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Newsletter – Spring '10

Welcome to the spring edition of the Kraken newsletter. The last few months have seen increased activity on the water as the winter weather gave way to a fantastic April with hopefully more to come. As we start to venture out I would ask you all to remain vigilant, more visitors and more activity will lead to an increase in crime. Working together we can continue to make Dorset safer for us all.

Please remember to report any suspicious activity using the guidance below, all information however small is researched and could prove vital during an investigation.

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Describing Suspicious Behaviour

- **WHO - did you see / hear**
- **WHAT - did you see / hear**
- **WHERE - did you see/ hear it**
- **WHEN - did you see/ hear it**
- **WHY - is it suspicious**

If You See/ Hear Suspicious Activity

- **Do Not - intervene or take direct action**
- **Do Not - confront the individual**
- **Do Not - reveal your suspicions**
- **Record as many details as possible**
- **Call the police as soon as possible**

Marine Crime

The last 3 months have seen a number of late reported crimes as people return from their winter break. It is important individuals and clubs work together to ensure all property is regularly checked and crimes promptly reported to the police. This provides the police with a greater opportunity to gather evidence, recover property and identify offenders. Despite this we have seen another fall in reported marine crime compared to the same period last year. Whilst this is very good news please be aware that June and July are historically the months with the highest levels of reported crime so we need to remain vigilant.

Key locations

The west of the county has low levels of crime with no crimes being committed in Lyme Regis, West Bay or Bridport, however in April Lyme Regis was the location for the tragic death of a diver which once again highlights the dangers associated to our maritime activities.

Weymouth/ Portland/ Dorchester had 5 crimes committed. 3 boats were stolen, 2 from sailing clubs and 1 from their home address all of which involved the breaking of locks and chains. Tragically a diver also died off Portland Bill in May and is subject to a Police investigation.



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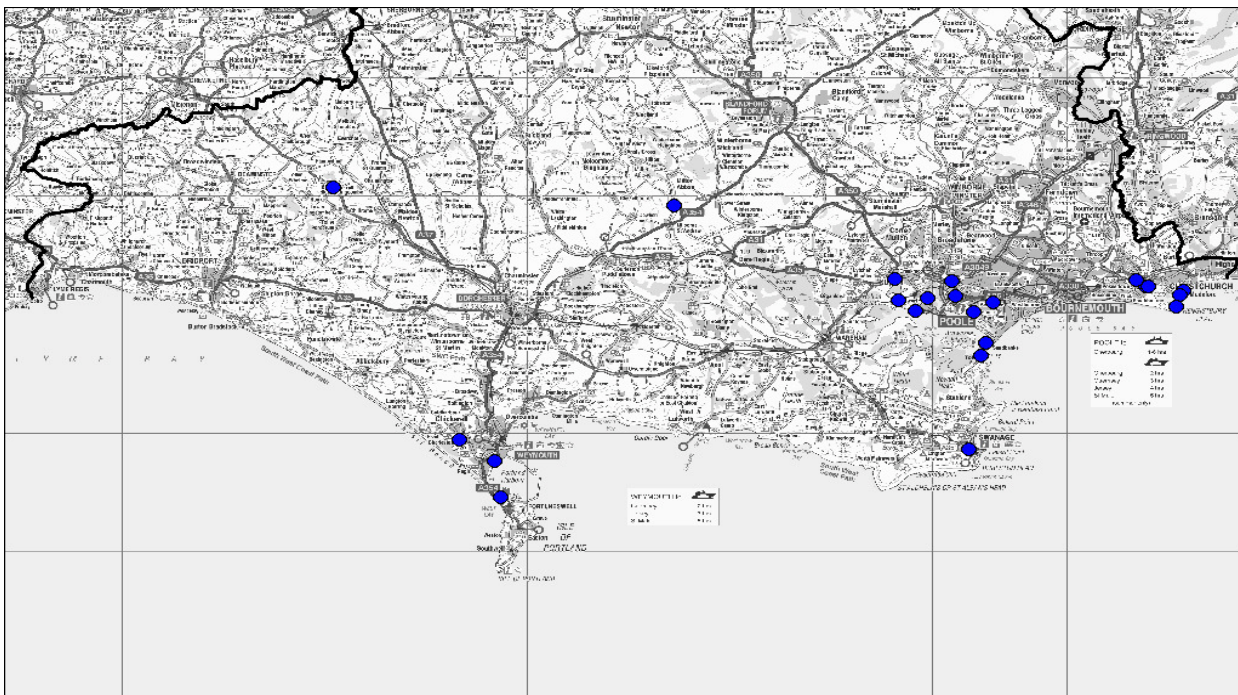
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Swanage had 4 crimes committed all within the Shell Bay Marina; these included 3 outboard engines, 2 Yamaha and 1 Suzuki and a quantity of flares, clothing and sailing kit from a sailing vessel which was broken into.

Poole had 11 crimes with 3 at Parkstone Yacht Club, 1 at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, 1 at Cobbs Quay and 1 from the Dorset Yacht Club. The remaining 6 were from residential addresses.

Christchurch had 6 offences 1 at each of the sailing clubs Cinque Ports Leisure Village, Highcliffe Sailing Club and Christchurch Quay with an attempted theft of a boat on a swinging mooring and 2 residential thefts.

The map below provides a visual aid of crimes committed.



It is clear from the crimes reported that simple chains and locks are no deterrent to the committed thief seeking to steal the boat or outboard engine. Similarly a large quantity of valuable property is being left unattended in boats for prolonged periods, which is increasing the number of opportunist crimes.



