



# 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 was the fourth straight year that ocean fatalities increased. This figure does not include boaters who died commercial fishing.

Another statistic on the rise is the number of 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

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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 - 1988

## ACTIVITY

Cruising .....	2
Drifting .....	3
Drifting, Fish .....	4
At Anchor Fish.....	1
Cruising, Fish.....	1
At Anchor .....	0
Water Skiing .....	0
Cruising, Sailing.....	0
Cruising, Hunting .....	0
Racing .....	6
Jet Skiing .....	1
Other.....	3
Drifting, Hunting .....	0
Uknown.....	5

## TYPE CRAFT

Open Motor .....	9
Cabin Motor .....	3
Canoe/Kayak.....	6
Auxiliary Sail.....	3
Inflatable .....	1
Drift/Rowboat .....	2
Sail.....	0

## BODY OF WATER

River.....	11
Lake .....	1
Ocean .....	11
Bay .....	1

## WATER TEMP

40 and Below .....	5
41 to 50 F .....	4
51 to 60 F .....	13
61 to 70 F .....	2
Above 70 F.....	0

## RIVERS

Bull Run River, near PGE Powerhouse  
 Clackamas River, near Milepost 48  
 Columbia River, near Corbett  
 McKenzie River, near McKenzie Bridge  
 Molalla River, near Dickey Prairie Area\*  
 Rogue River, above Powerhouse Rapid  
 Sandy River, 1 mi. above Marmot Dam  
 Sandy River, near Oxbow Park  
 Willamette River, near Independence  
 Willamette River, near Junction City

\*Two Killed  
 \*\*Three Killed

## TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing .....	16
Falls Overboard .....	1
Collision w/Fixed object .....	3
Swamping/Flooding.....	2
Collision w/Vessel .....	1
Struck by Boat or Propeller....	0
Grounding .....	0
Sinking.....	0
Collision w/Floating Object ....	1
Fire/Explosion .....	0
Unknown .....	0
Other.....	0

## BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10'.....	3
10' to 12' .....	2
12' to 14' .....	4
14' to 16' .....	5
16' to 18' .....	4
18' to 20' .....	0
20'+.....	6

## GENDER

Male .....	22
Female.....	2

## PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Aboard Not Used .....	11
Not Aboard.....	4
Aboard and Used .....	8
Insufficient Number .....	1

## LAKES

Green Peter

## OCEAN

Coos Bay-S., near Simpson's Reef  
 Coquille River Bar\*  
 Nehalem Bay Bar  
 Rogue River Bar\*\*  
 Siuslaw River Bar  
 Tillamook Bay Bar

## BAYS

Coos Bay, near Clam Island

## CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Op. Inexperience/Error.....	12
Hazardous Waters .....	5
Passenger Movement.....	1
Weather Conditions.....	0
Undersized Boat.....	2
No Lights, Anchored in Channel .....	1
Excessive Speed.....	0
Anchoring.....	0
Overloading.....	0
Sitting on Gunwale .....	0
Fault of Machinery .....	1
Stern Anchoring .....	0
Unknown .....	4

## MONTH

January.....	0
February.....	0
March .....	3
April.....	2
May .....	3
June.....	7
July .....	2
August.....	1
September.....	2
October .....	4
November .....	0
December.....	0

## OPERATOR AGE

Under 18.....	0
18 to 25 .....	2
26 to 35 .....	3
36 to 50 .....	11
Over 50 .....	7
No Operator .....	0
Unknown .....	1