



## Oregon Recreational Boating Incident Statistics – 2018

**The following statistics were taken from boating incident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2018. Incidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.**

In 2018, we had 17 fatalities in recreational boating incidents in Oregon; five more than 2017. The oldest fatal was 84 and the youngest was seven.

Seven out of the 17 fatalities (one was unknown if wearing) were wearing life jackets. Although seven of the victims wore their life jackets, due to the circumstances of the incident, a life jacket would not have saved them. Of the 17 fatalities it is reasonable to assume that if nine other victims worn their life jackets, they would probably have survived their incidents.

Seven of the 17 fatalities were in motorized boats; nine were in a non-motorized boat (two fatalities from one raft).

Eleven of the 17 fatalities were 50 years old or older. Ten out of the 17 fatalities, the victim was the operator and six out of the ten was also a sole occupant on a boat; one boat fire. Of the six sole occupants on a boat, five out of the six boats were non-motorized; two of the victims were children.

The number one cause of fatal incidents this year was *Operator Inexperience*.

Year	Registered Boats	Incidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Fatality Rate Oregon**	U.S. Fatality Rate**	Fatalities U.S.
2008	180,063	53	13	7.22	5.6	709
2009	180,552	67	13	7.20	5.8	736
2010	177,634	60	11	6.19	5.4	672
2011	171,983	66	10	5.81	6.2	758
2012	169,188	70	19	11.23	5.4	651
2013	166,664	59	12	7.20	4.7	560
2014	161,358	61	7	4.29	5.2	610
2015	168,175	65	15	8.92	5.3	626
2016	156,168	82	19	12.17	5.9	701
2017	168,933	60	12	7.10	5.5	658
2018	168,100	65	17	10.1	5.3	633

(-) Figures not in yet from USCG

\* Non-fatal incidents are severely under-reported

\*\* Rate per 100,000 registered boats

*(These statistics reflect recreational boaters only)*

## Analysis of Fatal Boating Incidents – 2018

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Type of Incident</b>	<b>Cause of Incident</b>
Fishing/Crabbing.....7	Capsizing ..... 4	Alcohol/Drugs.....2
Speed Runs .....0	Collision w/Fixed Object ..... 1	Force of Wave/Wake.....2
Tubing.....0	Collision w/Subm. Obj ..... 1	Op. Inattention.....2
Waterskiing .....0	Ejected from Vessel ..... 1	No Proper Lookout.....1
Windsurfing .....0	Falls Overboard.....2	Op. Inexperience/ Error.....3
Making Repairs .....0	Flooding/Swamping.....3	People-Bow/Gunwale/Transom....0
Starting Engine.....0	Person Left Voluntarily ..... 1	Overloading.....1
Whitewater Sports .....3	Improper Anchoring.....0	Ignition of Fuel/Vapor.....0
Relaxing .....2	Hypothermia.....0	Sudden Medical Condition .....0
Other .....2	Boat Fire .....1	Other .....2
Unknown .....2	Unknown.....2	Unknown.....3

<b>Type of Boat</b>	<b>Boat Length</b>	<b>Month</b>
Open Motorboat .....5	Less than 10' ..... 1	January.....2
Auxiliary Sailboat ..... 1	10' – 11.9' ..... 2	February.....0
Inflatable.....4	12' – 13.9' ..... 4	March.....0
Kayak .....1	14' – 15.9' ..... 4	April.....1
Canoe.....3	16' – 17.9' ..... 2	May .....3
Personal Watercraft (PWC) .....0	18' – 19.9' ..... 2	June .....1
Pontoon Boat .....1	20' or more.....1	July .....0
Cabin Motorboat.....1	Unknown.....0	August .....6
		September .....0
		October.....2
		November .....0
		December .....1

<b>Body of Water</b>	<b>Gender</b>
River .....10	Male.....14
Lake ..... 3	Female..... 3
Ocean ..... 1	
Bay..... 1	
Reservoir ..... 1	

<b>Water Temperature</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Oprtr</b>	<b>Dcsd</b>	<b>Personal Floatation Device</b>
Below 41° F .....1	Under 18.....0	..... 2		Aboard and Used *.....7
41° - 51° F .....7	18 – 25 .....0	..... 0		Aboard and Not Used .....8
52° - 61° F.....4	26 – 35 .....1	..... 0		Used But Not Worn.....0
62° - 70° F.....2	36 – 50 .....3	..... 0		Not Aboard .....0
Above 70° F .....1	Over 50 .....6	..... 5		Unknown.....2
Unknown .....1				

### Waterways Accidents Occurred

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#### **Rivers**

Rogue River – 300 yds above Baker Park  
 McKenzie River – Hayden Bridge  
 Snake River – near Huntington  
 Grande Ronde River  
 Siuslaw River – North Jetty  
 Rogue River – Wooldridge Rapid  
 Deschutes River – Dillon Falls  
 Coquille River – near the Bar  
 Elk River

#### **Reservoirs**

Ochoco Reservoir

#### **Ocean**

Pacific Ocean – Seaside Estuary

#### **Lakes**

Klamath Lake – Howard Bay  
 Dexter Lake  
 Fern Ridge

#### **Bays**

Winchester Bay – near the Bar