

**In the event that you have or think you had a SERIOUS MARINE INCIDENT, you must inform your DER and together you & he/she will decide who needs to be tested!**

If you are using a saliva alcohol test strip, keep the sealed foil container below 80 deg. aboard your vessel so that you have a way of meeting the Mandated 2 hr rule to perform an alcohol test after an SMI.  
Make sure the test strip date on the package has not expired (*Expir date is later that the date of use*).

7 important items (**mandatory training**) for using this alcohol screening device.

- 1) They are SALIVA alcohol screening devices Approved by DOT for about \$3 each. Whatever device you buy, make sure it is **DOT approved** and that it has not expired.  
**Do not store them where the temp is greater than 80<sup>0</sup> F aboard your vessel.**
- 2) **Do not put anything in your mouth for 15 minutes** before you open the alcohol test strip package.
- 3) Before you open the package, write down the Lot Number and expiration date printed on the Foil *or retain the foil package with that data on it.*  
**WHEN YOU OPEN THE FOIL PACKAGE**, a) write down the time of day then b) examine the end of the strip.  
If there is a colored mark on the end of the strip, the kit cannot be used (*its defective*)
- 4) Put the end of the strip in the mouth of the person you are testing until it is saturated with saliva.
- 5) **Wait 4 minutes** – then write down the time of day and look at the end of the strip. If there is a colored line on the strip, your BAC is over 0.02% make a note of this and inform your DER immediately!
- 6) **Put the alcohol test strip back in the foil envelope and give it to the DER - ASAP.**
- 7) **Together you will fill out the 2691 and 2692B USCG forms** and may or may not file them with the USCG depending on the situation!

**What is a serious Marine Incident:**

- 1) A Death aboard (*maybe check with the DER*)
  - 2) A Passenger (not crew) who requires medical treatment by a medical professional
  - 3) A Crew member who cannot perform their duties after 24 hours due to a medical injury
- The other items may not apply to 6 packs*

*In another note: A **Serious Marine Incident** is also a **Marine incident** which requires by federal regulation, that you report it to the USCG within 24 hours by phone or radio, and then follow up with a written description of the incident with 5 business days. That letter (written description ) would go to your **USCG Sector Inspection Department,***

**Examples of a Marine Incident**

- 1) Unintended grounding or collision with a bridge
- 2) Intended grounding, or bridge collision causing a hazard to navigation, the environment, safety of a vessel, or creates any of the below.....
  - A. Loss of main propulsion, primary steering, or any component or control system that reduces the maneuverability of the vessel;
  - B. An occurrence materially and adversely affecting the vessel's seaworthiness or fitness for service or route;
  - C. Death aboard
  - D. Occurrence causing property damage in excess of \$25,000

Again these are not new things, you may just not have been aware of them!

I would suggest print this and keep it aboard your vessel.

Have a safe and enjoyable season