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## FOREWORD

Under the authority of Title 46, United States Code, the Inspections and Compliance Directorate has been delegated the responsibility to collect, analyze, and annually publish statistical information obtained from recreational boat numbering and casualty reporting systems. Within the Directorate, the Office of Boating Safety has Recreational Boating Safety Program responsibility.

Boating Statistics 2005, the 47th annual report, contains statistics on recreational boating accidents, and State and Coast Guard boat numbering activities. This publication is a result of the coordinated effort of the Coast Guard and those jurisdictions which have Federally approved boat numbering systems. These include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and all States.

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## INTRODUCTION

## SCOPE

This report contains statistics on registered boats and recreational boating accidents, and information on boating safety activities for calendar year 2005. States and jurisdictions with Federally approved boat registration systems file official reports that the Coast Guard uses to provide the boat registration information. Data used to compile the recreational boating accident statistics come from two sources: (1) Boating Accident Report data forwarded to the Coast Guard by jurisdictions with an approved numbering and casualty reporting system; and (2) reports of Coast Guard investigations of fatal boating accidents that occurred on waters under Federal jurisdiction. Recreational Boating Accident Investigation data are used if submitted to the Coast Guard and are relied on as much as possible to provide accurate accident statistics. In the absence of investigation data, information is collected from the accident reports filed by boat operators.

## ACCIDENT REPORTING

Current regulations (33 CFR 173.55) require the operator of any vessel, that is numbered or used for recreational purposes, to file a Boating Accident Report (BAR) when, as a result of an occurrence that involves the vessel or its equipment:

1. A person dies; or
2. A person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid, i.e. treatment at a medical facility or by a medical professional other than at the accident scene; or
3. Damage to vessels and other property totals $\$ 2,000$ or more or there is a complete loss of any vessel; or
4. A person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.

Boat operators are required to report their accidents to authorities in the jurisdiction where the accident occurred. Reports are required to be made within 48 hours of an occurrence if:

1. A person dies within 24 hours of the occurrence; or
2. A person requires medical treatment beyond first aid; or
3. A person disappears from the vessel.

Boat operators are required to report accidents involving only damage to the vessel and/or property within 10 days of the occurrence. The owner is required to submit the report when the operator cannot. The minimum reporting requirements are set by Federal regulation, but States are allowed to have stricter requirements. Current regulations (33 CFR 174.121) require accident report data to be forwarded to Coast Guard Headquarters within 30 days of receipt by a State or political subdivision (e.g., county sheriff's office). The statistics in this publication are based on accident data submitted by reporting jurisdictions as of May 31, 2006 and cover only accidents meeting the Federal minimum reporting requirements listed above.

The statistics in this publication cover boating accidents reported on waters of joint Federal and State jurisdiction and exclusive State jurisdiction. Most States use Boating Accident Report forms that are similar to the Coast Guard form. A copy of the Coast Guard BAR form is on pages $10-15$.

## USE OF THE STATISTICS

Users of the statistics in this report need to be aware of the following facts that may affect results of analyses of accident report data:

1. The Recreational Vessel Casualty Reporting System does not include every accident involving a recreational vessel. Some accidents are not in the system because they are not required to be reported. Many accidents are not reported because boaters are not aware of the accident reporting regulations or fail to comply with such regulations. We believe that only a small fraction of all non-fatal boating accidents occurring in the United States are reported to the Coast Guard, State or local law enforcement agencies. However, we believe that nearly all fatal recreational boating accidents are included in this report. Overall, the more serious the accident, the more frequent the reporting.
In an attempt to make sure all fatal boating accidents are captured by the casualty reporting system and required data are input into the Boating Accident Report Database (BARD) System, the Coast Guard notifies and provides information from its Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) System to State Boating Law Administrators of fatal accidents that occurred in their jurisdiction. Fatal accident statistics compiled for use in this publication reflect the 697 fatalities captured by the BARD System.
2. Federal regulations do not require the reporting of accidents on private waters where States have no jurisdiction. Reports of accidents on such waters are included in this report when received by the Coast Guard if they satisfy the other requirements for inclusion.
3. Non-fatal accidents cannot be assumed to have occurred in numbers proportional to the reported statistics because the act of reporting an accident is not a random sampling of accidents in the statistical sense. Rather, selection is based on the ability and willingness of those involved to file a report. The reporting rates of subgroups of accidents, such as those involving personal watercraft, propeller strikes, collisions, or whitewater, probably differ greatly depending upon unspecified variables.
4. Fluctuations from year to year in non-fatal accident statistics may be caused by factors other than the change in the total number of recreational boating accidents. A seemingly small change in the low reporting rate may cause a relatively large change in the statistics.

## CASES EXCLUDED FROM THE REPORT

This report does not include the following:

1. Accidents involving only property damage of less than $\$ 2,000$. In calendar year 2005, the Federal threshold of property damage for reports of accidents involving recreational vessels was $\$ 2,000$ or more per accident.
2. Accidents involving only slight injury which did not require medical treatment beyond first aid;
3. Accidents which were not caused or contributed to by a vessel, its equipment, or its appendages;
4. Accidents where a person died or was injured from natural causes while aboard a vessel;
5. Accidents where a person died or was injured while swimming to retrieve an object, or a vessel that was adrift from its mooring or dock, having departed from the shore or pier;
6. Accidents involving damage, injury or death on a docked or moored vessel that resulted from storms, unusual tidal, sea or swell conditions; or when a vessel got underway in those conditions in an attempt to rescue persons put in peril;
7. Accidents where a person died or was injured while swimming for pleasure from a vessel that WAS NOT underway (i.e., the vessel was anchored, moored, or docked). In those
cases, the vessel was being used as a platform for other activities, such as swimming or diving, and was not involved in any event that contributed to the casualty.
Accident reports for thirty-five (35) fatalities were entered into the BARD system that did not satisfy Federal reporting requirements for inclusion in this report. The following shows the number of fatalities for each "non-reportable" category:

A person dies from natural causes while aboard a vessel ............................................................. 13
Commercial activity 12
(includes commercial fishing, carrying passengers for hire, scuba diving, and guided whitewater rafting trips)
A person dies in swimming to retrieve an object or a vessel that is adrift from its mooring.......... 5
or dock, having departed from the shore or pier
A person dies while swimming for pleasure from a vessel that IS NOT underway (the vessel ..... 3
is anchored, moored or docked)
A person dies from self-inflicted wounds, alcohol poisoning, ingestion of drugs, controlled ....... 2 substances or poison; or from gunshot wounds

## CASES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

This report includes the following boating accidents involving a swimmer, a recreational vessel and its operation:

1. A person dies or is injured while swimming because of carbon monoxide exposure;
2. A person dies or is injured while swimming because a vessel is improperly connected to shore power and resultant stray electrical current enters the water causing electrocution;
3. A person dies or is injured after leaving a vessel that is underway to swim for pleasure because the vessel IS NOT anchored, moored or docked and the vessel drifts away from the swimmer and the swimmer is unable to get back to the vessel;
4. A person is struck by a vessel or its associated equipment where the vessel serves as the instrument striking the person.

## RISK BASED DECISION-MAKING (RBDM)

The Coast Guard is using boating accident report data to assess the risks associated with recreational boating activity, determined by (1) type of possible losses; (2) frequencies at which the losses are expected to occur; and (3) probable effects. Our vision is to use RBDM as a tool to guide the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program in efforts to reduce the number of accidents, fatalities, injuries, property damage, and healthcare costs associated with boating casualties. RBDM may also prove helpful in defining performance measures that evaluate the effectiveness of RBS program activities (i.e., education, law enforcement, outreach and awareness campaigns, boat manufacturing inspection programs) in mitigating the risks associated with the use of recreational boats.

## FATALITY RATE

Historically, one indicator of safety in recreational boating is the fatality rate, e.g., the number of reported fatalities as compared to the number of registered recreational boats. The registered boat population is based on the annual Report of Certificates of Number Issued to Boats, which each State and jurisdiction forwards to the Coast Guard. The report also provides statistics on registered boats by length, hull material, and type of propulsion.

While a comparison between the 697 fatalities and the 12,942,414 registered boats in 2005 for all States and jurisdictions allows one to estimate a national boating fatality rate, there are limitations to this methodology. One is that fatality rate comparisons between States are invalid because of differences in the scope of each State's boat registration system. Another limitation is that fatalities occur on boats which are not registered, and therefore not included in the boat registration statistics. Users should be aware of these limitations when working with the fatality rate. A more reliable estimate of the fatality rate for each State or jurisdiction can be found by comparing fatalities occurring only on specific categories of registered boats.


