



Oregon Recreational Boating Incident Statistics – 2018

The following statistics were taken from boating incident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2018. Incidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

In 2018, we had 16 fatalities in recreational boating incidents in Oregon; four more than 2017. The oldest fatal was 84 and the youngest was seven.

Seven out of the 16 fatalities (one was unknown if wearing) were wearing life jackets. Although seven of the victims wore their life jackets, due to the circumstances of the incident, a life jacket would not have saved them. Of the 16 fatalities it is reasonable to assume that had the other nine victims worn their life jackets, they would probably have survived their incidents.

Six of the 16 fatalities were in motorized boats; nine were in a non-motorized boat (two fatalities from one raft).

Ten of the 16 fatalities were 50 years old or older. Ten out of the 16 fatalities, the victim was the operator and six out of the ten was also a sole occupant on a boat. Of the six sole occupants on a boat, five out of the six boats were non-motorized; two of the victims were children.

The number one cause of fatal incidents this year was *Operator Inexperience*.

Year	Registered Boats	Incidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Fatality Rate Oregon**	U.S. Fatality Rate**	Fatalities U.S.
2008	180,063	53	13	7.22	5.6	709
2009	180,552	67	13	7.20	5.8	736
2010	177,634	60	11	6.19	5.4	672
2011	171,983	66	10	5.81	6.2	758
2012	169,188	70	19	11.23	5.4	651
2013	166,664	59	12	7.20	4.7	560
2014	161,358	61	7	4.29	5.2	610
2015	168,175	65	15	8.92	5.3	626
2016	156,168	82	19	12.17	5.9	701
2017	168,933	60	12	7.10	5.5	658
2018		63	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 – 2018

Activity	Type of Incident	Cause of Incident
Fishing/Crabbing.....7	Capsizing4	Alcohol/Drugs.....2
Speed Runs0	Collision w/Fixed Object1	Force of Wave/Wake.....2
Tubing.....0	Collision w/Subm. Obj1	Op. Inattention.....2
Waterskiing.....0	Ejected from Vessel1	No Proper Lookout.....1
Windsurfing0	Falls Overboard.....2	Op. Inexperience/ Error.....3
Making Repairs0	Flooding/Swamping.....3	People-Bow/Gunwale/Transom....0
Starting Engine.....0	Person Left Voluntarily1	Overloading.....1
Whitewater Sports3	Improper Anchoring.....0	Ignition of Fuel/Vapor.....0
Relaxing1	Hypothermia.....0	Sudden Medical Condition0
Other2	Other0	Other2
Unknown2	Unknown.....2	Unknown.....2

Type of Boat	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat4	Less than 10'1	January.....2
Auxiliary Sailboat0	10' – 11.9'2	February.....0
Inflatable.....4	12' – 13.9'4	March.....0
Kayak1	14' – 15.9'4	April.....1
Canoe.....3	16' – 17.9'2	May3
Personal Watercraft (PWC)0	18' – 19.9'2	June1
Pontoon Boat.....1	20' or more.....0	July0
Cabin Motorboat.....1	Unknown.....0	August5
		September0
		October.....2
		November0
		December.....1

Body of Water	Gender
River 9	Male.....13
Lake 3	Female.....3
Ocean 1	
Bay..... 1	
Reservoir 1	

Water Temperature	Age	Oprtr	Dcsd	Personal Floatation Device
Below 41° F1	Under 18.....0	2		Aboard and Used *.....7
41° - 51° F7	18 – 250	0		Aboard and Not Used8
52° - 61° F.....4	26 – 351	0		Used But Not Worn0
62° - 70° F.....1	36 – 503	0		Not Aboard0
Above 70° F1	Over 506	4		Unknown.....1
Unknown1				

Waterways Accidents Occurred

Rivers	Reservoirs	Lakes
Rogue River – 300 yds above Baker Park	Ochoco Reservoir	Klamath Lake – Howard Bay
McKenzie River – Hayden Bridge		Dexter Lake
Snake River – near Huntington		Fern Ridge
Grande Ronde River		
Siuslaw River – North Jetty		
Rogue River – Wooldridge Rapid		
Deschutes River – Dillon Falls		
Coquille River – near the Bar		
Elk River		
	Ocean	Bays
	Pacific Ocean – Seaside Estuary	Winchester Bay – near the Bar