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Alcohol at Sea

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Operational and Workplace Factors

- Stress
- Long/unpredictable hours
- Loneliness/isolation
- •Issues at home/loved ones
- •Assailant under no influence of alcohol or drugs

Contributing Role of Alcohol

- Can be substantial
- •Not just alcohol- marijuana, prescription drug abuse, etc.
- •Not just maritime workplace, all workplaces

Regulation and Company Policy:

- •Zero tolerance onboard company policy
- •Potential loss of mariner credentials/license...career
- •Random, ship, or personal incident alcohol/drug testing
- Company training, academy/union school training

Best Practices:

- Zero tolerance
- •Consistent policy enforcement from the top down
- Company/vessel culture
- •Company training, academy/union school training
- •Maritime labor rehabilitation programs

Conformity between Regulation and Company Policy

- •Company policy can supersede regulations
- •Consistency in regulations where possible
- •Enforcement of regulations and company policy
- •Stakeholder engagement
- Unfortunately, can't regulate our way out of societal issues and individual choices









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