BOATING ACCIDENTS AT A GLANCE


| YEAR | FATALITIES | INJURIES | ACCIDENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 | 829 | 4,141 | 8,019 |
| 1996 | 709 | 4,442 | 8,026 |
| 1997 | 821 | 4,555 | 8,047 |
| 1998 | 815 | 4,612 | 8,061 |
| 1999 | 734 | 4,315 | 7,931 |
| 2000 | 701 | 4,355 | 7,740 |
| 2001 | 681 | 4,274 | 6,419 |
| 2002 | 703 | 4,062 | 5,705 |
| 2003 | 676 | 3,888 | 5,438 |
| 2004 | 697 | 3,363 | 4,904 |
| 2005 |  | 3,451 | 4,969 |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BOATING STATISTICS - 2005

- In 2005, States and jurisdictions reported a total of 12,942,414 registered recreational boats compared to $12,781,476$ in 2004. The 4,969 boating accidents reported in 2005 resulted in 697 fatalities, 3,451 injuries, and $\$ 38,721,088$ in property damage.
- Approximately seventy percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned (491 out of 697). Moreover, eighty-seven (87) percent of the victims who drowned were not wearing their personal flotation device (PFD or lifejacket). Overall, fatal accident data show approximately 426 lives could have been saved last year if boaters had worn their lifejackets.
- The most reported type of accident was a collision with another vessel. However, capsizing and falls overboard are the most reported types of fatal accidents and accounted for the vast majority (59\%) of all boating fatalities. Boat operators need to pay attention to the capacity label on their boat and be careful not to overload small boats (less than 16 feet) with passengers and/or gear.
- Overall, carelessness/reckless operation, operator inattention, excessive speed and operator inexperience are the leading contributing factors of all reported accidents.
- The most common types of boats involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45\%), personal watercraft (PWC) (26\%) and cabin motorboats (14\%). Increases were observed in the number of reported fatalities involving PWC (65), cabin motorboats (54), inflatables (22), sailboats (16), and houseboats (10) from 2004. A decrease was observed in the number of fatalities involving canoes/kayaks (78) and rowboats (39) from the number of fatalities reported in 2004.
- The number of reported non-fatal injuries $(1,007)$ involving PWC use increased for the first time since 1996.
- Twenty-one (21) children age 12 and under lost their lives while boating in 2005 compared to 14 children in 2004.
- Approximately $70 \%$ of all reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.
- Alcohol use was either a direct or indirect contributing factor in approximately one-quarter of all boating fatalities in 2005.



## REPORTING CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES <br> FOR RECREATIONAL VESSEL ACCIDENTS

I. Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter S - Boating Safety, Part 173 - Vessel Numbering and Casualty and Accident Reporting, Subpart C - Casualty and Accident Reporting, applies to vessels that are used by their operators for recreational purposes, or that are required to be registered, except for those vessels required by law to have a Certificate of Inspection.
II. A recreational boating accident means a vessel is being used by its operator for recreational purposes AND any of the following events occur involving the vessel or its equipment:

- Grounding;
- Capsizing;
- Flooding / Swamping;
- Falls within or overboard from a vessel;
- Person(s) ejected from a vessel;
- Person leaves a vessel that is underway to swim for pleasure;
- Person leaves a vessel in an attempt to retrieve a lost item, another person, or another vessel;
- Sinking;
- Fire or Explosion;
- Skier Mishap;
- Collision with another vessel or object;
- Striking a submerged object;
- The vessel, propeller, propulsion unit, or steering machinery strikes a person;
- Carbon Monoxide asphyxiation;
- Electrocution.

As a general guideline, if any of the above events occur and there is a reasonable likelihood that as a result of the event(s) - an injury, death, or property damage occurs - the incident is a recreational boating accident. More than likely, the trip would have been successfully completed without incident had any of the above event(s) not occurred.
III. The operator of a vessel involved in a recreational boating accident as defined in Section II must submit a casualty or accident report to the reporting authority in the State where the accident occurred when:
a. A person dies;
b. A person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid;
c. Damage to vessels and other property totals $\$ 2,000$ or more or there is a complete loss of any vessel; or
d. A person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.

## NON-REPORTABLE GUIDELINES

a. A person dies or is injured from self-inflicted wounds, alcohol poisoning, ingestion of drugs, controlled substances or poison; or from gunshot wounds.
b. A person dies or is injured from assault by another person or persons while aboard a vessel.
c. A person dies or is injured from natural causes while aboard a vessel.
d. A person dies or is injured while swimming for pleasure from a vessel that IS NOT underway (the vessel is anchored, moored, or docked). CAUTION needs to be exercised to confirm that the vessel was used as a swimming platform only. The following are REPORTABLE boating accidents involving a swimmer, a recreational vessel and its operation:

- A person dies or is injured while swimming because of Carbon Monoxide asphyxiation;
- A person dies or is injured while swimming because a vessel is improperly connected to shore power and resultant stray electrical current enters the water causing electrocution;
- A person dies or is injured after leaving a vessel that is underway to swim for pleasure because the vessel IS NOT anchored, moored or docked and the vessel drifts away from the swimmer and the swimmer is unable to get back to the vessel.
e. A person dies or is injured in swimming to retrieve an object or a vessel that is adrift from its mooring or dock, having departed from the shore or pier.
f. A person dies, or is injured after falling or jumping from a swim raft that is moored or anchored for use as a swimming platform or other purpose.
g. A person dies, is injured, or property damage occurs while preparing a vessel for launching or retrieving a vessel AND the vessel is not in or upon the water.
h. Damage, injury or death results from a fire on shore or a pier that spreads to a vessel or vessels.
i. A person dies, is injured, or property damage results from an "ice boat" accident. An ice boat is a sail-powered device that rides on runners/blades over the ice on frozen lakes and rivers and carries at least the operator. It cannot be used as a conventional sailboat on open water.
j. Damage, injury or death on a docked or moored vessel resulting from storms, unusual tidal, sea or swell conditions; or when a vessel gets underway in those conditions in an attempt to rescue persons put in peril.
k. Damage to a docked or moored vessel due to theft or any vandalism.
l. Deaths, injury or damage on a docked or moored or anchored non-propelled houseboat or other vessel used primarily as a permanent residence.
m. A person dies or is injured while using underwater breathing apparatus (i.e., snorkeling or scuba diving) and the vessel did not contribute to the casualty.





## ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED (SEQUENCE OF EVENTS) AND CONTRIBUTING FACTORS. INCLUDE FAILURE OF MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT. INCLUDE A DIAGRAM AND CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND / OR DRUGS IN CAUSING OR CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACCIDENT. INCLUDE ANY DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE USE OF PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFDS).
PLEASE DO NOT LIST ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS IN THIS SECTION -- SUCH AS NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, STREET ADDRESSES, ETC. REFER TO INDIVIDUALS AS OPERATOR A, OPERATOR B, VICTIM 1, VICTIM 2, ETC. AND TO THE VESSEL(S) INVOLVED AS VESSEL A, VESSEL B, ETC. FOR EXAMPLE: OPERATOR OF VESSEL (A) DID NOT HAVE A PROPER LOOKOUT AND RAN INTO VESSEL (B) INJURING VICTIMS (1) AND (2) ON VESSEL (B). the accuracy of this burden estimate, or any suggestions for reducing the burden, to: Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001

INJURED VICTIMS (IF MORE THAN 2 INJURIES, ATTACH ADDITIONAL FORMS)








THE EFFECTS OF COLD WEATHER ON FATAL ACCIDENT RISK - 2005


BOATERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO PERISH IF THEY ARE INVOLVED IN A REPORTED ACCIDENT DURING THE FALL \& WINTER MONTHS

| MONTH | FATAL <br> ACCIDENTS | NON-FATAL <br> ACCIDENTS | TOTAL <br> ACCIDENTS | FATAL <br> ACCIDENT <br> RISK | TOTAL <br> FATALITIES |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 12 | 61 | 73 | $16 \%$ | 13 |
| February | 18 | 57 | 75 | $24 \%$ | 21 |
| March | 36 | 125 | 161 | $22 \%$ | 41 |
| April | 64 | 204 | 268 | $24 \%$ | 81 |
| May | 70 | 518 | 588 | $12 \%$ | 79 |
| June | 102 | 719 | 821 | $12 \%$ | 110 |
| July | 110 | 1,293 | 1,403 | $8 \%$ | 116 |
| August | 68 | 727 | 795 | $9 \%$ | 76 |
| September | 51 | 393 | 444 | $11 \%$ | 57 |
| October | 44 | 131 | 175 | $25 \%$ | 48 |
| November | 27 | 90 | 117 | $23 \%$ | 28 |
| December | 24 | 25 | 49 | $49 \%$ | 27 |
| Total | 626 | 4,343 | 4,969 |  | 697 |


| EVENTS IN REPORTED <br> BOATING ACCIDENTS - 2005 | Event <br> No. 1 | Event <br> No. 2 | Event <br> No. 3 | Total | Resulting <br> Fatalities |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Capsizing | 442 | 46 | 8 | 496 | 216 |
| Carbon Monoxide Exposure | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 9 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 497 | 51 | 1 | 549 | 51 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 128 | 11 | 1 | 140 | 13 |
| Collision with Vessel | 1,378 | 37 | 2 | 1,417 | 80 |
| Departed Vessel (not specified) | 22 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 18 |
| Departed Vessel (repairs) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Departed Vessel (retrieval) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Departed Vessel (swimming) | 23 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 19 |
| Ejected from Vessel | 16 | 8 | 0 | 24 | 1 |
| Falls in Boat | 210 | 65 | 3 | 278 | 10 |
| Falls on Vessel | 47 | 13 | 0 | 60 | 2 |
| Falls Overboard | 498 | 258 | 38 | 794 | 293 |
| Fire/Explosion (Fuel) | 141 | 5 | 2 | 148 | 0 |
| Fire/Explosion (Other than Fuel) | 57 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| Flooding/Swamping | 224 | 80 | 23 | 327 | 58 |
| Grounding | 291 | 79 | 22 | 392 | 24 |
| Other | 40 | 177 | 24 | 241 | 56 |
| Sinking | 125 | 144 | 42 | 311 | 33 |
| Skier Mishap | 464 | 24 | 7 | 495 | 11 |
| Struck by Boat | 68 | 178 | 37 | 283 | 28 |
| Struck by Motor/Propeller | 100 | 103 | 36 | 239 | 31 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 141 | 16 | 7 | 164 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Events in Boating Accident Sequences

