

Compliance

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About the Michigan Charter Boat Association Drug Program.

The MCBA has provided a random drug-screening program for its members since 1992. Your Association is proud to provide this service to members at the lowest cost possible. The following are guidelines for enrollment. All applicants are required to have passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs, within the previous six months or during the previous 185 days been subject to a random testing program. Included a copy of your test results or proof of enrollment in a random program and return with the application to the address on the form. If you have not been subject to a random program or taken a test in the past six months simply check off the appropriate boxes on the application form and enclose with the proper fee. Your association offers pre-Employment Drug Testing too. Your Association strives to make it as convenient as possible for its members to be in compliance. If you need an application you can find it on the MCBA web site or call 800-MCBA-971.

Many of us have been paid a visited by a Marine Safety Officer of the United States Coast Guard, checking to see whether we're in compliance with the law. When boarded, your required to show proof of your current enrollment in a random drug screening program, proper licenses, vessel documentation and or state registration, an oil discharge placard and the verification of having received an hour of drug assistance training. The Coast Guard can levy fines of \$1,000 per infraction, per day. If you know anyone not in a program, tell him or her to join the MCBA program and avoid the hassle, an application is on the MCBA web site or call 800-MCBA-971.

When enrolled in the MCBA program each member has his or her own enrollment card, which you should have with you at all, times. This card needs to be renewed January 1st each year.

Each of us is required to obtain one hour of drug educational training to be in compliance with the law. The Michigan Charter Boat Association will provide this training and proof that you have received it. This training is provided at Sea Grant Extension meetings around the state, and at the MCBA Annual Meeting. There are several ways this can be accomplished through your Local MCBA Director too. You will receive a card showing that you have completed the Drug Assistance Program Training as required by the United States Coast Guard regulation, 46CFR, 4,5, and 16. We suggest that you keep this card on you at all times in the event you are asked of your compliance of the training. This does not take place of or show evidence that you are in a Random Drug Testing Program. The Association keeps a record on file of when you have finished the training.

Those members who do not hold a Federal license are in the MATE program and their enrollment will be posted on the MCBA web site by port. Captains looking for a mate or just checking current enrollment status can find this information on the MCBA web site, micharterboats.com under member information then click on first mate.

Members who hold a Federal license to operate a watercraft are required to be in the Captains program. The MATE program is for crewmembers having anything to do with the safety of the passengers or the operation of the vessel. Example: assisting passengers on/off the boat, anything to do with the operation of the vessel (even tying up the vessel) are required to be in a random program.

How the Random Drug-Screening Program Works

When you are enrolled in the program you are subject to random drug-screening on an annual basis. That means you could be tested anytime during the year. The program is required to make random selections each quarter (every three months), so one could be selected up to four times in a twelve-month period. Your social security number is entered in a Federal Government created program to perform this random selection process. If selected, you are notified by mail and are required to take a random drug-screening test as stated in the received notice. There are no additional costs to the members for having to take a test or tests as long as they use one of the collection sites we have set-up; there are over three thousand of them around the country.

It is each member's responsibility to keep the MCBA office informed of his or her whereabouts.

If you have a winter home out of state, you're in school away from home we need to know. The USCG requires that we have an address, not just a PO Box. This is easy to do; just call the hot line and leave your contact information on where you're going to be and for what time period. Make sure you leave a phone number, your name, and social security number too. In the event someone is randomly selected; we will then forward the notice to the address that is provided to us.

To find a Patient Service Center just call 1-800-225-7483; enter your zip code to find the nearest location in your area.

Any questions about the MCBA Random Drug Test Program should be directed to Jim Karr.

Vacation Drug Screening Procedures

A. The program is for those who travel an extended amount of time, or have a winter home out of the state.

B. It is each member's responsibility to keep the MCBA office informed of his or her whereabouts. This is easy to do; just drop us a card in the mail or call; make sure you give us enough advance notice so we can provide you with a specimen kit to take with you.

C. In the event someone is randomly selected; we will then forward the notice to the address that has been provided to us.

D. Take the packet that comes in the mail to a collection site, along with your specimen kit.

E. To find a Patient Service Center just call 1-800-225-7483; enter your zip code to find the nearest location in your area. (You may use other collection services than Quest Diagnostics but you must use the NIDA approved specimen kit)

F. Most of the Quest Centers will not charge a collection fee; however, if you are charged, the MCBA will reimburse you up to \$15.00 of the fee. Just send us a copy of your paid invoice.

G. Any questions about the MCBA Random Drug Test Program should be directed to Jim Karr at the above address and phone numbers.