



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2010

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2010.
Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

Comments on the year.....

In 2010, 12 people died in recreational boating accidents in Oregon.

Two of the 12 victims were wearing their life jackets. It is reasonable to assume that had the other victims worn their life jackets most would have survived their accidents.

Six of the 12 victims were in open motor boats. The other six were in non-powered craft. On average, 35% of our fatalities are in non-motorized boats.

Seven of the 12 operators were over the age of 50. This is the second year in a row where over half the operators were in this age group.

This year there was a tie for the number one type of accident. Both *Capsizing* and *Falls Overboard* counted five, followed by one each for *Collision with Fixed Object* and *Flooding/Swamping*.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Fatality Rate Oregon**	U.S. Fatality Rate**	Fatalities U.S.
2001	194,615	70	14	.72	.53	681
2002	194,582	80	16	.82	.58	750
2003	197,591	74	18	.92	.55	703
2004	190,142	54	9	.42	.53	676
2005	187,640	74	15	.80	.54	697
2006	186,497	66	20	1.07	.56	710
2007	184,147	66	9	.49	.53	685
2008	180,063	60	13	.72	.56	709
2009	180,552	65	13	.72	.58	736
2010	177,634	64	12	.68	-	-

(-) Figures not in yet from USCG

* It is estimated that only 10 to 15% of reportable accidents are actually reported.

** Rate per 10,000 registered boats.

(These statistics reflect recreational boaters only)

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS – 2010

Activity	Type of Accident	Cause of Accident
Anchoring 0	Capsizing* 5	Alcohol..... 0
At Anchor..... 1	Collision w/ Boat..... 0	Careless/Reckless Ops..... 0
Changing Speed..... 0	Collision w/ Fixed Object 1	Hazardous Waters* 3
Cruising 1	Ejected from Vessel 0	Improper Anchoring 1
Drifting 0	Fall Overboard 5	Op. Inexperience/ Error..... 3
Fishing..... 6	Flooding/Swamping..... 1	Overloading 0
Hunting..... 0	Sinking 0	Passenger/ Skier Behavior 1
Paddling 1	Grounding 0	Restricted Vision..... 0
Whitewater Sports 1	Unknown..... 0	Weather Conditions 1
Other*(1 windsurfing, 1 attempting rescue). 2	*2 deaths same accident-different boats	Other (Chair Improperly Attached) 1
*2 deaths-different accidents		Unknown..... 2
		*2 deaths same accident-different boats
Type of Craft	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat* 6	Less than 10' 0	January..... 0
Cabin Motorboat 0	10' – 11.9' 0	February 0
Inflatable..... 1	12' – 13.9' 1	March 3
Canoe/ Kayak 1	14' – 15.9' 4	April 1
Personal Watercraft (PWC) 0	16' – 17.9' 1	May..... 1
Driftboat/Rowboat 1	18' – 19.9' 1	June 0
Sailboat (Auxiliary)..... 1	20'+ 1	July 1
Paddleboard/Windsurf Board..... 2	Unknown 4	August 0
*2 deaths same accident- different boats		September 2
		October* 3
		November 1
		December 0
		* 2 deaths same accident-different boats
Body of Water	Gender	
River 8	Male 12	
Lake 1	Female..... 0	
Ocean* 3		
Bay 0		
Reservoir..... 0		
*2 deaths same accident-different boats		
Water Temperature	Operator Age	Personal Floatation Device
41° - 51° F 3	Under 18 0	Aboard Not Used 6
52° - 61° F* 6	18 – 25 0	Not Aboard 3
62° - 70° F 0	26 – 35 0	Used But Not Worn..... 0
Above 70° F..... 0	36 – 50 5	Unknown..... 1
Unknown 3	Over 50* 7	Aboard and Used* 2
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WATERWAYS ACCIDENTS OCCURRED

Rivers

Willamette River – Clearwater Landing
 Rogue River – Whitehorse Park
 Columbia River – 3 Mile Canyon
 Willamette River – SE Weber St
 Willamette River – SW Riverwood-Milwaukie
 McKenzie River – Finn Rock
 Columbia River – Wauna Mill-Buoy 57
 Willamette River – Dayton-RM 59

Lakes

Dorman Pond

Ocean

Pacific Ocean – Alsea River Mouth
 Pacific Ocean* – Netarts Bay Mouth
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