Published statistics on the types of boating accidents refer only to the first event occurring in the accident sequence. However, many accidents involve more than one event. For example, two hundred thirty-nine (239) accidents involve a person being struck by a motor/ propeller either as the first, second or third event in the accident sequence. These events resulted in thirty-one (31) fatalities.
The term, "Carbon Monoxide Exposure," is categorized as a type of accident on the Coast Guard boating accident report (BAR) form. "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning" is categorized as a type of injury and as a cause of death on the BAR form. Carbon monoxide poisoning refers to an injury or death resulting from an odorless, colorless gas generated from auxiliary boat equipment (i.e., stoves, heaters, and generators), another boat's exhaust, or the exhaust of the boat on which victims were either aboard or in close proximity.
In 2005, fourteen (14) accident reports indicated carbon monoxide exposure as the first event in the accident sequence resulting in fourteen (14) injuries and nine (9) fatalities. The reported cause of death for six (6) of those fatalities was carbon monoxide poisoning. Drowning was the reported cause of death for two (2) victims and heart failure was reported as the cause of death for the other victim (see page 33).

| TYPE OF INJURY BY TYPE OF VESSEL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Total | 3,451 | 18 | 36 | 379 | 72 | 22 | 31 | 10 | 1,754 | 9 | 1,007 | 69 | 7 | 14 | 23 |
| Type of Injury |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abrasion | 18 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amputation | 37 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Back Injury | 218 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 125 | 0 | 56 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Broken Bones | 596 | 3 | 5 | 62 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 258 | 1 | 246 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Burns | 94 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carbon Monoxide | 14 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contusion | 469 | 4 | 6 | 50 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 219 | 2 | 165 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Dislocation | 71 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Head Injury | 319 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 149 | 2 | 115 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Hypothermia | 179 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 99 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Internal Injuries | 129 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 52 | 2 | 51 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Laceration | 583 | 5 | 5 | 63 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 330 | 1 | 138 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Neck Injury | 73 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Other | 200 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 70 | 4 | 0 | - | 1 |
| Spinal Injury | 24 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sprain/Strain | 107 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 0 | 26 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Teeth and Jaw | 20 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown | 300 | 0 | 3 | 31 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 174 | 0 | 68 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

CAUSE OF DEATH BY LIFEJACKET WEAR AND VESSEL

| $2005$ <br> CAUSE OF DEATH |  |  | 른 훙 O. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\underbrace{\text { N }}_{\text {NiN }}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{O} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\mathbf{D}} \\ & \underline{\sim} \end{aligned}$ | $\sum_{i}^{0}$ | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |  |  |  |
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| Totals |  | 697 | 1 | 7 | 54 | 49 | 29 | 10 | 22 | 351 | 19 | 65 | 20 | 39 | 16 | 15 |
| Carbon Monoxide | No | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Drowning | Yes | 65 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 7 | 21 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Drowning | No | 426 | 1 | 4 | 23 | 37 | 10 | 5 | 14 | 232 | 14 | 14 | 17 | 32 | 11 | 12 |
| Hypothermia | Yes | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hypothermia | No | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | Yes | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | No | 23 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trauma | Yes | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trauma | No | 78 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Unknown | Yes | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Unknown | No | 24 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

## REGISTERED BOATS

Chapter 123 of Title 46, United States Code requires each undocumented vessel equipped with propulsion machinery to be numbered in the State in which it is principally operated. The law allows the States and other jurisdictions to create their own numbering systems as long as they meet or exceed Federal requirements. Some jurisdictions may register vessels that are not required to be numbered under a federally approved numbering system. These registered vessels may be included in a jurisdiction's annual Report of Certificates of Number Issued to Boats that each jurisdiction submits to the Coast Guard. As a result, the statistics in this publication reflect the registered and numbered boat population based on the information submitted by the reporting jurisdictions. For clarity, the statistics will be referred to as boat registration statistics. The statistics on pages $24-26$ are derived from reports of the actual counts of valid boat numbers and registrations that have been issued by States and other jurisdictions. Their accuracy is affected by several factors, including compliance of the boat owners with numbering and registration laws.

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED BOATS 1980-2005


| REGISTRATION DATA BY STATE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | TOTAL REGISTERED BOATS |  |  |
|  |  | 2005 | 2004 | SCOPE OF CURRENT BOAT REGISTRATION SYSTEM |
| TOTAL |  | 12,942,414 | 12,781,476 |  |
|  | RANK |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 18 | 265,172 | 264,006 | All motorboats, sailboats and rental boats |
| Alaska | 45 | 49,127 | 49,225 | All undocumented powerboats |
| Arizona | 30 | 148,343 | 147,294 | All watercraft, except inflatables 12 feet in length or less |
| Arkansas | 25 | 205,414 | 205,745 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| California | 2 | 963,758 | 894,884 | All motorboats; sailboats over 8 feet in length |
| Colorado | 34 | 98,512 | 98,079 | All watercraft powered by motor or sail - sailboards exempt |
| Connecticut | 32 | 108,702 | 111,992 | All motorboats; sailboats 19.5 feet or more in length |
| Delaware | 43 | 52,119 | 51,797 | All motorboats |
| Dist. of Col. | 54 | 2,528 | 2,908 | All watercraft |
| Florida | 1 | 973,859 | 946,072 | All motorboats |
| Georgia | 14 | 318,212 | 322,252 | All motorboats; sailboats 12 feet or more in length |
| Hawaii | 51 | 15,302 | 13,205 | All motorboats; sailboats over 8 feet in length |
| Idaho | 36 | 85,083 | 83,639 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| Illinois | 10 | 380,865 | 393,856 | All watercraft, except non-profit org. owned canoes and kayaks |
| Indiana | 22 | 214,696 | 213,309 | All motorboats |
| lowa | 20 | 243,924 | 228,140 | All watercraft with exceptions ${ }^{1}$ |
| Kansas | 35 | 97,748 | 98,512 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| Kentucky | 28 | 176,257 | 174,463 | All motorboats, except electric motors 1 hp or less |
| Louisiana | 15 | 308,104 | 309,950 | All motorboats; sailboats more than 12 feet in length |
| Maine | 31 | 111,756 | 94,582 | All motorboats |
| Maryland | 24 | 205,812 | 206,681 | All motorboats |
| Massachusetts | 29 | 150,026 | 150,683 | All motorboats |
| Michigan | 3 | 944,138 | 944,800 | All watercraft with exceptions ${ }^{2}$ |
| Minnesota | 4 | 853,489 | 853,448 | All motorboats with exceptions ${ }^{3}$ |
| Mississippi | 23 | 208,466 | 209,216 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| Missouri | 13 | 326,749 | 326,210 | All motorboats; sailboats over 12 feet in length |
| Montana | 39 | 70,616 | 59,271 | All motorboats; sailboats 12 feet or more in length |
| Nebraska | 37 | 82,921 | 77,636 | All watercraft |
| Nevada | 41 | 57,726 | 57,612 | All motorboats |
| New Hampshire | 33 | 102,268 | 101,626 | All motorboats; sailboats 20 feet or more in length |
| New Jersey | 26 | 199,106 | 209,678 | All watercraft with exceptions ${ }^{4}$ |
| New Mexico | 48 | 38,863 | 38,439 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| New York | 7 | 508,536 | 519,066 | All motorboats |
| North Carolina | 11 | 362,784 | 356,946 | All motorboats; sailboats more than 14 feet in length |
| North Dakota | 46 | 44,498 | 52,961 | All motorboats |
| Ohio | 9 | 412,375 | 414,938 | All watercraft |
| Oklahoma | 21 | 216,913 | 206,049 | All watercraft |
| Oregon | 27 | 187,640 | 190,119 | All motorboats; sailboats 12 feet or more in length |
| Pennsylvania | 12 | 349,159 | 354,079 | All motorboats and certain non-powered craft ${ }^{5}$ |
| Rhode Island | 47 | 43,656 | 43,671 | All watercraft except canoes, kayaks \& rowboats < 12 feet |
| South Carolina | 8 | 416,763 | 397,458 | All watercraft |
| South Dakota | 42 | 53,038 | 51,604 | All motorboats; all other boats over 12 feet in length |
| Tennessee | 17 | 267,567 | 261,465 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| Texas | 6 | 614,616 | 616,779 | All motorboats and sailboats 14 feet or more in length |
| Utah | 38 | 75,635 | 74,293 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| Vermont | 49 | 32,756 | 32,498 | All motorboats |
| Virginia | 19 | 245,073 | 242,642 | All motorboats |
| Washington | 16 | 267,793 | 266,056 | All motorboats with exceptions ${ }^{6}$; sailboats $\geq 16 \mathrm{ft}$ in length |
| West Virginia | 44 | 50,061 | 63,504 | All motorboats |
| Wisconsin | 5 | 639,198 | 605,467 | All motorboats; sailboats over 12 feet in length |
| Wyoming | 50 | 26,270 | 25,897 | All motorboats and sailboats |
| Guam | 53 | 2,762 | 1,627 | All watercraft (estimated) |
| Puerto Rico | 40 | 61,032 | 60,609 | All motorboats; vessels adapted to hold a motor |
| Virgin Islands | 52 | 4,302 | 4,061 | All watercraft |
| Am. Samoa | 56 | 117 | $53$ | All watercraft |
| N. Marianas | 55 | 209 | $424$ | All motorboats |

