



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2014

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2014.
Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

Comments on the year.....

In 2014 only 7 people died in recreational boating accidents in Oregon. This is a lower fatality count, such as we had experienced between 2007 and 2011.

2 of the 7 victims were wearing their life jackets, however, of those 2 one was not buckled and the life jacket came off when he was swept under a logjam; the other 1 was not deployed. Of the 7 fatalities 2 succumbed to medical conditions so their life jacket was of no use. It is reasonable to assume, however, that had the other 5 victims worn their life jackets, they would have survived their accidents.

4 of the 7 victims were in an open motor boat, and 3 were in non-powered craft.

5 of the 7 victims were over the age of 50. In all of the 7 fatalities the victim was the operator. In 4 of the 7 fatalities the victim was the operator and sole occupant.

The number one type of accident for this year was a tie between *Hazardous Waters* and *Operator Inexperience/Error*, followed by *Alcohol/Drugs*.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Fatality Rate Oregon**	U.S. Fatality Rate**	Fatalities U.S.
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
2008	180,063	60	13	.72	.56	709
2009	180,552	65	13	.72	.58	736
2010	177,634	64	12	.67	.54	672
2011	171,983	66	10	.52	.62	758
2012	169,188	74	19	.89	.54	651
2013	166,664	67	10	.60	.47	560
2014	-	69	7	-	-	-

(-) Figures not in yet from USCG

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

** Rate per 10,000 registered boats.

(These statistics reflect recreational boaters only)

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS – 2014

Activity	Type of Accident	Cause of Accident
Fishing..... 3	Capsizing4	Alcohol/Drugs..... 1
Hunting..... 0	Collision w/Fixed Object0	Force of Wave/Wake.....0
Tubing 0	Collision w/Vessel0	Hazardous Waters..... 1
Waterskiing..... 0	Ejected from Vessel.....0	No Proper Lookout 0
Windsurfing 0	Falls Overboard.....1	Op. Inexperience/ Error 1
Making Repairs..... 0	Flooding/Swamping0	People-Bow/Gunwale/Transom.. 0
Starting Engine 0	Sinking0	Passenger/ Skier Behavior 0
Whitewater Sports 1	Grounding0	Restricted Vision 0
Relaxing 2	Tuber Mishap0	Weather Conditions.....0
Ferrying 0	Struck by Boat.....0	Intentional Capsizing 0
Unknown 1	Unknown2	Unknown 4
Type of Craft	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat..... 4	Less than 10'2	January 0
Auxiliary Sailboat 0	10' - 12'0	February..... 2
Inflatable..... 1	12' – 14'1	March 1
Canoe/ Kayak 2	14' – 16'2	April..... 0
Personal Watercraft (PWC) 0	16' – 18'0	May 0
Drift boat 0	18' – 20'0	June 2
Paddleboard/Sailboard 0	20'+1	July 2
Inner Tubes (tied together) 0	Unknown1	August 0
		September 0
		October 0
		November..... 0
		December..... 0
Body of Water	Gender	
River 6	Male 6	
Lake 1	Female 1	
Ocean 0		
Bay 0		
Reservoir 0		
Water Temperature	Operator Age	Personal Floatation Device
Below 41° F 2	Under 180	Aboard and Used * 3
41° - 51° F 0	18 – 250	Aboard and Not Used..... 0
52° - 61° F 0	26 – 350	Used But Not Worn 0
62° - 70° F 0	36 – 502	Not Aboard..... 3
Above 70° F 0	Over 505	Unknown 1
Unknown 5		

*2 had heart attacks-1 PFD was not on when body recovered, 1 worn but not inflated

WATERWAYS ACCIDENTS OCCURRED

Rivers

Chetco River – Tamba Riffle
 Snake River – Wild Sheep Rapids
 Umpqua River – near Yellow Creek
 Columbia River – 1mi below John Day Dam
 Snake River – Geneva Bar
 North Santiam River – near Buell Miller ramp

Rivers (cont.)

Ocean

Lakes

Lower McNary Lake – Sauvie Island

Bays