



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2011

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 2011, 10 people died in recreational boating accidents in Oregon.

Three of the 10 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.

Three of the 10 victims were in open motor boats, one was on a personal watercraft, and the other six were in non-powered craft. On average, 35% of our fatalities are in non-motorized boats, this year it was 55%.

Six of the 10 operators were over the age of 50. In five of the 10 fatalities the victim was the operator. In three of the 10 fatalities the victim was the operator and sole occupant.

The number one type of accident for this year was *Collision with a Fixed Object*, followed by a tie between *Collision with a Submerged Object* and *Falls Overboard*.

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	.67	-	-
2011	171,983	66	9	.52	-	-

(-) 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 – 2011

Activity	Type of Accident	Cause of Accident
Pulling up Anchor 0	Capsizing 0	Alcohol 2
At Anchor..... 0	Collision w/Fixed Object 4	Force of Wave/Wake 1
Changing Speed..... 0	Collision w/Sbmrtd Object .. 2	Hazardous Waters..... 3
Cruising 1	Ejected from Vessel..... 0	Improper Anchoring..... 1
Windsurfing 0	Falls Overboard..... 2	Op. Inexperience/ Error 1
Fishing 4	Flooding/Swamping 0	Overloading* 0
Hunting..... 0	Sinking 0	Passenger/ Skier Behavior 0
Paddling 1	Grounding 1	Restricted Vision 0
Whitewater Sports 3	Fire..... 1	Weather Conditions..... 0
Sleeping 1		Other 1
		Unknown 1

Type of Craft	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat..... 3	Less than 10' 2	January 0
Cabin Motorboat 0	10' - 12' 0	February..... 0
Inflatable..... 3	12' – 14' 1	March 1
Canoe/ Kayak 0	14' – 16' 5	April..... 0
Personal Watercraft (PWC) 1	16' – 18' 0	May 2
Driftboat 2	18' – 20' 1	June 1
Sailboat 1	20'+ 1	July 0
Paddleboard/Sailboard 0	Unknown 0	August* 3
		September 2
		October 0
		November..... 0
		December..... 1

Body of Water	Gender
River 8	Male 8
Lake 1	Female 2
Ocean 1	
Bay 0	
Reservoir 0	

*1 Victim died of burns 11/12/11

Water Temperature	Operator Age	Personal Floatation Device
Below 41° F 0	Under 18 0	Aboard and Used 3
41° - 51° F 3	18 – 25 3	Aboard and Not Used..... 7
52° - 61° F 1	26 – 35 0	Used But Not Worn 0
62° - 70° F 5	36 – 50 0	Not Aboard..... 0
Above 70° F 0	Over 50 6	Unknown 0
Unknown 1	No Operator 1	

WATERWAYS ACCIDENTS OCCURRED

Rivers	Lakes	Ocean
McKenzie River – McNutt Island	Blue River Res – Saddle Back Ramp	Pacific Ocean – Mill Beach
Willamette River – Buena Vista		
Multnomah Channel – Coon Island		
Deschutes River – North Junction		
Willamette River – Dorris Ranch		
Rogue River – Blossom Bar		
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Columbia River – Johnson's Landing		

Bays