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## FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF BOATING ACCIDENTS

| 2005 TYPE OF ACCIDENT | TOTAL | FATALITIES | INJURIES | PROPERTY DAMAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 4,969 | 697 | 3,451 | \$38,721,088 |
| Capsizing | 442 | 199 | 264 | \$2,937,562 |
| Carbon Monoxide Exposure | 14 | 9 | 14 | \$0 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 497 | 41 | 369 | \$4,534,455 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 128 | 12 | 71 | \$1,262,255 |
| Collision with Vessel | 1,378 | 79 | 1,024 | \$10,559,219 |
| Departed Vessel | 22 | 15 | 7 | \$0 |
| Departed Vessel - Making Repairs | 2 | 2 | 0 | \$400 |
| Departed Vessel - Retrieval | 4 | 4 | 0 | \$0 |
| Departed Vessel - Swimming | 23 | 19 | 6 | \$0 |
| Ejected from Vessel | 16 | 0 | 18 | \$75,000 |
| Fall/Impact on Boat | 47 | 1 | 44 | \$10,600 |
| Falls In Boat | 210 | 4 | 237 | \$110,200 |
| Falls Overboard | 498 | 213 | 305 | \$487,895 |
| Fire or Explosion of Fuel | 141 | 0 | 90 | \$7,811,354 |
| Fire or Explosion (Other than Fuel) | 57 | 0 | 10 | \$2,115,731 |
| Flooding/Swamping | 224 | 33 | 45 | \$2,063,350 |
| Grounding | 291 | 14 | 201 | \$2,778,913 |
| Other Casualty | 40 | 6 | 35 | \$155,205 |
| Sinking | 125 | 11 | 17 | \$1,500,542 |
| Skier Mishap | 464 | 10 | 469 | \$6,550 |
| Struck by Boat | 68 | 6 | 67 | \$64,625 |
| Struck by Motor/Propeller | 100 | 6 | 97 | \$13,390 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 141 | 3 | 45 | \$1,609,891 |
| Unknown | 37 | 10 | 16 | \$623,951 |
| 2004 TYPE OF ACCIDENT | TOTAL | FATALITIES | INJURIES | PROPERTY DAMAGE |
| TOTAL | 4,904 | 676 | 3,363 | \$35,038,306 |
| Capsizing | 393 | 184 | 229 | \$2,267,043 |
| Carbon Monoxide Exposure | 12 | 3 | 28 | \$0 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 525 | 46 | 382 | \$4,271,785 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 95 | 6 | 62 | \$499,692 |
| Collision with Vessel | 1,479 | 68 | 999 | \$8,037,552 |
| Departed Vessel | 19 | 9 | 10 | \$85 |
| Departed Vessel - Making Repairs | 2 | 2 | 0 | \$0 |
| Departed Vessel - Retrieval | 5 | 5 | 0 | \$0 |
| Departed Vessel - Swimming | 21 | 20 | 3 | \$1,000 |
| Ejected from Vessel | 45 | 16 | 32 | \$244,500 |
| Electrocution | 4 | 2 | 5 | \$12,000 |
| Falls In Boat | 176 | 3 | 189 | \$106,496 |
| Falls On Vessel | 50 | 2 | 49 | \$27,443 |
| Falls Overboard | 488 | 199 | 339 | \$288,205 |
| Fire or Explosion of Fuel | 162 | 4 | 89 | \$8,297,780 |
| Fire or Explosion (Other than Fuel) | 56 | 1 | 14 | \$2,462,181 |
| Flooding/Swamping | 257 | 52 | 81 | \$1,853,848 |
| Grounding | 215 | 5 | 159 | \$2,488,744 |
| Other Casualty | 69 | 3 | 56 | \$93,200 |
| Sinking | 131 | 10 | 30 | \$2,507,989 |
| Skier Mishap | 380 | 7 | 388 | \$25,050 |
| Struck by Boat | 108 | 6 | 96 | \$158,719 |
| Struck by Motor/Propeller | 64 | 5 | 61 | \$500 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 102 | 8 | 32 | \$974,112 |
| Unknown | 46 | 10 | 30 | \$420,378 |


| 2003 TYPE OF ACCIDENT | TOTAL | FATALITIES | INJURIES | PROPERTY DAMAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 5,438 | 703 | 3,888 | \$40,422,374 |
| Capsizing | 514 | 206 | 330 | \$3,167,989 |
| Carbon Monoxide Exposure | 20 | 7 | 30 | \$0 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 558 | 50 | 491 | \$4,751,034 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 152 | 3 | 104 | \$1,123,884 |
| Collision with Another Vessel | 1,469 | 70 | 1,063 | \$7,474,678 |
| Departed Vessel | 45 | 39 | 6 | \$0 |
| Ejected from Vessel | 7 | 5 | 4 | \$0 |
| Falls Within Boat | 233 | 6 | 253 | \$183,400 |
| Falls on PWC | 15 | 1 | 14 | \$0 |
| Falls Overboard | 509 | 201 | 354 | \$141,018 |
| Fire or Explosion of Fuel | 142 | 7 | 68 | \$2,921,295 |
| Fire or Explosion (Other than Fuel) | 68 | 2 | 10 | \$9,189,282 |
| Flooding/Swamping | 274 | 41 | 61 | \$2,383,566 |
| Grounding | 291 | 8 | 193 | \$4,282,148 |
| Other Casualty | 80 | 4 | 58 | \$177,900 |
| Sinking | 128 | 8 | 23 | \$2,021,308 |
| Skier Mishap | 451 | 6 | 466 | \$13,001 |
| Struck by Boat | 89 | 9 | 82 | \$116,350 |
| Struck by Motor/Propeller | 107 | 6 | 103 | \$350 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 128 | 4 | 49 | \$1,446,179 |
| Unknown | 158 | 20 | 126 | \$1,028,992 |
| 2002 TYPE OF ACCIDENT | TOTAL | FATALITIES | INJURIES | PROPERTY DAMAGE |
| TOTAL | 5,705 | 750 | 4,062 | \$39,185,172 |
| Grounding | 340 | 10 | 204 | \$2,739,601 |
| Ejected from Vessel | 16 | 7 | 13 | \$26,100 |
| Capsizing | 458 | 228 | 249 | \$2,344,033 |
| Swamping/Flooding | 284 | 50 | 63 | \$2,091,962 |
| Sinking | 128 | 16 | 31 | \$1,681,948 |
| Fire or Explosion of Fuel | 160 | 4 | 82 | \$11,164,927 |
| Other Fire or Explosion | 77 | 2 | 14 | \$3,552,150 |
| Collision with Another Vessel | 1,704 | 93 | 1,323 | \$8,295,659 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 605 | 53 | 467 | \$4,370,191 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 130 | 6 | 78 | \$734,694 |
| Departed Vessel | 39 | 33 | 11 | \$0 |
| Falls Overboard | 542 | 189 | 389 | \$627,960 |
| Falls Within Boat | 256 | 2 | 272 | \$35,620 |
| Struck by Boat | 101 | 10 | 95 | \$96,125 |
| Struck by Motor or Propeller | 90 | 5 | 91 | \$10,800 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 110 | 4 | 27 | \$954,582 |
| Skier Mishap | 469 | 10 | 480 | \$9,200 |
| Other Casualty; Unknown | 196 | 28 | 173 | \$449,620 |
| 2001 TYPE OF ACCIDENT | TOTAL | FATALITIES | INJURIES | PROPERTY DAMAGE |
| TOTAL | 6,419 | 681 | 4,274 | \$31,307,448 |
| Grounding | 412 | 10 | 255 | \$3,792,817 |
| Capsizing | 466 | 210 | 280 | \$1,554,496 |
| Swamping/Flooding | 339 | 47 | 74 | \$2,138,094 |
| Sinking | 150 | 15 | 25 | \$1,855,357 |
| Fire or Explosion of Fuel | 153 | 2 | 73 | \$3,179,323 |
| Other Fire or Explosion | 112 | 1 | 18 | \$3,001,106 |
| Collision with Another Vessel | 2,062 | 68 | 1,366 | \$8,997,570 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 644 | 49 | 468 | \$3,762,104 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 109 | 2 | 52 | \$322,023 |
| Falls Overboard | 514 | 176 | 367 | \$313,789 |
| Falls Within Boat | 284 | 7 | 307 | \$48,685 |
| Struck by Boat | 166 | 6 | 153 | \$827,502 |
| Struck by Motor/Propeller | 100 | 5 | 100 | \$15,701 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 128 | 10 | 36 | \$801,966 |
| Skier Mishap | 439 | 9 | 454 | \$2,200 |
| Other Casualty; Unknown | 341 | 64 | 246 | \$694,715 |


