



# OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2004

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2004. Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

## Comments on the year...

In 2004, there were 54 recreational boating accidents in Oregon. Of the 54 accidents, 9 people (42 percent) died which is half the number of fatalities we had in 2003 with 18 fatalities.

Three of the 9 victims were wearing life jackets the majority of the accidents happened on the Columbia River.

One thing that is unique for the 4 of the 9 people who died, was the fact that the 'Activity' was waterskiing.

The most common 'Activity' in past years for fatalities has been fishing and cruising.

Another item to note is that the first fatality did not happen until the month of May.

No fatalities on the ocean. About 30 percent typically occur on the ocean, most often on the bar.

	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatality Rate**
1995	191,915	144	18	.94	.71
1996	195,080	115	8	.41	.71
1997	197,315	123	19	.96	.67
1998	197,634	120	20	1.01	.65
1999	196,102	98	16	.82	.58
2000	194,828	100	14	.72	.55
2001	194,615	70	14	.72	.53
2002	194,582	80	16	.82	.58
2003	197,591	74	18	.92	.55
2004	190,142	54	9	.42	.53

# ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS - 2004

<p><b>Activity</b></p> <p>At Anchor .....0</p> <p>Cruising .....0</p> <p>Drifting .....0</p> <p>Fishing .....2</p> <p>Hunting .....0</p> <p>Water Skiing .....4</p> <p>Whitewater Sports .....1</p> <p>Unknown .....2</p>	<p><b>Type of Accident</b></p> <p>Capsizing .....3</p> <p>Collision w/Vessel .....0</p> <p>Collision w/Fixed Object .....2</p> <p>Falls Overboard .....2</p> <p>Sinking .....0</p> <p>Grounding .....0</p> <p>Mishap of skier, tuber, wakeboarder .....2</p>	<p><b>Cause of Accident</b></p> <p>Alcohol .....1</p> <p>Hazardous Waters .....2</p> <p>Improper Anchoring .....2</p> <p>Op. Inexp./Error .....1</p> <p>Overloading .....1</p> <p>Reckless Operation .....0</p> <p>Restricted Vision .....0</p> <p>Weather Condition .....0</p> <p>Operator Inattention .....1</p> <p>Passenger/Skier behavior .....1</p>
<p><b>Craft Type</b></p> <p>Open Motorboat .....6</p> <p>Cabin Motorboat .....0</p> <p>Inflatable .....3</p> <p>Canoe/Kayak .....0</p> <p>PWC .....0</p> <p>Driftboat .....0</p>	<p><b>Boat Length</b></p> <p>Less than 10' .....1</p> <p>10'-12' .....2</p> <p>13'-16' .....3</p> <p>17'-20 .....2</p> <p>20+ .....1</p>	<p><b>Month</b></p> <p>January .....0</p> <p>February .....0</p> <p>March .....0</p> <p>April .....0</p> <p>May .....1</p> <p>June .....1</p> <p>July .....2</p> <p>August .....4</p> <p>September .....1</p> <p>October .....0</p> <p>November .....0</p> <p>December .....0</p>
<p><b>Body of Water</b></p> <p>River .....5</p> <p>Reservoir .....3</p> <p>Lake .....1</p> <p>Ocean .....0</p> <p>Bay .....0</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Male .....7</p> <p>Female .....2</p>	
<p><b>Water Temperature</b></p> <p>40 &amp; Below .....0</p> <p>41-50 .....0</p> <p>51-60 .....3</p> <p>61-70 .....4</p> <p>Above 70 .....0</p> <p>Unknown .....2</p>	<p><b>Personal Flotation Devices</b></p> <p>PFD Aboard Not Used .....6</p> <p>PFD Worn .....3</p>	<p><b>Operator Age</b></p> <p>Under 18 .....0</p> <p>18-25 .....2</p> <p>26-35 .....3</p> <p>36-50 .....2</p> <p>Over 50 .....2</p>

## Waterbody Type

Rivers	Lake	Reservoir
Columbia River, Middle of Channel	Lake Billy Chinook	Fall Creek Reservoir, N. Shore
Columbia River, S. side of Govern. Island		Foster Reservoir, S. Santiam Arm
Columbia River, Willow Creek at boat ramp		
McKenzie River, Hayden Bridge		
Wallowa River, Grande Rhonde		
Willamette River, Hayes Lane		