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Attached is a crime prevention leaflet with useful tips and advice. For more information about Marine Crime and the Dorset Police Marine Section please use <http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=523>

For all the latest information on stolen property please check www.stolenboats.org.uk



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2012 Olympics



Revive Portland is a legacy project, run by the community for the community, aimed at maximising the opportunities presented by Weymouth and Portland hosting the 2012 sailing events.

Having already successfully delivered a number of projects to local people, including an affordable summer youth club, a skate festival and a celebration to mark 1000 days until the start of the Olympics, Revive is about to embark on it's most exciting project to date.

On 30th May, nine young people from the Royal Manor Arts College will embark on a weeklong sailing expedition, aptly named the 'Revive Portland Star Challenge'. The Morning Star Trust is a registered charity providing personal development to young people through sailing on the 63ft traditionally rigged sailing vessel, 'Morning Star of Revelation.'



The nine student crew members, who are all aged 15, will be accompanied by two members of the Revive Portland delivery group and three experienced sailors. Whilst on board the young people will learn new skills from trimming sails to cooking meals, and if competent they will obtain their RYA 'competent crew' qualification.

Preparing for the Games



During March Dorset Police's specialist firearms team tested their marine tactics and equipment for boarding large vessels and fast moving small craft. The photos above show some of their dynamic deployments. Through testing and exercising Dorset Police intend to reassure the public that we will provide a safe, secure and resilient games, prepared for every eventuality and committed to making Dorset safer.



In March a Royal Navy survey vessel found a 725kg WWII in Portland harbour which the marine section towed out to sea for detonation.



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Good News and Tall Tales



In early April the charter boat "Tiger Lilly" reported a log floating 15 miles south of Portland. Clearly a significant danger to shipping the Dorset Police marine section responded to the call for assistance from the MCA. Upon arrival the Marine section was faced with an incredible 4 meter long 7.5 tonne log which they lashed to the back of their boat and towed into the harbour arriving 6 hours later.

On the 28th April the Dorset Police marine section conducted an operation supported by officers from Special Branch in the Rockley area of Poole Bay. During the operation a local 27year old male was arrested in possession of a stolen outboard engine and his boat was seized as part of the investigation.



Mind your speed

Christchurch Council is reminding everyone about the 4 knot speed limit which exists in the harbour and surrounding rivers. This follows 2 recent convictions that resulted in fines and costs exceeding £1000 for each offender.

Gary Foyle, Senior Beaches & Open Spaces Officer at Christchurch Council, said: "These two convictions show that we are serious about prosecuting anyone who puts the safety of others at risk. In both of these cases there were a number of other small craft in the vicinity and the bright low sunlight would have made it difficult to see other users clearly.

"Christchurch Council has just taken possession of a new slightly-larger patrol boat equipped with a GPS system which will make it even easier to follow craft behaving unlawfully and track their movements."

Keep in touch

If you would like to know more about our plans or how you can get involved please log onto [Dorset 2012 web page](http://2012.dorset.police.uk) <http://2012.dorset.police.uk> or e-mail us 2012@dorset.pnn.police.uk

If you require any further information, want to share information with us or have an interesting story then please drop us an email at projectkraken@dorset.pnn.police.uk .

Alternatively the Small Ports Unit is happy to be contacted and can provide advice and guidance on tackling serious crime and terrorism in Dorset. DC Paul Eyles-paul.eyles@dorset.pnn.police.uk Tel 01202 666173 Fax 01202 229321



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Fire Safety



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Boat fires are rare, but if you are on a boat the fire will spread more rapidly and you will need to escape far quicker. Boats are often in remote locations with difficult access, which may result in fire fighters taking longer to arrive at an incident, and enabling a fire to totally destroy a boat and everything onboard. Boats are often full of combustible materials and highly flammable fuels, which mean that fire, can spread rapidly, damaging property, injuring and killing people. Fires happen when you least expect them. Many fires could be prevented if boat users take simple precautions.

Fire prevention is always your primary protection from fire on boats but a smoke alarm can be your next line of defence, particularly if you sleep aboard. A routinely checked smoke alarm of the right type, can warn you very quickly if there is a fire and give you time to escape.

Optical sensor alarms with hush buttons and 'sealed for life' batteries are best for boats, they should meet either BS 5446:2000 Part 1, or BS EN 14606:2005, preferably also carrying a certification mark to give the best assurance about the alarm's quality.

Visit www.boatsafetyscheme.com/fire for more advice and guidance.

What to do if there's a fire

- Do not enter a smoke filled space.
- If you are already in a smoke filled space keep low down where the air is clearer.
- If you need to break glass to escape, use a blanket to prevent injury.
- Starve the fire of air. Don't open engine hatches or doors unless you have to.
- Keep exits clear and keys to hand. Don't lock or bolt doors and hatches from the outside.
- Track your location so you can tell the emergency services where you are if needed.

Fires at sea

- If you are offshore move as far away from the fire as you can on deck.
- Get everybody into life jackets.
- Take a handheld VHF radio onto deck with you to call for help.
- Notify the Coastguard by radio; make a Mayday call and/or display a distress signal



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Don't Forget

- Fit smoke alarms, carbon monoxide and gas detectors 
- Turn fuel off properly after use 
- Dispose of cigarettes carefully. Put them out, Right out! 
- Make sure appliances are installed and maintained by a trained fitter 
- Clean up fuel spills straight away 
- Plan your emergency procedure and make sure everyone on board knows it 
- Avoid fighting fire yourself. Get out, stay out and wait for the Fire and Rescue Service 
- If you are moored near land move everybody off the boat and call 999 
- If you are off shore move as far away from the fire as you can on the deck. Get everybody into a life jacket and make a may day call 
- Keep fire blankets and extinguishers close to the exists and risk points such as the galley and engine area. Only use them if you know how to 

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Be safe, be vigilant and if you suspect it, report it!



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