

## New device puts breaks on boat thieves

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TACOMA, Wash. – Nearly a thousand boats a month are stolen across America. But now, a high-tech alarm can pinpoint the pirated vessel.



With the ESP3000, the thief would have been found sooner and the yacht owners might have had less damage on their vessel.

Luck ran dry for some local yacht owners when a thief stole a 65-foot yacht worth \$600,000 and cruised for days.

Police say the same suspect ditched the first luxury vessel and then stole another – a 47-footer with a pricetag of \$400,000.

"They would have been nabbed quickly if they

would have had one of these systems on board," said Ian McEachern, Silvertip Marine.

Silvertip Marine believes it can put the breaks on boat theft.

Sensors are installed throughout the boat and a high-tech alarm with a built-in GPS called the ESP 3000 tells boat owners where their vessel is 24 hours a day.

"If a thief trips a sensor, an audible alarm goes off and it also triggers an immediate alarm message via telephone, text messaging or e-mail alerting owners of the theft," he explained.

The owner and police can track the vessel via satellite and pinpoint its location in real time.

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"If they know where the stolen property is, they can catch the culprit with property in hand," said McEachern.

So anyone pirating a luxury yacht will sail directly to jail.

Silvertip Marine will demonstrate its high-tech boat alarm at the Tacoma Dome Boat Show this weekend.