

G EASY ON THE DRINK

A man in a blue shirt and shorts is fishing from a white motorboat on a lake. Another person is visible in the background. The boat has a motor with '4005' on it.

**YOU'RE THE SKIPPER
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE!**

Waves, wind and weather multiply the effects of alcohol.

One third of all boating fatalities involve alcohol – so don't multiply the risks.

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Boating and Alcohol

When afloat, your coordination, judgement, vision, balance and reaction time can decline up to three times faster when consuming alcohol. It is the boating environment - waves, motion, vibration, engine noise, weather, wind and spray - that can multiply the effects of alcohol.

And all people aboard need to take care because studies have shown that boat passengers are just as likely as operators to be involved in incidents such as capsizing the vessel or falling overboard as a result of drinking alcohol.

In Australia and New Zealand, alcohol has been involved in one third of all boating fatalities.

Random Breath Testing (RBT)

Operators of vessels which are underway may be subject to RBT.

The operator of a vessel includes anyone steering or exercising control over the course or direction of a vessel and includes the observer in a vessel which is towing people as well as anyone being towed.

Operators of vessels that are moored, berthed or at anchor won't be subject to RBT requirements, but are advised to remain under the legal limit in case the vessel needs to be moved.

THE PERMISSIBLE CONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL (PCA) ON THE WATER IS THE SAME AS FOR THE ROAD:

Commercial Vessel Operator	under 0.02
Recreational Vessel Operators (under 18 years)	0.00
Recreational Vessel Operators (18 years and over)	under 0.05

Heavy penalties, including imprisonment, could be faced by vessel operators found to be over the limit.

- So remember**
- **don't multiply the risks**
 - **go easy on the drink.**

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