APPENDIX B
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STUDENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

From: Commandant of Cadets
To: All Hands
Subj: Student Alcoholic Beverage Policy

The following information constitutes the Alcoholic Beverage Policy for all students at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. This policy is in conformance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning alcoholic beverages.

AGE

- Students must be 21 years of age or older to purchase, transport, serve or consume alcoholic beverages.
- Students may not purchase or procure alcoholic beverages for individuals who are not 21 years of age.
- Students who are not of legal drinking age may not purchase, transport, personally carry, store, or consume alcoholic beverages, or be present in the area where alcoholic beverages are being served.
- Only a valid driver's license, passport, or an official Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles drinking age identification card is acceptable proof of age.
- Misrepresentation of identification for the purpose of obtaining access to the area where alcoholic beverages are being sold is prohibited and considered an honor violation punishable in accordance with the Regulations and Standards for cadets and students.

POLICY GUIDELINES

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public ways, parks, playgrounds, or private land without consent of the owner is expressly prohibited in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Alcoholic beverages are NOT authorized on the Academy property, to include: campus grounds (including the beach), dormitories, vehicles, training ships and Academy buildings.
- Alcoholic beverages may be present on campus only under authorized and licensed conditions.
- To the extent authorized by law, alcoholic beverages may be offered to persons who are 21 years of age or older for consumption on a social or gratuitous basis. Alcoholic beverages may not be offered either gratuitously or otherwise to individuals who are under age 21.
- Alcoholic beverages and promotional materials may not be provided as prizes or awards to individuals or campus organizations.
- Alcoholic beverage advertising is not permitted on campus or in institution media, including that which promotes events or advertises products.

GUIDELINES FOR GROUP EVENTS

- The function must be available only to members of the Regiment of Cadets, other matriculated students and their invited guests.
- Safeguards must be taken to ensure an orderly function to protect the rights of other members of the community against undue interference, noise, or other disturbance.
• Adequate assurance must be given that there will be no violation of civil laws. If violations of state law occur, the sponsoring group may face civil prosecution which can result in fines and/or confinement.

SANCTIONS

• Violations of this alcoholic policy will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with the Regulations and Standards for the Regiment of Cadets of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy or other regulations applicable to students.

FANTAIL CLUB REGULATIONS

• The Fantail Club is an on-campus student establishment authorized to serve food and non-alcoholic beverages to certain students and their guests. It is operated by the Academy in accordance with all applicable state and local laws.

ACADEMY ASSISTANCE AND STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS

• It is the policy of the Academy to educate, counsel, and assist students in matters that relate to the use of alcohol. The academy provides alcohol and drug abuse education programs beginning with Freshman Orientation, at the beginning of every semester, as well as the pre-port briefing at every port during Sea Term.

• The Cadet Cadre and Company Officers participate in the Certified Peer Educator program (a BACCHUS initiative), a comprehensive training program designed to empower students with the core training to educate, intervene, listen to and help their peer make healthy lifestyle choices.

• Students are required to take online training, the Alcohol eCheckuptogo program, prior to Freshman Orientation, which provides preventive education in alcohol. This program is also an online resource available throughout the semester. Alcohol eCheckuptogo is a comprehensive approach to reducing the risk of alcohol abuse among college students which can be found at: https://interwork.sdsu.edu/echcheckup/usa/alc/coll/maritime

• Students are encouraged to support current educational and other guidelines for responsible drinking, specifically:
  o Develop and use a designated driver system.
  o Limit alcoholic consumption to approximately one ounce of alcohol per hour.
  o Plan social functions that emphasize activities other than alcohol consumption.

• The Counseling Office and the Company Officer Staff are available to assist students, as needed, in these matters.

• The referral program provides liaison with Caron Treatment Centers to provide alcohol awareness, intervention and educational programs, as well as the utilization of other counseling, health and academic resources. Referrals are made to local treatment programs after an offense involving either alcohol, drug use, or both.

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Signature of Cadet/Student

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Date

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Commandant of Cadets