## Booze & Boating-

## You Can

## Without It.

Many of Alaska's boating fatalities involve alcohol.

## Alcohol Negatively Affects:

- JUDGEMENT—operators under the influence are more likely to take unnecessary risks and make bad decisions.
- REACTION TIME—in an emergency, sharp reflexes and quick action can save the day. Alcohol dulls reflexes and slows reaction time.
- VISION—alcohol can seriously affect an operator's peripheral vision, night vision and ability to focus.
- **BALANCE**—most alcohol-related boating deaths involve a fall overboard into cold water.

A designated operator is a great ideabut don't let the passengers become designated drowners. In Alaska, the laws that define driving while intoxicated, and the penalties for a conviction, apply to boat operators too.

