

How to make it difficult for engine and lower unit thieves:

1. If your boat is on a lift, remove the keys; turn the breaker off in the house that controls the lift so the boat can't be lowered.
2. Have motion sensor lights around your boat. Make sure all areas around the boat are well lighted.
3. Make sure the boat is in the view of neighbors and/or deputies patrolling the neighborhood.
4. Remove the steering wheel if you will be gone for a long period of time.
5. GPS tracking devices can be installed on your boat and or engines.
6. Disconnect the batteries to disable the trim / tilt function.
7. If the boat is on a trailer, chain the rims together to prevent the entire boat and trailer from being stolen.
8. Boot or club one of the trailer's wheels.
9. Keep a trailer hitch lock on at all times.
10. For engine security, install bolt locks.
11. Put an extra long engine bolt on and bend the ends so the nut cannot be removed.
12. Destroy the threads on one of the bolts so the end nut cannot be removed.
13. If the engines are down, touching the ground, and they can't trim them up (see #6 above), then they cannot remove the lower unit.
14. Back the boat to within inches of your house, a wall, or other stationary object.
15. Keep valuable electronics off your boat and in a secure location.
16. Engrave your D.L. number on the lower unit and engine for identification purposes.
17. Make a distinctive mark on the lower unit and take a picture of it. If it is stolen, you'll be able to identify which one is yours.
18. Write down all serial numbers from motors and electronic equipment for future identification should anything be stolen.