



BORDER WATCH

1800 06 1800

Help protect Australia's border

Common indicators of suspicious behaviour, activities or goods – Marinas, small craft operators, commercial vessels and sea rescue groups

Here are some indicators of suspicious behaviour, activities or goods to look out for and report to Border Watch. A combination of one or more of these indicators may be of interest.

- Is an ocean going vessel operating in an unusual area, or anchored in a remote or non-tourist area or appears to be abandoned?
- Have you seen unusual objects at sea or washed up on shore (e.g. unfamiliar buoys or markers near a shipping lane, signalling devices, empty tins or rubbish of foreign origin)?
- Have you seen unusual activity on beaches or in remote areas (e.g. hidden campsites, fuel dumps, signs of animal trapping, etc.)?
- Is the vessel's owner or crew enquiring about Australian Border Force, Police or other Law Enforcement agencies' activities?
- Is the intended use of the vessel implausible, or is it being used at the wrong time of the year for its intended purpose?
- Is there equipment on board not consistent with the intended purpose of the vessel (e.g. underwater lift bags, oxy acetylene cutting and welding equipment and water propelled submersible device)?
- Does the operator of the vessel appear to have a lack of knowledge about the local area, conditions or lack ability to operate the selected vessel?
- Is the vessel damaged on its return to the dock (e.g. scrapes along sides, fender scuff marks, signs of hull attachments, etc.)?
- Are there vessels only active during night hours, operating without navigation lights, departing at unusual times or in unsuitable weather conditions?
- Is the vessel meeting at sea with other vessels?
- Is the vessel riding too high or too low in the water?
- Is there unusual radio activity from the vessels (e.g. cryptic or unusual radio messages, not responding to radio contact, etc.)?

You know your environment. If it doesn't seem right, report it.

Call Border Watch at **1800 06 1800** (toll free) or report online at **www.abf.gov.au/borderwatch**.

If you're outside Australia or using a satellite phone call **+61 2 6245 1325**.

