



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 1995

The following statistics were extracted from boating accident reports received by the Oregon State Marine Board for 1995 calendar year.

Comments on the year...

In 1995, there were 144 recreational boating accidents. This is the greatest number of reported accidents in more than 17 years. After falling to 10 in 1994, fatalities rose again to 18, just above the average of 17.7 for the last 10 years.

Accidents involving personal watercraft (PWC) rose to 24 in 1995, breaking the record high of se

10 Year Summary

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatality Rate**
1985	143,373	95	23	1.60	1.16
1986	147,423	84	18	1.22	1.08
1987	153,087	101	28	1.83	1.04
1988	160,000	115	24	1.50	.91
1989	165,771	81	16	.97	.83
1990	173,572	107	7	.35	.79
1991	177,134	110	22	1.24	.83
1992	180,138	94	9	.50	.74
1993	184,007	85	25	1.36	.71
1994	188,792	121	10	.53	.69

* It is estimated that only 10-15 percent of reportable accidents are actually reported.

**Rate per 10,000 registered boats

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS - 1994

ACTIVITY

Cruising	5
Fishing	1
Drifting	2
Paddling.....	2

TYPE CRAFT

Open Motor	4
Cabin Motorboat	1
Inflatable	2
Canoe/Kayaking	2
Personal Watercraft	1
Driftboat	0
Sailboat	0

BODY OF WATER

River.....	6
Lake	0
Ocean	4
Bay	0

WATER TEMP

40 and Below	1
41 to 50 F	5
51 to 60 F	1
61 to 70 F	3
Above 70 F	0

RIVERS

Clackamas River, Oak Grove Fork
 Rogue River, Lower Galice Chute
 Willamette River, Wheatland Ferry*
 Willamette River, Lake Oswego
 Yaquina River, 4 Miles E of Toledo

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing	4
Collision With PWC	1
Thrown Overboard	2
Collision With Sea Plane	2
Grounding	1

BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10'	2
10' to 12'	0
12' to 14'	2
14' to 16'	2
16' to 18'	1
18' to 20'	0
20'+	2
Unknown.....	1

GENDER

Male	10
Female.....	0

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Aboard Not Used	7
Not Aboard.....	2
Aboard and Used	1
Unknown.....	0

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

Ocean

Siletz Bar at Jetty*
 South Bandon Bar at Jetty
 South of Tillamook Jetty

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Hazardous Waters	6
Op. Inexperience/Error	1
Alcohol.....	1
No Proper Lookout.....	2

MONTH

January.....	1
February.....	0
March	1
April.....	0
May	1
June.....	0
July	4
August.....	0
September.....	2
October	1
November	0
December.....	0

OPERATOR AGE

Under 18.....	0
18 to 25	0
26 to 35	4
36 to 50	4
Over 50	2

**Two Killed*