



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS 2006

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2006.
Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2000 must be reported.

Comments on the year...

In 2006, 20 people died in recreational boat accidents in Oregon, the most deaths since 1998. The greater than usual number of fatalities coupled with the fewest number of registered boats since 1993 combined to produce the highest fatality rate since 1993 at 1.07 deaths per 10,000 registered boats.

Of the 20 fatalities, 12 of the victims or 60 percent were in non-motorized boats. That is an unusually high number as non-motorized craft have historically made up 35 percent of our recreational boating fatalities.

4 of the 20 victims were wearing life jackets. Three of the four victims with life jackets on died in white water boating accidents. Generally if we lose someone with a life jacket on, the accident is either on a white water river or in the ocean.

2006 was an especially bad year on the Deschutes River. We had 6 fatalities on the Deschutes including 5 on the Maupin stretch. In the previous ten years we had a total on two fatalities on the Deschutes River.

One final note ... 19 of the 20 fatalities occurred in water under 60 degrees.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatality Rate	Fatalities U.S.
1997	197,315	123	19	.96	.67	821
1998	197,634	120	20	1.01	.65	815
1999	196,102	98	16	.82	.58	734
2000	194,828	100	14	.72	.55	701
2001	194,615	70	14	.72	.53	681
2002	196,582	80	16	.82	.58	750
2003	197,591	74	18	.92	.55	703
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

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

**Rate per 10,000 registered boats

XXX U.S. Fatality rate should be known in May of 2007

ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS - 2006

ACTIVITY

At Anchor	1
Crabbing	1
Cruising.....	0
Drifting.....	0
Fishing.....	6
Hunting	1
Paddling	5
Whitewater Sports	6
Unknown.....	0

TYPE CRAFT

Open Motor	8
Cabin Motor	0
Inflatable.....	11
Canoe/Kayak	1
Pers. Watercraft	0
Driftboat.....	0
Sailboat.....	0

BODY OF WATER

River	14
Lake.....	1
Ocean.....	3
Bay.....	2

WATER TEMP

40 and Below.....	1
41 to 50 F.....	12
51 to 60 F.....	6
61 to 70 F.....	1
Above 70 F.....	0
Unknown.....	0

RIVERS

Clackamas River, Barton Park
 Deschutes River, Colorado Ave Brid
 * Deschutes River, Maupin Stretch
 Nehalem River, North Fork
 Nehalem River, MP 12
 Rogue River, Near Dodge Bridge
 Rogue River, Rogue Elk Park
 Rough & Ready Creek
 Umpqua River, Near MP 21
 Willamette River, Lower RM 20

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing.....	15
Collision w/Boat.....	0
Collision w/fixed object.	1
Fall Overboard	3
Sinking.....	0
Grounding.....	0
Unknown.....	1

BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10'	9
10' to 12'	3
12' to 14'	2
14' to 16'	1
16' to 18'	3
18' to 20'	1
20'+	1
Unknown.....	0

SEX

Male.....	16
Female	4

PERSONAL

FLOTATION DEVICES

Aboard Not Used	12
Not Aboard	3
Aboard and Used.....	4
Used but Not Worn	1
Unknown.....	0

LAKES

Devils Lake

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Alcohol.....	0
Hazardous Waters.....	11
Improper Anchoring	1
Op. Inexperience/Error	4
Overloading.....	1
Reckless Op	0
Restricted Vision.....	0
Weather Conditions	1
Other.....	0
Unk	2

MONTH

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

OPERATOR AGE

Under 18.....	0
18 to 25	1
26 to 35	4
36 to 50	7
Over 50	8

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*** Pacific Ocean

BAY

** Tillamook Bay

* 5 Died, 5 Separate

** 2 Died, 2 Separate

Accidents