



**U.S. Coast Guard Random Drug Testing Program
Required on all Licensed Charterboats**

U.S. Coast Guard regulations require random drug testing for owner/operators and crewmembers on board vessels acting under the authority of a license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document who have duties that directly affect the safe operation of the vessel. For details, see the U.S. Coast Guard regulations (*CFR Title 46 Part 4 and Part 16).

The USCG checks for the proper documentation and proof of compliance of drug testing during routine safety inspections on un-inspected vessels and during all required safety and hull inspections on USCG certified vessels. They also check for compliance during license renewals and may check during routine boardings.

There are several random drug testing consortiums available for you and your mate(s) to sign up with. An internet search will provide several to choose from. Make sure that you select a consortium that uses accredited labs convenient to your area.

For More info on USCG drug testing requirements: [Marine Employer's Drug Testing Guidance booklet prepared by: the USCG Office of Investigation and Analysis.](#)

***§ 16.230 Random testing requirements.**

k) An individual may not be engaged or employed, including self-employment, on a vessel in a position as master, operator, or person in charge for which a license or merchant mariner's document is required by law or regulation unless all crewmembers covered by this section are subject to the random testing requirements of this section.