



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2005

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2005. Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

Comments on the year...

In 2005, there were 74 recreational boating accidents in Oregon, in which 15 people were killed. The fatality rate almost doubled from .42 in 2004 to .80 in 2005 per 10,000 registered boats.

Of the 15 fatalities, 7 of the victims were in motorized boats. Something a little unusual is that 8 of the 15 *were* wearing life jackets, but 1 of the 8 put on the life jacket while in the water and the jacket was too small and 2 had life jackets on that were not secured or fitted properly. Something to note, it is important to not only wear a life jacket, but wear one that is the proper size. Otherwise the life jacket may offer little support and could actually hinder the situation.

Nine of the fatalities happened on the rivers of Oregon.

Alcohol was involved for 4 of the 15 deaths.

	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatality Rate**
1996	195,080	115	8	.41	.71
1997	197,315	123	19	.96	.67
1998	197,634	120	20	1.01	.65
1999	196,102	98	16	.82	.58
2000	194,828	100	14	.72	.55
2001	194,615	70	14	.72	.53
2002	194,582	80	16	.82	.58
2003	197,591	74	18	.92	.55
2004	190,142	54	9	.42	.53
2005	187,640	74	15	.80	.54

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS - 2005

Activity	Type of Accident	Cause of Accident
At Anchor.....0	Capsizing 8	Alcohol..... 4
Cruising0	Collision w/Vessel..... 1	Hazardous Waters..... 4
Drifting0	Collision w/Fixed Object 0	Improper Anchoring..... 0
Fishing.....5	Collision w/Submerged Object..... 1	Op. Inexp./Error 1
Hunting.....0	Falls Overboard 3	Excessive Speed..... 1
Water Skiing.....0	Sinking 0	Restricted Vision..... 0
Whitewater Sports.....2	Grounding 0	Weather Condition..... 0
Unknown8	Flooding/Swamping 1	Operator Inexperience..... 2
	Person Struck by Boat 1	People on Gunwale, Bow or Transom 1
		Passenger/Skier Behavior..... 1
		Machinery Failure 1

Craft Type	Boat Length
Open Motorboat6	Less than 10" 2
Cabin Motorboat..... 1	10'-12' 2
Inflatable.....2	13'-16' 5
Canoe/Kayak.....4	17'-20 5
PWC.....2	20+ 1
Driftboat.....0	

Body of Water	Gender
River.....9	Male 14
Lake.....2	Female 1
Ocean.....0	
Bay4	
Reservoir0	

Water Temperature	Personal Flotation Devices
40 & Below 1	PFD Not Used..... 7* **
41-505	PFD Worn 8
51-607	
61-700	*Life jacket not worn at time of accident, put on in water may have been too small for victim. Victim's life jacket cut by survivor.
Above 702	
Unknown0	

Month
January..... 0
February 3
March.....0
April 0
May 1
June 1
July 5
August 1
September..... 2
October 0
November 0
December..... 2

Operator Age
Under 18..... 0
18-25 1
26-35 1
36-50 8
Over 50..... 5

**Life jacket not secured properly

Waterbody Type

Rivers	Lake	Bay
Columbia River, E. of I-205 Bridge	Agency Lake	Alesea Bay*
Columbia River Mouth, Buoy #8	Detroit Lake, Mongold State Park	Nestucca Bay
Illinois River, Miami Bar		Tillamook Bay
McKenzie River, Confluence of Mohawk River		
Rogue River, Galice Chutes*		
Willamette River, N. of Wallace Marine Park*		
Willamette River, North Fork		

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