

**United States Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York**

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SUPERINTENDENT INSTRUCTION 2012-11

Subject: POLICY ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON ACADEMY GROUNDS

References:

- (a) 46 CFR § 386, *Regulations Governing Public Buildings and Grounds at the United States Merchant Marine Academy*;
- (b) MAO 770-751, *Disciplinary and Adverse Action Policy*;
- (c) Midshipman Regulations; and,
- (d) Any other federal, departmental, agency, or Academy policies governing alcohol consumption on federal property.

1. **Purpose:** To establish policy governing the possession and consumption of alcohol on Academy grounds and to establish necessary controls for alcohol consumption at Academy events where midshipmen or underage individuals are present.
2. **Applicability:** This policy applies to all Academy personnel, including midshipmen, faculty, administrators and staff, whether federal employees, military personnel or contract employees, as well as to all other individuals or entities seeking to serve alcohol on Academy grounds.
3. **Supersedes:** Superintendent Instruction 96-10, "Academy Alcoholic Beverage Policy."
4. **Policy:**
 - a) Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by midshipmen, faculty, administrators, staff, visitors, guests or any other individuals is prohibited in all Academy buildings, on all Academy grounds and on all Academy watercraft, except in the Midshipman Pub, at non-midshipman events in Melville Hall, private quarters of Academy personnel on Academy grounds or when authorized, in writing, by the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent.
 - b) Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited at athletic facilities and fields, including Tomb Field, and in the area of Eldridge Pool.
 - c) Midshipman Pub: First Class Midshipmen who are 21 years of age or older and not on restriction may consume alcohol at the Midshipman Pub during authorized hours of operation or at events approved, in writing, by the Superintendent. Underclass midshipmen regardless of age and First Class Midshipmen under the age of 21 may not consume alcohol at the Midshipman Pub. All applicable procedures set forth in Paragraph 5, below, must be followed.
 - d) Non-Midshipman Events at Melville Hall: Any entity or individual serving alcohol at Melville Hall must have a valid New York State Liquor License.

- e) Private Quarters of Academy Personnel: Midshipmen who are 21 years of age or older and not on restriction may consume alcohol as a guest in the private quarters of Academy personnel on Academy grounds when the Academy faculty, administrator or staff member is present and when authorized, in writing, by the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent.
- f) Midshipmen may not participate in or attend tailgating functions on or adjacent to Academy property without the express written consent of the Commandant.
- g) Alcohol shall not be removed from any location where the consumption of alcohol is permitted or has been authorized by the Superintendent.

5. **Procedures:**

- a) All requests to the Superintendent to serve and consume alcohol at an event on Academy grounds must be submitted at least three (3) weeks before the event.
- b) The service and consumption of alcohol at events authorized, in writing, must comply with all local, state and federal rules and regulations concerning alcohol use.
- c) Requirements at all events where alcohol is to be served:
 - i) No more than two alcoholic beverages (12 oz beer, 5 oz wine) per person of legal drinking age.
 - ii) No hard liquor.
 - iii) Ample non-alcoholic beverages must be present.
 - iv) An alcohol-free section must be designated.
 - v) Kegs:
 - (a) Kegs will only be permitted where the expected attendance of those of legal drinking age exceeds 75;
 - (b) The total number of alcoholic beverages served may not exceed that of equivalent bottled or canned beverages;
 - (c) Cups or glasses used with kegs must be clearly distinguished from those available for non-alcoholic beverages and shall only be used by those of legal drinking age; and
 - (d) Once tapped, the keg must be staffed for the duration of the event.
- d) Authorized events organized by individuals or entities other than Midshipmen:
 - i) Photo ID checks must be performed;
 - ii) Bracelets or hand stamps must be used to identify qualified drinkers; and
 - iii) Individuals serving alcohol must acknowledge their understanding of the potential liability of serving alcohol to underage individuals or to legal drinkers who appear intoxicated or have consumed excessive quantities of alcohol.
- e) Authorized events organized by Midshipmen: During a planned event where the Superintendent has authorized alcohol to be served, Midshipmen leadership must ensure that the following guidelines are met to prevent underage drinking and promote responsible drinking:

- i) Photo ID checks must be performed;
 - ii) Bracelets or hand stamps must be used to identify qualified drinkers;
 - iii) If necessary, a designated driver plan must be developed using upperclass Midshipmen drivers only (designated drivers shall **not** consume any alcohol and drivers and passengers are equally responsible for insuring that drivers do not drink);
 - iv) Emphasis shall be placed on the 0-0-1-3 concept (0 underage drinking, 0 driving after consumption, 1 drink per hour, 3 drinks total per event);
 - v) Midshipmen attending the event shall be briefed on good order and discipline and their responsibility to insure classmates drink responsibly; and
 - vi) Midshipmen serving alcohol must acknowledge their understanding that they could face disciplinary sanctions for serving alcohol to underage individuals or to legal drinkers who appear intoxicated or have consumed excessive quantities of alcohol.
- f) Tailgating Functions: Tailgate parties or picnics with alcohol on the day of home football games may be authorized, in writing, by the Superintendent at locations designated by the Superintendent, subject to the procedures set forth above.

6. **Expiration:** This Superintendent Instruction is in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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