

# Massachusetts Environmental Police increasing patrols to nab boaters under the influence

"Don't drink and boat!

Massachusetts law prohibits anyone from operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance. A person is considered to be boating under the influence (BUI) if their blood or breath alcohol concentration is .08% or greater or they are under the influence of any controlled substance.

Individuals convicted of BUI may face imprisonment, fines, and have their motor vehicle license and vessel registrations revoked.

Alcohol consumption can affect you quicker in a boating environment due to sun, wind boat vibration and the motion of the vessel while underway. Boat operators need to be aware of the dangers of "boater's fatigue" combined with the dangers of alcohol consumption to themselves and their passengers."

## BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR

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### What's the danger of BUI?

Federal law prohibits boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs (BUI) on ALL boats. BUI is involved in 1/3 of all recreational boating fatalities.

- Impact of cognitive ability
- Lack of coordination
- Judgment Impaired
- Slow reaction time
- Difficulty with balance
- Decreased vision



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