

IMPAIRED BOATING IS IMPAIRED DRIVING FACT SHEET

Boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario face the same penalties as those for drinking and driving. Penalties include*:

- Three day driver's licence suspension if caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the "warn" range (0.05 to 0.08) with escalating sanctions.
- For boaters exceeding a 0.08 BAC:
 - Immediate 90-day driver's licence suspension;
 - Mandatory alcohol assessment, education and follow-up as a condition of licence re-instatement;
 - Installation of an Ignition Interlock on the boater's motor vehicle;
 - Vehicle impoundment for driving while under suspension; and,
 - If convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada, the boater's driver's licence can be suspended for one year up to a lifetime depending on whether it is a first, second, or subsequent offence.

These penalties apply to anyone who is caught drinking and driving in motorized and non-motorized vessels, including power boats, canoes, kayaks, jet-skis, sail boats and dinghies and other inflatable boats and rafts.

* Legislation can change from time to time. Please check www.ontario.ca/drivesober for updates.



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