



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2016

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2015.
Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

Comments on the year.....

In 2016 we had 19 people die in recreational boating accidents in Oregon. This is more than three more than in 2015. Our oldest victim was 70, our youngest victim was 23.

Only 7 of the 19 victims were wearing their life jackets. One of those 7 persons had a heart attack, another person's PFD got tangled on a branch, two had inflatable belt packs that were not deployed, one victim was trapped in rocks and water hydraulics, one died in the surf before he could be rescued, and the last body has not been found, but his wife says he always wore a PFD. Of the 19 fatalities it is reasonable to assume that, had the other 12 victims worn their life jackets, they would probably have survived their accidents.

7 of the 19 victims were in an open motor boat, 1 was on a PWC, 9 were in non-motorized boats, 1 was on a paddle board, and 1 was on a cabin motor boat.

12 of the 19 victims were 50 years old or older. In 15 of the 19 fatalities the victim was the operator. In 8 of the 19 fatalities the victim was the operator and sole occupant.

The number one cause of fatal accidents this year was a 3-way tie of *Force of Wave/Wake*, *Hazardous Waters* and *Operator Inexperience/Error*.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Fatality Rate Oregon**	U.S. Fatality Rate**	Fatalities U.S.
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	.54	672
2011	171,983	66	10	.52	.62	758
2012	169,188	74	19	.89	.54	651
2013	166,664	67	10	.60	.47	560
2014	161,093	69	7	.42	.52	610
2015	168,124	69	16	.95	.53	626
2016	Est. 156,000	86	19	Est. .82	-	-

(-) 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 – 2016

Activity	Type of Accident	Cause of Accident
Fishing/Crabbing 8	Capsizing 8	Alcohol/Drugs..... 1
Hunting..... 0	Collision w/Fixed Object 1	Force of Wave/Wake..... 4
Tubing 0	Collision w/Submerged Obj 1	Hazardous Waters..... 4
Waterskiing..... 0	Ejected from Vessel..... 1	No Proper Lookout 0
Windsurfing 0	Falls Overboard..... 3	Op. Inexperience/ Error 4
Making Repairs..... 0	Flooding/Swamping 0	People-Bow/Gunwale/Transom.. 0
Starting Engine 0	Sinking 1	Sharp Turn 2
Whitewater Sports 3	Grounding 1	Ignition of Fuel/Vapor 1
Relaxing 7	Skier/Tuber Mishap 0	Sudden Medical Condition..... 0
Paddle Boarding 1	Fire/Explosion..... 1	Weather Conditions 0
Unknown 0	Unknown 2	Unknown 3

Type of Craft	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat..... 7	Less than 10' 3	January 2
Auxiliary Sailboat 0	10' – 11.9' 3	February..... 1
Inflatable..... 2	12' – 13.9' 0	March 0
Canoe/ Kayak 6	14' – 15.9' 1	April..... 2
Personal Watercraft (PWC) 1	16' – 17.9' 8	May 2
Drift boat 1	18' – 19.9' 1	June 0
Paddleboard/Sailboard 1	20' or more 1	July 1
Cabin Motorboat 1	Unknown 2	August 2
		September 4
		October 3
		November..... 2
		December..... 0

Body of Water	Gender
River 9	Male 17
Lake 2	Female 2
Ocean 4	
Bay 2	
Reservoir 2	

Water Temperature	Age	Oprtr	Dcsd	Personal Floatation Device
Below 41° F 1	Under 18 0 0		Aboard and Used * 6
41° - 51° F 3	18 – 25 1 1		Aboard and Not Used..... 5
52° - 61° F 9	26 – 35 3 2		Used But Not Worn 0
62° - 70° F 0	36 – 50 6 7		Not Aboard..... 2
Above 70° F 0	Over 50 9 9		Unknown 6
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*1 caught on limb, 1 trapped in rocks/hydraulics,
1 had heart attack. 1 drowned-extreme rough waters

WATERWAYS ACCIDENTS OCCURRED

Rivers
 Rogue River – above Baker Park
 Youngs River – near Klaskanine R. mouth
 Columbia River – Sauvie Island
 Rogue River – Wildcat Rapids
 Rogue River – the Rock Garden
 Columbia River – I-205 Bridge
 McKenzie River–near Bellinger Landing
 Willamette River – near Milwaukie Ramp
 Lake Creek – below Schindler Landing

Reservoirs
 Lost Creek Res – East End
 Dexter Res – Lowell Marina area
 Columbia River – near Hood River

Ocean
 Pacific Ocean - Salmon River mouth
 Pacific Ocean – Coquille River Bar
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Lakes
 Smith Lake
 Wallowa Lake

Bays
 Alsea Bay – at the mouth
 Coos Bay – near Paradise Point