



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS - 1983

The following statistics were extracted from boating accident reports received by the Oregon State Marine Board for 1983 calendar year.

Comments on the year...

In 1983, 23 people died in recreational boat accidents. The total, below our annual average of 31, was comprised of accidents typical in terms of how, where, and to whom they occurred (see reverse side). As in the past boating fatalities happened to:

- Males, not wearing a life jacket, in small boats, less than 18 feet in length, on rivers, water temperature less than 60 degrees.

We had an unusually low number of boat accidents last year. A couple of reasons which may account for this significant decrease was the short salmon fishing season and a cool summer.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate*	U.S. Fatality Rate*
1974	105,342	146	33	3.13	2.17
1975	111,043	125	36	3.24	2.01
1976	115,880	152	41	3.54	1.65
1977	118,485	115	23	1.94	1.65
1978	124,069	134	31	2.50	1.64
1979	139,965	134	41	2.93	1.69
1980	133,877	110	23	1.72	1.59
1981	136,999	121	26	1.90	1.36
1982	137,625	123	20	1.45	1.30
1983	138,131	80	23	1.67	1.35

* Rate per 10,000 registered boats

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS - 1983

ACTIVITY

Cruising6
 Drifting5
 Fishing7
 Water Skiing2
 Hunting2
 Other1

TYPE OF CRAFT

Open Motor8
 Cabin Motor3
 Canoe/Kayak2
 Drift/Rowboat5
 Inflatable5
 Sail0

BODY OF WATER

River 15
 Lake3
 Ocean5
 Bay0

WATER TEMPERATURE

40 and Below5
 41 to 50 F 11
 51 to 60 F5
 61 to 70 F2
 Above 70 F0

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing 10
 Falls Overboard 3
 Collision w/fixed object..... 5
 Struck by Boat or Propellor1
 Swamping/Flooding 1
 Other 1
 Unknown 2

BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10' 2
 10' to 12' 0
 12' to 14' 3
 14' to 16' 7
 16' to 18' 6
 18' to 20' 2
 20'+ 3

GENDER

Male 21
 Female 2

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Aboard Not Used 15
 Not Aboard 4
 Aboard and Used 3
 Used, Taken Off in Water ... 1

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Hazardous Waters7
 Op. Inexperience4
 Lack of Proper Lookout...2
 Submerged Object2
 Passenger Movement2
 Skier Inattention1
 Stern Anchoring1
 Unknown4

MONTH

January2
 February 1
 March3
 April0
 May6
 June2
 July2
 August4
 September0
 October0
 November2
 December1

OPERATOR AGE

Under 180
 18 to 252
 26 to 5010
 Over 506
 No Operator1
 Unknown1

Rivers

Applegate River, ¾ mi. below Applegate Dam
 Clackamas R., ¼ mi. East of Riverside Park
 Columbia River, Between Umatilla River & Umatilla Marina
 Klamath River, Lower Hells Corner
 Nestucca River, East of Hwy. 101, Hebo
 North Santiam River, 4 mi. above Green Bridge
 Owyhee River, Montgomery Canyon*
 Rogue River, Dunn Riffle
 Wilson River, Good Sam Fisherman's Park
 Willamette River, Below Oregon City Falls
 Willamette River, Marquam Bridge
 Willamette River, ½ Mile N. of Independence
 Willametter River, S. of Harrisburg*

Lakes

Brownlee Reservoir
 Detroit Reservoir
 Tahkenitch Lake

Ocean

Coos Bay Bar
 Netarts Bar
 Siletz River Bar*
 South Beach State Park, 1 Mile S. of Newport

**Two Killed*