

IMPAIRED BOATING IS IMPAIRED DRIVING

FACT SHEET

As of June 22, 2006, boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario will face the same penalties as those for drinking and driving. Penalties include:

- 12-hour driver's licence suspension if caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the "warn" range (0.05 to 0.08).
- 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 vehicle (their **vehicle**, not their boat);
 - 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 boating in motorized and non-motorized vessels, including power boats, canoes, kayaks, jet-skis, sail boats and dinghies and other inflatable boats and rafts.

