



STOLEN BOATS CANADA

(Public Service- Non Profit)

DANGERS OF ILLEGAL BOAT CHARTERS

This summer has seen an increase in the number of reported Illegal Boat Charters operating in the Vancouver area involving vessels between 20 and 60 feet in length.

When shopping for a charter, ensure you choose a Transport Canada certified operator. If not, the crew and vessel may not be up to safety standards. If your charter captain asks all passengers to state “everyone are friends of the captain and are not paying passengers”, if boarded by police or Transport Canada inspectors, you probably should find another charter immediately.

Some dangers of choosing an illegal charter are:

- Vessel may not meet Canadian safety standards**
- Safety gear may not meet Canadian standards**
- Captain and crew may not hold proper certification**
- Operator may not have valid insurance**

Marina Operators, who knowingly allow an Illegal charter to operate, could be named in civil lawsuits and risk affecting their own insurance coverage.

If you suspect an illegal charter, contact Transport Canada Marine Safety:

[Pacific Region](#) (604) 666-5300 / [Prairie and Northern Region](#) 1(888) 463-0521

[Ontario Region](#) (519) 383-1825 / [Quebec Region](#) 1 (888) 649-6292 / [Atlantic Region](#) 1 (800) 387-4999