|  | IVE YEAR SUMMARY OF SELECTED ACCIDENT DATA BY STATE2001-2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS |  |  |  |  | FATAL ACCIDENTS |  |  |  |  | FATALITIES |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 04 | 2005 |
| TOTALS | 6,419 | 5,705 | 5,438 | 4,904 | 4,969 | 588 | 663 | 621 | 612 | 626 | 681 | 750 | 703 | 676 | 697 |
| Alabama | 87 | 70 | 83 | 70 | 69 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 15 | 20 | 16 |
| Alaska | 64 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 54 | 20 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 21 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 20 |
| Arizona | 222 | 217 | 188 | 174 | 194 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 10 |  | 7 | 8 | 7 |  | 5 |
| Arkansas | 75 | 74 | 50 | 55 | 68 | 12 | 20 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 24 | 6 | 8 | 13 |
| California | 771 | 745 | 797 | 603 | 630 | 43 | 46 | 56 | 35 | 55 | 48 | 53 | 61 | 43 | 58 |
| Colorado | 74 | 61 | 54 | 38 | 45 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 7 | , | 11 |
| Connecticut | 39 | 56 | 55 | 58 | 49 | 4 | 5 | , | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Delaware | 23 | 12 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Dist. of Columbia | ${ }^{6}$ | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Florida | 993 | 831 | 752 | 713 | 603 | 47 | 48 | 58 | 60 | 67 | 52 | 52 | 64 |  | 78 |
| Georgia | 113 | 131 | 141 | 118 | 111 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 21 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 24 | 16 |
| Hawaii | 21 | 14 |  | 8 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 |  | 5 |
| Idaho | 46 | 39 | 54 | 70 | 54 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 6 |
| Illinois | 108 | 134 | 82 | 72 | 101 | 6 | 21 | 10 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 13 |  | 16 |
| Indiana | 120 | 97 | 56 | 51 | 41 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| lowa | 36 | 38 | 25 | 32 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| Kansas | 54 | 42 | 35 | 36 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Kentucky | 71 | 67 | 55 | 46 | 58 | 17 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 18 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 20 |
| Louisiana | 154 | 145 | 130 | 156 | 126 | 36 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 33 | 43 | 36 | 40 | 44 | 35 |
| Maine | 60 | 57 | 55 | 41 | 46 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 16 |
| Maryland | 186 | 161 | 146 | 178 | 183 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 15 |
| Massachusetts | 51 | 51 | 43 | 55 | 45 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Michigan | 299 | 226 | 218 | 143 | 161 | 25 | 36 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 28 | 37 | 29 |  | 28 |
| Minnesota | 125 | 122 | 106 | 88 | 114 | 15 | 23 | 14 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 30 | 17 | 15 | 24 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 43 | 41 | 35 | 23 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 11 |  | 15 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 6 |
| Missouri | 226 | 192 | 201 | 172 | 202 | 9 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 22 | 9 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 24 |
| Montana | 13 | 17 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Nebraska | 55 | 35 | 39 | 36 | 28 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Nevada | 109 | 69 | 89 | 65 | 93 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 5 |
| New Hampshire | 74 | 68 | 49 | 35 | 45 | 5 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| New Jersey | 143 | 70 | 85 | 124 | 100 | 7 | 16 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 20 | 17 | 8 | 4 |
| New Mexico | 50 | 41 | 31 | 21 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 2 |  | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| New York | 223 | 212 | 224 | 178 | 190 | 17 | 23 | 23 | 17 | 15 | 25 | 26 | 34 | 18 | 15 |
| North Carolina | 179 | 138 | 144 | 140 | 164 | 15 | 11 | 17 | 19 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 18 | 20 | 17 |
| North Dakota | 10 | 16 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |  | 4 | 0 |
| Ohio | 139 | 140 | 122 | 105 | 132 | 17 | 20 | 17 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 22 | 19 |  | 12 |
| Oklahoma | 86 | 72 | 72 | 55 | 62 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Oregon | 70 | 65 | 73 | 50 | 51 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 9 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 9 | 15 |
| Pennsylvania | 80 | 74 | 79 | 58 | 61 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 14 |  | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Rhode Island | 27 | 31 | 30 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| South Carolina | 123 | 105 | 108 | 83 | 83 | 16 | 13 | 27 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 30 | 13 | 13 |
| South Dakota | 23 | 18 | 24 | 8 | 18 | 1 | 4 | , | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Tennessee | 132 | 129 | 155 | 173 | 114 | 11 | 20 | 16 | 28 | 10 | 11 | 21 | 17 | 32 | 10 |
| Texas | 206 | 204 | 198 | 159 | 144 | 36 | 52 | 34 | 30 | 30 | 41 | 60 | 36 | 32 | 32 |
| Utah | 83 | 76 | 58 | 56 | 79 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 8 |  | 6 |  | 9 |
| Vermont | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Virginia | 152 | 121 | 115 | 136 | 127 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 12 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 14 |
| Washington | 117 | 111 | 126 | 134 | 128 | 24 | 22 | 14 | 20 | 24 | 33 | 27 | 16 | 22 | 25 |
| West Virginia | 15 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 |  | 3 | 6 |
| Wisconsin | 164 | 148 | 126 | 107 | 127 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 17 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 24 | 20 |
| Wyoming | 12 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Guam | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| Puerto Rico | 7 | 18 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Virgin Islands | 13 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Am. Samoa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  | 0 |
| N. Marianas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
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| ACCIDENT DATA BY STATE - 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS |  |  |  | NO. OF PERSONS |  | PROP. DAMAGE |
| *These accidents fall into one category only, with fatal being the highest priority, followed by non-fatal injury, followed by property damage. For example, if two vessels are in an accident resulting in a fatality and a non-fatal injury, the accident is counted as a fatal accident involving two vessels. If two vessels are in an accident resulting in a non-fatal injury and property damage, the accident is counted as a non-fatal injury accident involving two vessels. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | FATAL | NON-FATAL INJURY | PROPERTY DAMAGE | KILLED | INJURED | PROPERTY DAMAGE |
| TOTALS | 4,969 | 626 | 2,542 | 1,801 | 697 | 3,451 | \$38,721,088 |
| Alabama | 69 | 15 | 32 | 22 | 16 | 51 | \$543,570 |
| Alaska | 54 | 14 | 14 | 26 | 20 | 27 | \$972,150 |
| Arizona | 194 | 5 | 124 | 65 | 5 | 157 | \$934,689 |
| Arkansas | 68 | 12 | 29 | 27 | 13 | 50 | \$319,400 |
| California | 630 | 55 | 303 | 272 | 58 | 423 | \$3,381,151 |
| Colorado | 45 | 10 | 27 | 8 | 11 | 28 | \$72,950 |
| Connecticut | 49 | 5 | 19 | 25 | 5 | 24 | \$1,001,340 |
| Delaware | 18 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 4 | \$639,600 |
| District of Columbia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | \$3,000 |
| Florida | 603 | 67 | 278 | 258 | 78 | 351 | \$5,350,629 |
| Georgia | 111 | 13 | 63 | 35 | 16 | 75 | \$3,103,447 |
| Hawaii | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | \$52,000 |
| Idaho | 54 | 5 | 34 | 15 | 6 | 48 | \$198,146 |
| Illinois | 101 | 16 | 57 | 28 | 16 | 91 | \$253,845 |
| Indiana | 41 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 4 | 25 | \$186,200 |
| Iowa | 53 | 8 | 32 | 13 | 9 | 46 | \$94,850 |
| Kansas | 24 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 16 | \$73,590 |
| Kentucky | 58 | 14 | 34 | 10 | 20 | 46 | \$348,150 |
| Louisiana | 126 | 33 | 60 | 33 | 35 | 98 | \$415,822 |
| Maine | 46 | 13 | 21 | 12 | 16 | 27 | \$179,600 |
| Maryland | 183 | 14 | 96 | 73 | 15 | 125 | \$1,129,302 |
| Massachusetts | 45 | 8 | 21 | 16 | 9 | 34 | \$980,050 |
| Michigan | 161 | 26 | 90 | 45 | 28 | 121 | \$338,127 |
| Minnesota | 114 | 21 | 62 | 31 | 24 | 85 | \$351,577 |
| Mississippi | 23 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 20 | \$135,518 |
| Missouri | 202 | 22 | 100 | 80 | 24 | 134 | \$1,389,552 |
| Montana | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | \$18,250 |
| Nebraska | 28 | 2 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 24 | \$74,300 |
| Nevada | 93 | 5 | 51 | 37 | 5 | 71 | \$445,129 |
| New Hampshire | 45 | 1 | 35 | 9 | 1 | 38 | \$257,024 |
| New Jersey | 100 | 4 | 47 | 49 | 4 | 50 | \$260,600 |
| New Mexico | 31 | 5 | 20 | 6 | 5 | 25 | \$61,500 |
| New York | 190 | 15 | 96 | 79 | 15 | 138 | \$1,321,878 |
| North Carolina | 164 | 16 | 95 | 53 | 17 | 126 | \$870,085 |
| North Dakota | 9 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 9 | \$33,400 |
| Ohio | 132 | 11 | 72 | 49 | 12 | 102 | \$959,262 |
| Oklahoma | 62 | 10 | 35 | 17 | 13 | 56 | \$162,990 |
| Oregon | 51 | 14 | 9 | 28 | 15 | 14 | \$790,389 |
| Pennsylvania | 61 | 9 | 35 | 17 | 12 | 50 | \$256,535 |
| Rhode Island | 38 | 0 | 8 | 30 | 0 | 14 | \$785,876 |
| South Carolina | 83 | 12 | 54 | 17 | 13 | 71 | \$144,537 |
| South Dakota | 18 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 12 | \$48,532 |
| Tennessee | 114 | 10 | 81 | 23 | 10 | 101 | \$4,701,771 |
| Texas | 144 | 30 | 71 | 43 | 32 | 91 | \$702,669 |
| Utah | 79 | 9 | 48 | 22 | 9 | 56 | \$227,300 |
| Vermont | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | \$12,500 |
| Virginia | 127 | 12 | 66 | 49 | 14 | 88 | \$2,012,592 |
| Washington | 128 | 24 | 52 | 52 | 25 | 82 | \$1,398,097 |
| West Virginia | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 12 | \$39,850 |
| Wisconsin | 127 | 17 | 63 | 47 | 20 | 91 | \$439,230 |
| Wyoming | 10 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 11 | \$23,737 |
| Guam | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | \$4,000 |
| Puerto Rico | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | \$6,800 |
| N. Marianas | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 |  | 0 | \$197,000 |
| Virgin Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$0 |
| American Samoa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$0 |
| Offshore* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Ocean |  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | \$0 |
| Gulf of Mexico |  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | \$0 |
| Pacific Ocean 2 |  | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | \$17,000 |
| *1997 was the first year statistics were compiled for accidents that occurred three or more miles offshore in the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean and nine miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $2005$ | TYPES OF BOATING ACCIDENTS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ACCIDENTS | VESSELS INVOLVED | $\begin{gathered} \text { DROWNING } \\ \text { DEATHS } \end{gathered}$ | OTHER DEATHS | TOTAL FATALITIES |
| TOTALS | 4,969 | 6,628 | 491 | 206 | 697 |
| Capsizing | 442 | 466 | 164 | 35 | 199 |
| Carbon Monoxide Exposure | 14 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Collision with Fixed Object | 497 | 550 | 18 | 23 | 41 |
| Collision with Floating Object | 128 | 152 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Collision with Another Vessel | 1,378 | 2,740 | 12 | 67 | 79 |
| Departed Vessel | 22 | 24 | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| Departed Vessel - Repairs | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Departed Vessel - Retrieval | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Departed Vessel - Swimming | 23 | 23 | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| Ejected from Vessel | 16 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Falls on Boat | 47 | 49 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Falls Within Boat | 210 | 226 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Falls Overboard | 498 | 514 | 185 | 28 | 213 |
| Fire/Explosion (fuel) | 141 | 182 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire/Explosion (other than fuel) | 57 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Flooding/Swamping | 224 | 230 | 31 | 2 | 33 |
| Grounding | 291 | 300 | 4 | 10 | 14 |
| Other | 40 | 40 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Sinking | 125 | 131 | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Skier Mishap | 464 | 485 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Struck by Boat | 68 | 94 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Struck by Motor or Propeller | 100 | 108 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Struck Submerged Object | 141 | 173 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Unknown | 37 | 42 | 7 | 3 | 10 |



