



OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2017

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2017.
Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

Comments on the year.....

In 2017 we had 13 people die in recreational boating accidents in Oregon. Thankfully, this is 6 less than in 2016. Our oldest victim was 81, our youngest victim was 20.

Only 2 of the 13 victims were wearing their life jackets. Although these were separate accidents, both victims wearing PFD's were caught in river hydraulics. One victim was ejected out after a few minutes. The other victim was trapped for a few days. Of the 13 fatalities it is reasonable to assume that, had the other 11 victims worn their life jackets, they would probably have survived their accidents.

6 of the 13 victims were in an open motor boat, 6 were in non-motorized boats, 1 was on a double inner tube.

7 of the 13 victims were 50 years old or older. In 9 of the 13 fatalities the victim was the operator. In 5 of the 13 fatalities the victim was the operator and sole occupant.

The number one cause of fatal accidents this year was *Force of Wave/Wake*.

Year	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Fatality Rate Oregon**	U.S. Fatality Rate**	Fatalities U.S.
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	161,093	69	7	.42	.52	610
2015	168,124	69	16	.95	.53	626
2016	156,168	86	19	.82	.59	701
2017	Est. 170,000	64	13	Est. .76	-	-

(-) 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 – 2017

Activity	Type of Accident	Cause of Accident
Fishing/Crabbing 6	Capsizing 5	Alcohol/Drugs 1
Speed Runs 1	Collision w/Fixed Object 2	Force of Wave/Wake 5
Tubing 0	Collision w/Floating Obj 1	Hazardous Waters 1
Waterskiing 0	Ejected from Vessel 0	No Proper Lookout 0
Windsurfing 0	Falls Overboard 5	Op. Inexperience/ Error 2
Making Repairs 0	Flooding/Swamping 0	People-Bow/Gunwale/Transom .. 1
Starting Engine 0	Sinking 0	Excess Speed 2
Whitewater Sports 3	Grounding 0	Ignition of Fuel/Vapor 0
Relaxing 2	Skier/Tuber Mishap 0	Sudden Medical Condition 0
Paddle Boarding 0	Fire/Explosion 0	Weather Conditions 0
Unknown 1	Unknown 0	Unknown 1

Type of Craft	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat 6	Less than 10' 2	January 0
Auxiliary Sailboat 0	10' – 11.9' 3	February 2
Inflatable 3	12' – 13.9' 1	March 0
Canoe/ Kayak 3	14' – 15.9' 2	April 0
Personal Watercraft (PWC) 0	16' – 17.9' 0	May 3
Pedal Boat 1	18' – 19.9' 1	June 1
Paddleboard/Sailboard 0	20' or more 3	July 3
Cabin Motorboat 0	Unknown 1	August 1
		September 2
		October 0
		November 1
		December 0

Body of Water	Gender
River 5	Male 12
Lake 5	Female 1
Ocean 2	
Bay 0	
Reservoir 1	

Water Temperature	Age	Oprtr	Dcsd	Personal Floatation Device
Below 41° F 2	Under 18 0	..... 0	..... 0	Aboard and Used * 2
41° - 51° F 1	18 – 25 1	..... 1	..... 1	Aboard and Not Used 7
52° - 61° F 3	26 – 35 3	..... 3	..... 3	Used But Not Worn 0
62° - 70° F 1	36 – 50 2	..... 2	..... 2	Not Aboard 4
Above 70° F 3	Over 50 7	..... 7	..... 7	Unknown 0
Unknown 3				

*1 trapped in hydraulics,
1 drowned due to exhaustion

WATERWAYS ACCIDENTS OCCURRED

Rivers
 Columbia River – near Chinook Landing
 N. Umpqua River – near RM 45
 Columbia River – Glenn Jackson Bridge
 Lower Owyhee River – Bullseye Rapid
 N. Umpqua River – near Rod & Gun Club

Reservoirs
 Brownlee Res – near RM 32
 Detroit Res – Hoover Arm near CG

Lakes
 Cleawox Lake
 Blue Lake
 Suttle Lake
 Siltcoos Lake

Ocean
 Pacific Ocean – near Government Pt
 Pacific Ocean – near Government Pt

Bays