipment.
- Take your vessel documentation and registration off of the boat when not in use. Criminals cannot produce pertinent owner information if stopped by law enforcement.



Vessels Moored on Lift or in Water

- Lock the vessel's cabin, doors, and windows when not in use. Close curtains to cabin area.
- Remove keys from vessels and never leave a spare set of keys on board.
- Install a coded ignition or hidden kill switch to the engines.
- If on a lift, install an electric cut-off switch away from the dock to completely turn off the power to the lift.
- Secure your vessel to the dock with a locked steel cable.
- Install motion sensor spotlights up high, angling down on the boat.
- Consider a boat alarm or dock alarm for intruders.
- A full boat cover protects your vessel from the elements and is one more step for thieves to overcome.



Vessels on a Trailer

- Store your vessel in a garage, locked building or storage facility
- Use a heavy duty lock and chain to secure your trailer to a fixed object (ie: tree, light post, etc.)
- Consider using a wheel locking device on the trailer wheels.
- Install a quality tongue hitch lock with key for the trailer.
- If possible block the boat and trailer against a building or other obstacle with a vehicle.
- Never leave valuable gear or electronics on board.



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