

ALCOHOL & DRUGS DON'T MIX WITH BOAT OPERATION

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THE DEPARTMENT OF BOATING & WATERWAYS RECOMMENDS

Neither Boat Operators Nor Passengers
Drink Alcoholic Beverages While Boating

If you are convicted of operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the court will order you to take a boating safety course. You may be sentenced to jail for up to 6 months and assessed fines of up to \$1,000. Another conviction within 7 years could result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail term of up to 1 year. The effects of alcohol are enhanced by marine stressors including sun, glare, wind, fatigue, and engine vibration/noise. At least 60% of those who die in alcohol-related boating accidents are passengers. Alcohol also greatly increases the effects of hypothermia.