



## Oregon Recreational Boating Fatality Statistics – 2022

The following statistics were taken from boating incident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2022.  
Incidents involving death, injury, or boat and/or property damage of \$2,000 or more must be reported.

Oregon had 16 recreational boating fatalities in 2022 – two less than the 18 in 2021. The oldest victim was 75 and the youngest was 20 years of age; with three women and 13 men.

Six of the 16 victims were wearing life jackets. Of those six: one had a sudden medical emergency; one was struck when being towed on an inner tube; three of the victims were paddling in Class I to Class III rapids when their boat capsized. The last victim was hanging onto the side of the boat while being pulled to shore when he slipped under the boat. Of the 16 fatalities it is likely that 10 of the victims would have survived their incidents had they been wearing a life jacket.

Eleven of the 16 fatalities were in non-motorized boats; five were in motorized boats. Five of the 16 fatalities were over 50 years old and eleven were the ages of 20 to 50. The victims in nine of the 16 fatalities were the operator and sole occupant on the boat; four were passengers; and three were the operator. Of the nine sole-occupant fatalities, seven were in non-motorized boats.

The primary causes of fatal incidents this year was operator inexperience and hazardous waters; however, there was one fatality for which a specific cause was undetermined.

Year	Registered Boats	Incidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatalities	U.S. Fatality Rate**
2012	169,188	70	19	11.23	651	5.4
2013	166,664	59	12	7.20	560	4.7
2014	161,358	61	7	4.29	610	5.2
2015	168,175	65	15	8.92	626	5.3
2016	156,168	82	19	12.17	701	5.9
2017	168,933	60	12	7.10	658	5.5
2018	168,100	65	17	10.1	633	5.3
2019	165,253	62	18	10.9	613	5.2
2020	164,838	91	26	15.8	767	6.5
2021	163,060	42	18	11.0	658	5.5
2022	-	54	16	-	-	-

(-) Figures not in yet from USCG

\* Non-fatal incidents are severely under-reported

\*\* Rate per 100,000 registered boats

*(These statistics reflect recreational boaters only)*

## Analysis of Fatal Boating Incidents – 2022

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<p><b>Activity</b></p> <p>Fishing/Crabbing ..... 1</p> <p>Cruising..... 0</p> <p>Tubing..... 3</p> <p>Waterskiing ..... 0</p> <p>Windsurfing ..... 0</p> <p>Paddling.....7</p> <p>Sailing ..... 1</p> <p>Whitewater Paddling ..... 3</p> <p>Relaxing..... 0</p> <p>Other ..... 0</p> <p>Unknown ..... 1</p>	<p><b>Type of Incident</b></p> <p>Capsizing .....8</p> <p>Collision w/Fixed Object .....0</p> <p>Collision w/Subm. Obj .....0</p> <p>Ejected from Vessel.....0</p> <p>Falls Overboard ..... 1</p> <p>Flooding/Swamping .....0</p> <p>Person Left Voluntarily.....2</p> <p>Watersports .....1</p> <p>Sudden Medical.....1</p> <p>Other .....2</p> <p>Unknown ..... 1</p>	<p><b>Cause of Incident</b></p> <p>Alcohol/Drugs.....0</p> <p>Force of Wave/Wake.....1</p> <p>Op. Inattention .....2</p> <p>Improper Lookout .....1</p> <p>Op. Inexperience/ Error.....7</p> <p>Language Barrier .....0</p> <p>Improper Loading .....0</p> <p>Hazardous Water.....3</p> <p>Heavy Weather.....0</p> <p>Other .....1</p> <p>Unknown .....1</p>
<p><b>Type of Boat</b></p> <p>Open Motorboat ..... 4</p> <p>Cabin Motorboat ..... 0</p> <p>Inflatable ..... 2</p> <p>Kayak ..... 6</p> <p>Canoe ..... 0</p> <p>Personal Watercraft (PWC) ..... 1</p> <p>Pontoon Boat ..... 0</p> <p>Sailboat..... 1</p> <p>Stand-up Paddleboard ..... 2</p>	<p><b>Boat Length</b></p> <p>Less than 10' .....0</p> <p>10' – 11.9' ..... 3</p> <p>12' – 13.9' ..... 2</p> <p>14' – 15.9' ..... 2</p> <p>16' – 17.9' ..... 2</p> <p>18' – 19.9' ..... 1</p> <p>20' or more..... 1</p> <p>Unknown ..... 5</p>	<p><b>Month</b></p> <p>January .....0</p> <p>February .....0</p> <p>March .....0</p> <p>April ..... 3</p> <p>May..... 1</p> <p>June ..... 0</p> <p>July ..... 7</p> <p>August ..... 1</p> <p>September ..... 3</p> <p>October..... 1</p> <p>November..... 0</p> <p>December ..... 0</p>
<p><b>Body of Water</b></p> <p>River ..... 12</p> <p>Lake/Reservoir ..... 3</p> <p>Ocean ..... 1</p> <p>Bay..... 0</p> <p>Bar Crossings..... 0</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Male ..... 13</p> <p>Female..... 3</p>	
<p><b>Water Temperature</b></p> <p>Below 41° F..... 0</p> <p>41° - 51° F ..... 4</p> <p>52° - 61° F ..... 4</p> <p>62° - 70° F ..... 3</p> <p>Above 70° F ..... 1</p> <p>Unknown ..... 3</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>Under 18 ..... 0..... 0</p> <p>18 – 25 ..... 2..... 1</p> <p>26 – 35 ..... 1..... 0</p> <p>36 – 50 ..... 5..... 2</p> <p>Over 50 ..... 4 ..... 1</p>	<p><b>Life Jackets</b></p> <p>Worn..... 6</p> <p>Not Worn.....7</p> <p>Inflatable Worn ..... 0</p> <p>Not Aboard..... 3</p> <p>Not Applicable ..... 0</p>

### Waterways Incidents Occurred

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<p><b>Rivers</b></p> <p>Willamette River – Cathedral Park</p> <p>Willamette River – Owasso Rapids</p> <p>Willamette River – RM52, Ash Island</p> <p>Rogue River – Slide Hole Rapid</p> <p>Rogue River – Mule Creek Canyon</p> <p>McKenzie River – Paradise Cpgr</p> <p>Long Tom River</p> <p>Sandy River</p> <p>Columbia River – Sauvie Island</p> <p>Deschutes River – Cline Falls</p>	<p><b>Bar Crossings/Bays</b></p> <p><b>Ocean</b></p> <p>Pacific Ocean – near Seaside</p>	<p><b>Lakes/Reservoirs</b></p> <p>Waldo Lake</p> <p>Cottage Grove Lake</p> <p>McKay Reservoir</p>
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