|  |  |  |  |  | TYP | DES | OF | $F A$ | C | ID | EN | ITS | B | Y L | LEN | G | TH | O | V | /ES | S |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2005 | NUMBER OF VESSELS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | VICTIMS |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\pi$ 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 | FIRE OR EXPLOSION (FUEL) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \vdots \\ & \end{aligned}$ | Q 0 0 C 2 0 O |  |  |  |  |  |  | $$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ס } \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \sum_{n}^{2} \\ & \vdots \\ & \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{Z} \\ & \underset{\sim}{D} \\ & \underset{\sim}{D} \end{aligned}$ |
| TOTALS | 6,628 | 466 | 14 | 550 | 152 | 2,740 | 53 | 17 | 49 | 226 | 514 | 182 | 62 | 230 | 300 | 40 | 131 | 485 | 94 | 108 | 173 | 42 | 491 | 206 | 697 | 3,451 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 feet | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 5 feet | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 6 feet | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| 7 feet | 37 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 22 |
| 8 feet | 244 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 144 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 22 | 152 |
| 9 feet | 319 | 13 | 0 | 22 | 5 | 201 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 193 |
| 10 feet | 1,041 | 31 | 0 | 53 | 21 | 687 | 0 | 6 | 30 | 22 | 95 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 16 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 35 | 26 | 61 | 588 |
| 11 feet | 88 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 57 |
| 12 feet | 103 | 30 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 9 | 45 | 53 |
| 13 feet | 50 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 13 | 31 |
| 14 feet | 176 | 60 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 67 | 11 | 78 | 100 |
| 15 feet | 140 | 31 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 10 | 45 | 99 |
| Less than 16 ft | 2,214 | 200 | 0 | 133 | 43 | 1,214 | 7 | 12 | 49 | 47 | 255 | 12 | 4 | 38 | 28 | 5 | 11 | 65 | 37 | 6 | 34 | 14 | 226 | 82 | 308 | 1,307 |
| 16 feet | 297 | 43 | 0 | 33 | 8 | 79 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 31 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 1 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 41 | 9 | 50 | 177 |
| 17 feet | 333 | 34 | 0 | 27 | 2 | 95 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 31 | 9 | 2 | 19 | 20 | 0 | 11 | 42 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 38 | 14 | 52 | 192 |
| 18 feet | 478 | 27 | 0 | 42 | 12 | 148 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 30 | 22 | 3 | 25 | 21 | 3 | 10 | 65 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 28 | 314 |
| 19 feet | 326 | 18 | 1 | 25 | 6 | 112 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 1 | 14 | 26 | 2 | 8 | 55 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 179 |
| 20 feet | 428 | 22 | 1 | 55 | 11 | 142 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 23 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 71 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 33 | 231 |
| 21 feet | 318 | 5 | 1 | 32 | 6 | 96 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 29 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 19 | 2 | 8 | 56 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 201 |
| 22 feet | 210 | 13 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 59 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 121 |
| 23 feet | 189 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 61 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 35 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 104 |
| 24 feet | 173 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 59 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 4 | 20 | 99 |
| 25 feet | 127 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 39 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 39 |
| 16 ft to less than 26 ft | 2,879 | 180 | 5 | 272 | 60 | 890 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 121 | 202 | 98 | 22 | 132 | 155 | 16 | 82 | 384 | 43 | 83 | 93 | 8 | 187 | 91 | 278 | 1,657 |
| 26 feet | 118 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 55 |
| 27 feet | 63 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 25 |
| 28 feet | 94 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 47 |
| 29 feet | 49 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| 30 feet | 68 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 21 |
| 31 feet | 32 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 32 feet | 61 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| 33 feet | 47 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 23 |
| 34 feet | 39 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 35 feet | 41 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 36 feet | 60 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 22 |
| 37 feet | 35 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 38 feet | 43 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 39 feet | 20 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 26 ft to less than 40 ft | 770 | 27 | 5 | 72 | 30 | 322 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 30 | 24 | 50 | 19 | 29 | 73 | 7 | 17 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 28 | 3 | 21 | 17 | 38 | 289 |
| 40 ft to 65 ft | 306 | 9 | 3 | 38 | 9 | 139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 27 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 60 |
| More than 65 ft | 38 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Unknown | 421 | 48 | 1 | 30 | 9 | 157 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 26 | 7 | 7 | 18 | 15 | 7 | 16 | 27 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 54 | 10 | 64 | 132 |
| Type of accident refers only to the first event that occurred. Some accidents involve more than one event. A collision followed by a sinking is counted only as a collision even though the sinking may have directly led to a fatality. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## REPORTING OF ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT

