



HM Revenue  
& Customs

## MARITIME SMUGGLING

H M Customs & Excise and Inland Revenue have joined together to form a new department – H M Revenue & Customs – but the traditional work of Customs frontier control continues. We work closely with other Law Enforcement agencies to combat; drug smuggling, revenue evasion, terrorism and illegal immigration and we share intelligence accordingly.

Maritime transportation is important for both the commercial and leisure industries and it would come as no surprise to understand that the whole coastline has the potential for smuggling to take place. Customs cannot be everywhere and, as such, we rely on the general public and maritime businesses to note and report any suspicious activity that they notice.

To make best use of this information we now have a dedicated maritime intelligence team to receive, develop and disseminate intelligence to operational teams. The **Transport National Intelligence Unit (TNIU) – Maritime** is based in Southampton and provides a single point of contact in H.M. Revenue and Customs for information relating to marine transport throughout the UK.

**If you see something that you believe to be unusual or suspicious then please contact us as below.**

**PLEASE NOTE DOWN the date and time, together with descriptions of vessels, people, vehicle registration numbers and the activity seen. Then contact us at any of the numbers below.**

**It is important that you do not become involved in any way outside of your normal routine duties.**

**TNIU-M: 02380 797767 (with 'out of hours' answer phone)**

**Fax: 02380 797319**

**E-mail: [maritime.intel@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:maritime.intel@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)**

**You can also pass information, anonymously, on the 24 hour Customs Confidential Hotline number –**

**0800 59 5000**