



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS 2007

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2007. Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

Comments on the year...

In 2007, 9 people died in recreational boating accidents in Oregon. Oregon's recreational boating fatality rate dropped to .49 per 10,000 registered boats, our state's second lowest rate in the last 10 years.

Only one victim was wearing their life jacket. It is reasonable to assume that had the other victims worn their life jackets most would have survived their accidents.

Unusual is the fact that only two of last year's nine fatalities were on rivers. Usually a little more than half of boating fatalities in Oregon occur on the state's rivers.

Seven of the nine victims were in open motor boats. The other two were in non-powered craft. On average, 35 percent of our fatalities are in non-motorized boats.

Also a little unusual is that six of the nine operators were over the age of 50.

One last note ... in 2007 most fatalities occurred on cold water, the majority in water less than 60 degrees. This is not unusual. And as usual the number one type of accident is capsizings and falls overboard. This deadly combination, combined with not wearing a life jacket, is the common scenario for a fatal boating accident in Oregon.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatality Rate	Fatalities U.S.
1998	197,634	120	20	1.01	.65	815
1999	196,102	98	16	.82	.58	734
2000	194,828	100	14	.72	.55	701
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

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

**Rate per 10,000 registered boats

XXX U.S. Fatality rate should be known in May of 2008

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS 2007

ACTIVITY

Anchoring.....	1
At Anchor.....	0
Changing Speed.....	1
Cruising.....	3
Drifting.....	2
Fishing.....	0
Hunting.....	0
Paddling.....	2
Whitewater Sports.....	0
Unknown.....	0

TYPE CRAFT

Open Motor.....	7
Cabin Motor.....	0
Inflatable.....	1
Canoe/Kayak.....	1
Pers. Watercraft.....	0
Driftboat.....	0
Sailboat.....	0

BODY OF WATER

River.....	2
Lake.....	1
Ocean.....	1
Bay.....	1
Reservoir.....	4

WATER TEMP

40 and Below.....	0
41 to 50 F.....	4
51 to 60 F.....	4
61 to 70 F.....	1
Above 70 F.....	0
Unknown.....	0

RIVERS

Columbia River, Astoria
Rogue River, RM 52

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing.....	3
Collision w/Boat.....	0
Collision w/fixed object.....	0
Ejected from Vessel.....	1
Fall Overboard.....	3
Flooding/Swamping.....	2
Sinking.....	0
Grounding.....	0
Unknown.....	0

BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10'.....	0
10' to 12'.....	1
12' to 14'.....	1
14' to 16'.....	3
16' to 18'.....	3
18' to 20'.....	1
20'+.....	0
Unknown.....	0

SEX

Male.....	8
Female.....	1

PERSONAL FLOTATION

DEVICES

Aboard Not Used.....	7
Not Aboard.....	0
Aboard and Used.....	1
Used but Not Worn.....	1
Unknown.....	0

LAKES

Saunders Lake

RESERVOIRS

Brownlee
Foster
Poison Creek
Wickiup

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Alcohol.....	0
Carless/Reckless Ops.....	1
Hazardous Waters.....	3
Improper Anchoring.....	1
Op. Inexperience/Error.....	1
Overloading.....	1
Passenger/Skier Behavior.....	2
Restricted Vision.....	0
Weather Conditions.....	0
Unk.....	0

MONTH

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

OPERATOR AGE

Under 18.....	0
18 to 25.....	0
26 to 35.....	0
36 to 50.....	3
Over 50.....	6

BAY

Nehalem Bay

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Chetco River, Mouth