



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 1988

The following statistics were extracted from boating accident reports received by the Oregon State Marine Board for 1988 calendar year.

Comments on the year...

IN 1988, 24 people died in recreational boating accidents. Eleven of the 24 were killed in accidents on the ocean, the most this decade. 1988, there were six reported accidents involving personal watercraft (jetskis, wave-runners, etc.) involved in boating accidents. In 1988, there were six reported accidents involving personal watercraft, twice as many as in the year prior. In fact, until 1988 there had only been a total of six reported accidents with personal watercraft this decade.

On the bright side, there were no boating fatalities on the Deschutes River and only one on Oregon's lakes.

10 Year Summary

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate*	U.S. Fatality Rate*
1979	139,965	134	41	2.93	1.69
1980	133,877	110	23	1.72	1.59
1981	136,999	121	26	1.9	1.36
1982	137,625	123	20	1.45	1.30
1983	138,131	80	23	1.67	1.35
1984	140,145	113	26	1.86	1.13
1985	143,373	95	23	1.60	1.16
1986	147,423	84	18	1.22	1.08
1987	153,087	101	28	1.83	1.04
1988	160,000	115	24	1.50	.91

*Rate per 10,000 registered boats

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS - 1987

ACTIVITY

Cruising	3
Drifting	3
Drifting, Fish	4
At Anchor Fish.....	5
Cruising, Fish.....	5
At Anchor	0
Water Skiing	0
Cruising, Sailing.....	3
Cruising, Hunting	0
Racing	0
Drifting, Hunting	0
Other.....	3
Unknown	2

TYPE CRAFT

Open Motor	11
Cabin Motor	3
Canoe/Kayak.....	2
Auxiliary Sail.....	0
Inflatable	4
Drift/Rowboat	5
Sail.....	3

BODY OF WATER

River.....	13
Lake	5
Ocean	10
Bay	0

WATER TEMP

40 and Below	3
41 to 50 F	12
51 to 60 F	11
61 to 70 F	2
Above 70 F.....	0

RIVERS

Columbia River, below Tanner Creek
 Columbia River, near Celilo Park*
 Columbia River, near Moffett Creek*
 Columbia River, near Rooster Rock State Park*
 Deschutes River, 8 mi. N. of Maupin
 Deschutes River, Whitehorse Rapids
 Nehalem River, near Batterson
 North Santiam River, above Green Bridge
 Rogue River, near Prospect
 Willamette River, near Steel Bridge

*Two Killed
 **Three Killed

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing	17
Falls Overboard	6
Collision w/Fixed object	2
Swamping/Flooding.....	0
Collision w/Vessel	1
Struck by Boat or Propeller....	0
Grounding	0
Sinking.....	0
Collision w/Floating Object	0
Fire/Explosion	0
Unknown	2
Other.....	0

BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10'	3
10' to 12'	2
12' to 14'	4
14' to 16'	6
16' to 18'	5
18' to 20'	5
20'+.....	3

GENDER

Male	26
Female.....	2

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Aboard Not Used	15
Not Aboard.....	4
Aboard and Used	9
Insufficient Number	0

LAKES

Dexter Lake
 Herberts Pond*
 Laurence Lake
 Sproul Lake

OCEAN

Alsea Bay Bar*
 Alsea Bay, S. of entrance
 Columbia River Bar, near S. Jetty**
 Nehalem River Bar
 Salmon River Bar, at the mouth
 Salmon River Bar, outside entrance

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Op. Inexperience/Error.....	9
Hazardous Waters	5
Passenger Movement.....	4
Weather Conditions.....	4
Undersized Boat.....	2
Excessive Speed.....	1
Anchoring.....	1
Overloading.....	0
Sitting on Gunwale	0
Fault of Machinery	0
Stern Anchoring	0
Unknown	0

MONTH

January.....	1
February.....	2
March	3
April.....	4
May	2
June.....	1
July	5
August.....	4
September.....	0
October	3
November	0
December.....	3

OPERATOR AGE

Under 18.....	1
18 to 25	5
26 to 35	6
36 to 50	5
Over 50	8
No Operator	0
Unknown	3