



# THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

## ALCOHOL POLICY:

It is the policy of the California Maritime Academy that the guidelines for use of alcohol on campus be in compliance with this directive. These requirements are stipulated system wide by the Executive Order of the State University and Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

## PRINCIPLE:

This policy has been established to ensure that a campus-wide standard be maintained for the on campus use of any alcoholic beverage by all members of the Academy's community or any visiting individuals or groups to the campus. **In compliance with the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, the California Maritime Academy prohibits the unlawful possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs by students, faculty, and staff on its property, Training Vessels, or as part of any Academy-sponsored activities. This prohibition extends to any off-campus activities that are sponsored by CMA or any of its recognized clubs and organizations.**

### A. General Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide students, faculty, staff, campus organizations, and their invited guests with a clear understanding of the conditions under which alcoholic beverages are permissible at the California Maritime Academy or at CMA-sponsored events, regardless of location. Off-campus individuals and organizations contracting for use of campus facilities are also subject to this policy.

The use of alcoholic beverages is a privilege that carries the expectation that its use will be consistent with the academic and training mission of the institution, and that its consumption will be incidental to the event at which it is served. This privilege is revocable, in whole or in part, at any time by the President of the California Maritime Academy.

- 1) The lawful possession, sale, dispensing, and consumption of beer and wine *on campus* are permitted with the prior approval of the President, CMA, or the President's designee.
- 2) The possession or consumption of distilled spirits on campus is prohibited at all times.
- 3) The possession, licensed sale, dispensing, and consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind *off-campus* at CMA-sponsored events or activities is permitted only with the prior approval of the President, CMA, or the President's designee.
- 4) The possession and use of alcoholic beverages is strictly limited by State law to those persons 21 years of age or older; at no time may alcoholic beverages be served to persons under the legal drinking age at any event sponsored by CMA.

## SUMMARY OF CALIFORNIA STATE LAW PERTAINING TO ALCOHOL:

1. No person may sell, furnish, give, or cause to be sold, furnished or given away, any alcoholic beverage to a person under age 21 or to any obviously intoxicated person.
2. No person under age 21 may purchase alcoholic beverages or possess alcoholic beverages on any street or highway or in any place open to public view.
3. It is illegal to sell alcohol without a valid license or permit.
4. It is unlawful for any person to drink while driving to have an open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle, or to drive under the influence of alcohol (note: intoxication is presumed at blood levels of .08% or higher, and may be found with blood alcohol levels from .05% to .08%). It is also illegal to operate a bicycle, water vessel, water ski, or aquaplane while intoxicated.
5. Penalties: Penalties for a first drunk-driving conviction include attending an alcohol education program, fines up to \$1,000, up to six months in jail, and a driver's license suspension up to six months. Second offenses are punishable by fines up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to one year, driver's license suspension up to 18 months, and/or a required alcohol rehabilitation program of up to 30 months. Third and fourth offenses carry similar sanctions, plus three and four year license revocations, respectively. Driving privileges are suspended for six months for refusing to submit to a blood alcohol test, for two years if there is a prior conviction within seven years, and for three years with three or more convictions within seven years.

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