Alcohol involvement (see page 36) in a boating accident includes any accident where there was evidence or a reasonable likelihood that alcohol was consumed by a boat's occupants (i.e., operators and/or passengers). Further, alcohol involvement does not imply that alcohol use was a direct or indirect cause of the accident; only that there was evidence that alcohol was being consumed by a boat's occupants at the time of the accident.
Alcohol use (see page 37) reported as the cause of an accident implies that the use of alcohol by a boat's occupants was a primary cause of the accident.
Historically, the reporting of alcohol involvement in recreational boating accidents has been lower than expected. Beginning in 1987 the recommended Boating Accident Report (BAR) form contained a block for indicating the involvement of alcohol. Obviously operators are not motivated to report themselves as having had alcohol before a boating accident occurred. Many BARs are filed by law enforcement officials, who should not have failed to report the involvement of alcohol. In most cases, there is not enough data available to provide the level of impairment. Higher accident figures for some States may be an indication of better reporting in those States rather than a more serious problem of higher alcohol involvement in boating accidents.

|  | ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT IN BOATING ACCIDENTS2001-2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | FATALITIES |  |  |  |  | INJURIES |  |  |  |  | BOATING ACCIDENTS WITH ALCOHOL INVOLVED |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| TOTAL | 232 | 284 | 224 | 223 | 222 | 530 | 462 | 548 | 510 | 502 | 594 | 602 | 630 | 582 | 597 |
| Alabama | 1 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 6 |
| Alaska | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 9 |
| Arizona | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 22 | 11 | 33 | 37 | 25 | 17 | 13 | 43 | 24 |
| Arkansas | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| California | 17 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 32 | 40 | 26 | 25 | 53 | 36 | 40 | 36 | 44 | 37 | 57 |
| Colorado | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Connecticut | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Delaware | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Dist. of Columbia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Florida | 18 | 19 | 21 | 14 | 18 | 39 | 37 | 42 | 34 | 39 | 48 | 54 | 53 | 37 | 48 |
| Georgia | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 13 |
| Hawaii | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 25 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 16 | 26 | 9 |
| Illinois | 5 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 27 | 20 | 20 | 17 |
| Indiana | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 5 |
| Iowa | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 12 |
| Kansas | 6 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| Kentucky | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| Louisiana | 18 | 22 | 18 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 30 | 11 | 19 | 21 | 30 | 26 | 18 | 19 |
| Maine | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Maryland | 10 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 25 | 18 | 19 | 12 | 11 |
| Massachusetts | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| Michigan | 15 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 27 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 24 | 40 | 34 | 28 | 31 | 27 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 13 | 17 | 12 | 25 | 23 | 14 | 17 | 22 |
| Mississippi | 5 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Missouri | 3 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 37 | 34 | 64 | 34 | 51 | 44 | 46 | 65 | 41 | 48 |
| Montana | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| Nevada | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 31 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 6 | 16 | 12 | 20 |
| New Hampshire | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| New Jersey | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| New Mexico | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| New York | 9 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 22 | 12 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 17 |
| North Carolina | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 26 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 17 | 24 | 20 | 17 |
| North Dakota | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Ohio | 11 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 16 |
| Oklahoma | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 24 | 13 | 23 | 27 | 13 | 22 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 14 |
| Oregon | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Pennsylvania | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Rhode Islan | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| South Carolina | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 10 |
| South Dakota | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Tennessee | 2 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 19 | 13 |
| Texas | 7 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 16 | 5 | 17 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 10 | 13 | 17 |
| Utah | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Vermont | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Virginia | 4 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 20 | 19 | 20 |
| Washington | 6 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 24 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 25 | 26 | 24 |
| West Virginia | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wisconsin | 11 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 25 | 15 | 16 | 25 | 14 | 29 | 19 | 14 |
| Wyoming | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Guam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Virgin Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Am. Samoa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No.Marianas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Offshore | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |


|  | ALCOHOL USE AS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN ACCIDENTS 2001-2005 <br> e use of alcohol by a boat's occupants was a direct or indirect cause of the accident. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ACCIDENTS |  |  |  |  | FATALITIES |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| TOTAL | 375 | 357 | 362 | 331 | 402 | 125 | 145 | 129 | 124 | 157 |
| Alabama | 0 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Alaska | 7 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Arizona | 18 | 14 | 9 | 15 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Arkansas | 8 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| California | 35 | 28 | 20 | 25 | 34 | 9 | 15 | 6 | 12 | 13 |
| Colorado | 1 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Connecticut | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Delaware | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dist. of Columbia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Florida | 44 | 50 | 46 | 36 | 47 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 17 |
| Georgia | 8 | 8 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Hawaii | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 4 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Illinois | 12 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 4 |
| Indiana | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Iowa | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Kansas | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Kentucky | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Louisiana | 9 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 18 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Maine | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Maryland | 14 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Massachusetts | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Michigan | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Minnesota | 9 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Mississippi | 6 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Missouri | 17 | 16 | 24 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Montana | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 10 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| New Hampshire | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Jersey | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| New Mexico | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| New York | 10 | 15 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| North Carolina | 10 | 7 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| North Dakota | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohio | 13 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Oklahoma | 20 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Oregon | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pennsylvania | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Rhode Island | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| South Carolina | 6 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| South Dakota | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Tennessee | 11 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Texas | 11 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Utah | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Vermont | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Virginia | 10 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Washington | 9 | 10 | 16 | 21 | 19 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| West Virginia | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Wisconsin | 15 | 9 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| Wyoming | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Offshore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |


| CAUSES OF BOATING ACCIDENTS | 2005 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ACCIDENTS | FATALITIES |
| TOTALS | 4,969 | 697 |
| LOADING OF PASSENGERS OR GEAR | 528 | 86 |
| Passenger/Skier behavior | 384 | 28 |
| Improper Anchoring | 36 | 7 |
| Improper Loading | 53 | 20 |
| Overloading | 26 | 11 |
| Standing/Sitting on gunwale, transom, bow or seat back | 29 | 20 |
| HULL FAILURE | 67 | 5 |
| MACHINERY/MACHINERY SYSTEM FAILURE | 273 | 23 |
| Not Specified | 92 | 6 |
| Engine Failure | 86 | 13 |
| Electrical System Failure | 25 | 0 |
| Steering System Failure | 16 | 3 |
| Shift Failure | 15 | 0 |
| Throttle Failure | 9 | 0 |
| Fuel System Failure | 26 | 1 |
| Ventilation System Failure | 4 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT/EQUIPMENT SYSTEM FAILURE | 124 | 15 |
| OPERATION OF VESSEL | 3,027 | 367 |
| Alcohol use | 366 | 143 |
| Careless/Reckless Operation | 639 | 40 |
| Drug Use | 2 | 2 |
| Excessive Speed | 432 | 39 |
| Failure to ventilate | 19 | 5 |
| Lack of or improper lights | 16 | 3 |
| No proper Lookout | 314 | 12 |
| Off-Throttle Steering Loss | 21 | 2 |
| Operator inattention | 568 | 44 |
| Operator inexperience | 429 | 65 |
| Restricted Vision | 50 | 4 |
| Rules of the Road Infraction | 132 | 5 |
| Sharp Turn | 39 | 3 |
| ENVIRONMENT | 659 | 95 |
| Congested Waters | 66 | 1 |
| Dam or Lock | 3 | 3 |
| Force of Wake /Wave | 120 | 5 |
| Hazardous Waters | 327 | 40 |
| Weather | 143 | 46 |
| IGNITION OF SPILLED FUEL OR VAPOR | 40 | 0 |
| OTHER | 71 | 35 |
| UNKNOWN | 180 | 71 |


|  | 2005 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | VESSELS INVOLVED | FATALITIES |
| TOTALS | 6,628 | 697 |
| At anchor | 242 | 22 |
| Being towed | 36 | 3 |
| Changing direction | 548 | 33 |
| Changing speed | 332 | 19 |
| Cruising | 3,125 | 232 |
| Docking/Leaving dock | 273 | 3 |
| Drifting | 506 | 133 |
| Launching/Loading | 19 | 2 |
| Other | 384 | 38 |
| Rowing/paddling | 122 | 77 |
| Sailing | 72 | 11 |
| Tied to Dock/Mooring | 435 | 10 |
| Towing another boat | 21 | 1 |
| Unknown | 513 | 113 |


| ACTIVITY AT TIME OF ACCIDENTS - 2005 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | VESSELS INVOLVED | FATALITIES |
| TOTALS | 6,628 | 697 |
| Fishing | 542 | 181 |
| Fueling | 10 | 0 |
| Hunting | 33 | 18 |
| Racing | 42 | 3 |
| Making Repairs | 43 | 12 |
| Other | 45 | 1 |
| Waterskiing/Tubing | 677 | 19 |
| Starting Engine | 43 | 1 |
| Swimming/Snorkeling | 67 | 23 |
| Whitewater Sports | 53 | 24 |
| Unknown | 5,073 | 415 |


