

BUI: Boating Under the Influence

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- Alcohol is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.
- It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state.
- Alcohol is even more hazardous on the water than on land.

Did you know?

- When a boater or passenger drinks:
- Cognitive abilities and judgment deteriorate, making it harder to process information, assess situations, and make good choices.
- Physical performance is impaired.
- Vision is affected.
- Alcohol creates a physical sensation of warmth - which may prevent a person in cold water from getting out before hypothermia sets in.
- Inner ear disturbances can make it impossible for a person who falls into the water to distinguish up from down.

Alcohol can turn a great day on the water into the tragedy of a lifetime.

- ✓ Take along a variety of cool drinks, like sodas, water, iced tea, lemonade.
- ✓ Bring plenty of food and snacks.
- ✓ Having no alcohol while aboard is the safest way to enjoy the water.
- ✓ If you want alcohol as part of your day's entertainment, plan to have a party ashore.

Boat Safe, Boat Sober!

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