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**Statewide Marine-Related Theft Summary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007**

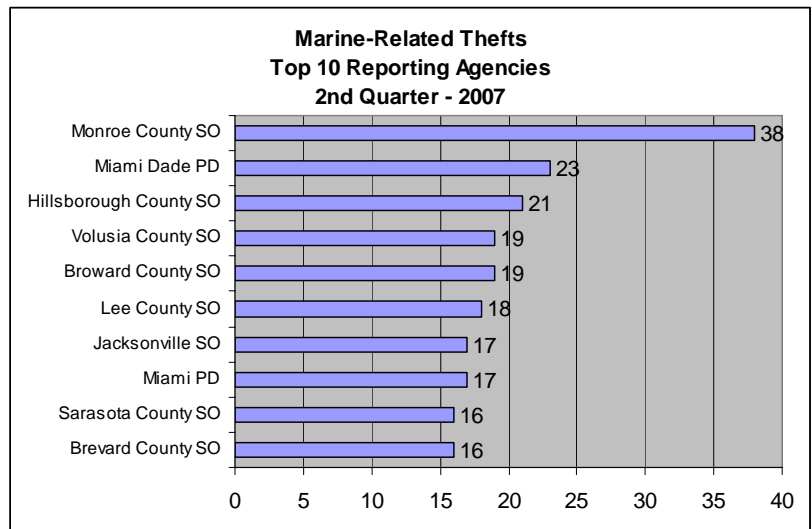
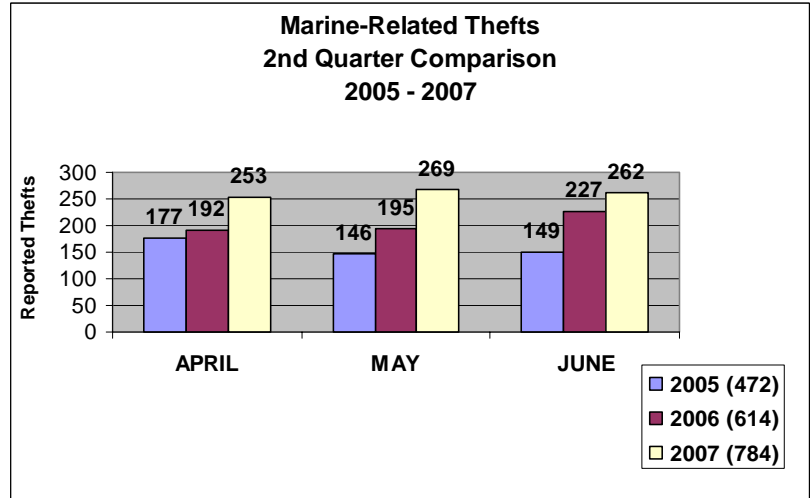
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A total of 784 marine-related thefts were reported by state and local law enforcement entities for the reporting period; a 22 percent increase in theft reports from last year. Stolen vessels account for 492 of these reports; 292 being stolen boat parts.

South and central Florida continue to be the areas with the highest numbers of reported thefts. Vessels in these areas should be monitored closely for suspected theft and fraud. Yamaha Ltd. and Sea Doo, once again, top the list of stolen boat makes. Yamaha, Mercury, Honda, and Suzuki also remain the top brands for stolen vessel parts for the quarter.

One third of FWC initial seizure reports submitted for the reporting period were for theft or fraud; with two thirds accounting for seizures made in other cases.

The overall trend depicts an increase in thefts as the year progresses into the summer months. Based on the total reports for the second (614) and third (648) quarters of 2006, an estimated 823 thefts could be expected for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2007. Officers should remain cognizant of any irregularities in vessel registrations, titles, and hull identification numbers. While coastal counties continue to have a higher number of reported thefts, stolen vessels are likely to be moved to other areas of the State as a means of avoiding law enforcement.



The data contained in this report was obtained from the FWC Stolen Vessel Database in July 2007 and may differ from the figures in previous reports due to delays in reporting and data entry. Additional data was also obtained from FWC Initial Seizure Reports. **Marine-related thefts** include stolen boats and stolen parts. **Parts theft** include inboard and outboard engines, primary engine components such as engine covers, lower drive units, propeller housings, wiring harnesses, flywheel covers, injectors, and engine integrated computers. Parts does not include electronics external to the propulsion system such as GPS units, RADAR units, radios and depth finders.

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