

Welcome to Kent marine update

This newsletter, provided by Kent Police, gives the latest information on property that has been stolen from Kent's marine community and the surrounding areas.

Kent Police works with partners including the Port of London Authority, Medway Port Authority, Maritime Coastguard Agency and Local Councils to patrol Kent's waterways and keep the county's marine community safe.

If you have any information that you would like us to include in future editions of this newsletter, please contact the Kent Police Marine Unit on 01622 798565 or email 8182@kent.pnn.police.uk

Medway Marine Community Partnership Marine Safety Event

**Friday 7th May 2010, 1900 hrs-2200 hrs at the
Rochester Cruising Club, 10 The Esplanade, Kent ME11QN**

Speakers from Kent Police include, Medway area Commander, Marine Unit and Special Branch. Other agencies include Kent Fire and Rescue Service, RNLi, Medway Ports Authority, Maritime Coastguard Agency.

All will be on hand to discuss boat security, river safety and any other marine related issues you may have.

Tea, coffee and a free buffet will also be available

For more details contact PCSO Mick Dann on

01634 792344 or 07772 226213

Find out what's happening in your community

For safety advice and information, the latest crime statistics, details of your neighbourhood policing team or to find out how we are taking action to deal with priorities in your area, visit the Kent Police website: www.kent.police.uk

For all enquiries and non-urgent crime reports, call **01622 690690**.

Mid Kent and Swale

Theft of two petrol generators from two moored vessels in the centre of Maidstone on the 10th and 21st March

Theft of two outboard engines from moored vessel o/s of Lock Cottages, Allington, Maidstone. Yamaha 15 hp and Yamaha 3.5hp.

Theft of a Honda inflatable dinghy from Little Venice Country Park, Hampstead Lane, Yalding on the 29th March

Theft of a radar screen from moored vessel at Hampstead Marina Yalding on the 29th March

South Kent

A Mariner 60hp outboard engine was stolen from vessel on Deal Beach between 16/3 and 17/3 2010

Theft of boat trailer from Kingsdown Beach, Walmer 1st April

Suzuki outboard, model DF 2.5. Stolen from Springvale, Gillingham on the 4th March.

Theft of Yamaha F6AMHL 6HP outboard. Serial number 68RO300359. Stolen from Patmans Wharf, Upnor between 26/2 and 12/3

Theft of 16ft yellow kayak with Odyssey written on the side, from Ellington Road, Ramsgate, between 20/3 and 25/3

Theft of yellow canoe from beach hut on Marine Parade, Whitstable between the 7/3 and 20/3.

Theft of fishing reels from fishing boat moored in Margate Harbour between 17/3 & 20/3

Theft of a red Phoenix 2 seater speedboat on trailer, with Johnson outboard. Stolen 10th March from Staplehurst Gardens, Margate.

Crime Ref: EY/3607/10



Theft of a Laser Yacht sail, marked 140002, and life jacket, from Whitstable Yacht Club, between 30/8 and 5/9/09.

Criminal damage to waterproof sheet and netting at Tankerton Sailing Club, between 15/10 and 13/3/10 and damage to boat trailer between 1/9/09 and 21/3/10

Arson to garage on 15/3 in Park Place Margate, containing jet ski which was written off.

Marine fuel tank stolen from boatyard next to Seaview Caravan park Whitstable, between 14/3-20/3

Can you help?

If you have information about any of the items reported as stolen in this newsletter or any other crime enquiry, please call Kent Police on **01622 690 690**, quoting the crime reference code.

Alternatively, you can report a crime anonymously to Kent Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

New System for the Disposal of Time Expired Pyrotechnics From 1 APRIL 2010

From 1 April 2010 the process for depositing time expired pyrotechnics (TEPs) with HM Coastguard will change. Following legislative changes in 2005 covering the transport and storage of explosives, the number of HM Coastguard sites which are able to accept TEPs has been reduced to 17 licensed locations. The RNLi also have one facility that is licensed to accept TEPs. Other HM Coastguard facilities **will not** be able to accept out of date flares.

The facilities provided by HM Coastguard should only be used if all other disposal options have been exhausted. If you have out of date or damaged flares you should first contact the supplier from whom you originally brought them to see if they offer a take back scheme, some Local Authorities also operate disposal facilities. HM Coastguard is not responsible for the disposal of TEPs and accepts them at its own discretion and subject to storage availability. HM Coastguard will only accept TEPs from recreational water users and does not make active collections of TEPs under any circumstances.

If you wish to handover TEPs, like old distress flares, to HM Coastguard you must contact your local Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) to make an appointment to arrange handover. When contacting your local MRCC you must inform them of the number, condition and age of the TEPs that you are looking to dispose of. The MRCC will check current storage levels and will advise you on a date and time that your TEPs can be deposited.

HM Coastguard will not tolerate threatening or abusive behaviour to members of their staff and will actively seek to prosecute offenders.

In some cases where a TEP has deteriorated and is considered to be in a dangerous condition, the MRCC will arrange for its immediate disposal, but this will be at the discretion of the MRCC and subject to the condition of the TEP. It should be noted that pyrotechnics are manufactured to very high standard, but incorrect storage and handling of a pyrotechnic may affect its stability over a period of time.

•DO NOT turn up at an MRCC or other Coastguard location on speculation that we will take your pyrotechnics. From 1 April 2010, only 17 HM Coastguard and 1 RNLi locations will have the facilities to accept TEPs; all other HM Coastguard sites will not have facilities to accept TEPs and you will be turned away.

•DO NOT anonymously deposit large quantities of TEPs at any HM Coastguard Sector Base, Coastguard Rescue Equipment Stores, RNLi Lifeboat Houses or Police Stations. Many of these locations maybe unmanned and the depositing of potentially dangerous TEPs is a safety hazard and is illegal. Irresponsibly discarded TEPs could potentially result in serious or fatal injury.

•DO NOT put TEPs in general household rubbish or public litter bins where they could cause extensive damage to refuse collection facilities and could potentially result in serious or fatal injury.

Under **NO** circumstances will HM Coastguard collect or accept TEPs from commercial organisations. Commercial organisations must make their own arrangements for the collection and disposal of their TEPs.

Your local disposal sites are:

MRCC Dover **01304 210 008**

MRCC Thames **01255 675 518**



Hope to see you all at the Gillingham
Marina Open Days on the 17th & 18th April