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|  |  | ACCIDENTS | FATALITIES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTALS |  | 4,969 | 697 |
| TYPE OF BODY OF WATER | Ocean/Gulf <br> Great Lakes (not tributaries) <br> Bays, inlets, sounds, harbors <br> Rivers, streams, creeks <br> Lakes, ponds, reservoirs, dams, gravel pits <br> Other/Not Reported | $\begin{array}{r} 304 \\ 97 \\ 812 \\ 1,149 \\ 2,474 \\ \\ 133 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 53 \\ 12 \\ 77 \\ 198 \\ 339 \\ 18 \end{array}$ |
| WATER CONDITIONS ${ }^{1}$ | Calm (waves less than 6") <br> Choppy (waves 6" to 2') <br> Rough (waves 2' to 6') <br> Strong current <br> Very Rough (waves larger than 6') <br> Whitewater (river) <br> Unknown | $\begin{array}{r} 2,648 \\ 1,526 \\ 378 \\ 1,077 \\ 105 \\ 11 \\ 224 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 341 \\ 134 \\ 72 \\ 155 \\ 45 \\ 1 \\ 68 \end{array}$ |
| WIND | None <br> Light (0-6 mph) <br> Moderate (7-14 mph) <br> Strong (15-25 mph) <br> Storm (over 25 mph ) <br> Unknown | 575 2,562 1,166 324 81 261 | $\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ 288 \\ 137 \\ 90 \\ 20 \\ 82 \end{array}$ |
| VISIBILITY ${ }^{2}$ | Fair - Day <br> Fair - Night <br> Good - Day <br> Good - Night <br> Poor - Day <br> Poor - Night <br> Unknown - Day <br> Unknown - Night | $\begin{array}{r} 178 \\ 118 \\ 3,660 \\ 404 \\ 76 \\ 127 \\ 310 \\ 96 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ 25 \\ 408 \\ 88 \\ 15 \\ 43 \\ 55 \\ 32 \end{array}$ |
| WATER TEMPERATURE | 30-39 degrees $F$ <br> 40-49 degrees $F$ <br> 50-59 degrees F <br> 60-69 degrees $F$ <br> 70-79 degrees $F$ <br> 80-89 degrees $F$ <br> 90 degrees $F$ and above <br> Unknown | $\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 106 \\ 368 \\ 800 \\ 1,530 \\ 1,102 \\ 53 \\ 982 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ 41 \\ 95 \\ 99 \\ 145 \\ 119 \\ 6 \\ 174 \end{array}$ |
| ${ }^{1}$ A Boating Accident Report may indicate strong current and any one of the other types of water conditions. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Accidents are reported as "dark" when they occur at night even if the visibility is reported "good," "fair," or "poor." |  |  |  |



|  | MISCELLANEOUS DATA - 2005 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ACCIDENTS | FATALITIES |
| TOTALS |  | 4,969 | 697 |
| TIME OF DAY | Midnight to $2: 30 \mathrm{am}$ <br> $2: 31 \mathrm{am}$ to $4: 30 \mathrm{am}$ <br> $4: 31 \mathrm{am}$ to $6: 30 \mathrm{am}$ <br> $6: 31 \mathrm{am}$ to $8: 30 \mathrm{am}$ <br> $8: 31 \mathrm{am}$ to $10: 30 \mathrm{am}$ <br> $10: 31 \mathrm{am}$ to $12: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $12: 31 \mathrm{pm}$ to $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $2: 31 \mathrm{pm}$ to $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $4: 31 \mathrm{pm}$ to $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $6: 31 \mathrm{pm}$ to $8: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $8: 31 \mathrm{pm}$ to $10: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $10: 31 \mathrm{pm}$ to midnight <br> Unknown  | 216 45 63 117 256 586 827 1,006 906 537 254 110 46 | 73 13 7 29 35 69 80 92 125 77 47 25 25 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { MONTH } \\ \text { OF } \\ \text { YEAR } \end{gathered}$ | January <br> February <br> March <br> April <br> May <br> June <br> July <br> August <br> September <br> October <br> November <br> December | 73 75 161 268 588 821 1,403 795 444 175 117 49 | $\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 21 \\ 41 \\ 81 \\ 79 \\ 110 \\ 116 \\ 76 \\ 57 \\ 48 \\ 28 \\ 27 \end{array}$ |
| DAY OF WEEK | Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday | $\begin{array}{r} 497 \\ 326 \\ 327 \\ 377 \\ 558 \\ 1,437 \\ 1,447 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 79 \\ 55 \\ 57 \\ 68 \\ 99 \\ 177 \\ 162 \end{array}$ |

## GLOSSARY

At anchor - Held in place in the water by an anchor; includes "moored" to a buoy or anchored vessel and "dragging anchor".

Cabin motorboat - Motorboats with a cabin which can be completely closed by means of doors or hatches. Large motorboats with cabins, even though referred to as yachts, are considered to be cabin motorboats.

Capsizing - Overturning of a vessel. The bottom must become uppermost, except in the case of a sailboat, which lies on its side.

Collision with another vessel - Any striking together of two or more vessels, regardless of operation at time of the accident, is a collision. (Also includes colliding with the tow of another vessel, regardless of the nature of the tow, i.e., surfboard, ski ropes, skier, tow line, etc.)

Collision with fixed object - The striking of any fixed object, above or below the surface of the water.

Collision with floating object - Collision with any waterborne object above or below the surface that is free to move with the tide, current, or wind, except another vessel.

Cruising - Proceeding normally, unrestricted, with an absence of drastic rudder or engine changes.

Documented yacht - A vessel of five or more net tons owned by a citizen of the United States and used exclusively for pleasure with a valid marine document issued by the Coast Guard. Documented vessels are not numbered.

Drifting - Underway, but proceeding over the bottom without use of engines, oars or sails; being carried along only by the tide, current, or wind.

Fallen Skier - A person who has fallen off their waterskis.
Fault of operator - Speeding; overloading; improper loading, not properly seating occupants of boat; no proper lookout; carelessness; failure to heed weather warnings; operating in a congested area; not observing the Rules of the Road; unsafe fueling practices; lack of experience; ignorance of aids to navigation; lack of caution in an unfamiliar area of operation; improper installation or maintenance of hull, machinery or equipment; poor judgment; recklessness; overpowering the boat; panic; proceeding in an unseaworthy craft; operating a motorboat near persons in the water; starting engine with clutch engaged or throttle advanced; irresponsible boat handling such as quick, sharp turns.
Fiberglass (plastic) hull - Hulls of fiber reinforced plastic. The laminate consists of two basic components, the reinforcing material (glass filaments) and the plastic or resin in which it is embedded.

Firelexplosion (fuel) - Accidental combustion of vessel fuel, liquids, including their vapors, or other substances, such as wood or coal.

Firelexplosion (other) - Accidental burning or explosion of any material on board except vessel fuels or their vapors.

Flooding - Filling with water, regardless of method of ingress, but retaining sufficient buoyancy to remain on the surface.

Fueling - Any stage of the fueling operation; primarily concerned with introduction of explosive or combustible vapors or liquids on board.

Grounding - Running aground of a vessel, striking or pounding on rocks, reefs, or shoals; stranding.

Improper loading - Loading, including weight shifting, of the vessel causing instability, limited maneuverability, or dangerously reduced freeboard.

Improper lookout - No proper watch; the failure of the operator to perceive danger because no one was serving as lookout, or the person so serving failed in that regard.
Inboard-outboard - Also referred to as inboard/outdrive. Regarded as inboard because the power unit is located inside the boat.

Maneuvering - Changing of course, speed, or similar boat handling action during which a high degree of alertness is required or the boat is imperiled because of the operation, i.e. docking, mooring, undocking, etc.

Motorboat - Any vessel equipped with propulsion machinery, not more than sixty-five feet in length.

Motor vessel - Any vessel equipped with propulsion machinery (other than steam) more than 65 feet long.

Numbered vessel - An undocumented vessel numbered by a state with an approved numbering system under Chapter 123 of title 46, U.S.C.

Open Motorboat - Craft of open construction specifically built for operating with a motor, including boats canopied or fitted with temporary partial shelters.

Outboard - An engine not permanently affixed to the structure of the craft, regardless of the method or location used to mount the engine, e.g., motor wells, "kicker pits", motor pockets, etc.

Overloading - Excessive loading of the vessel causing instability, limited maneuverability, dangerously reduced freeboard, etc.
Personal Watercraft - Craft less than 13 feet in length designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft rather than within the confines of a hull.
Rules of the Road - Statutory and regulatory rules governing navigation of vessels.
Sailboat or auxiliary sailboat - Craft intended to be propelled primarily by sail, regardless of size or type.
Sinking - Losing enough buoyancy to settle below the surface of the water.
Speeding - Operating at a speed, possibly below the posted limit, above that which a reasonable and prudent person would operate under the circumstances.

Steel hull - Hulls of sheet steel or steel alloy, not those with steel ribs and wood, canvas, or plastic hull coverings.

Struck by boat or propeller - Striking of a victim who is outside of the boat, but not necessarily a swimmer.

Swamping - Filling with water, particularly over the side, but retaining sufficient buoyancy to remain on the surface.

Towing - Engaged in towing any vessel or object, other than a person.
Wood hull - Hulls of plywood, molded plywood, wood planking, or any other wood fiber in its natural consistency, including those of wooden construction that have been "sheathed" with fiberglass or sheet metal.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Iowa excludes inflatables under 7 feet in length and canoes/kayaks under 13 feet in length.
    ${ }^{2}$ Michigan excludes manually propelled boats 16 feet or less in length, and nonmotorized rafts, canoes, and kayaks.
    ${ }^{3}$ Minnesota excludes nonmotorized boats nine feet or less in length, duckboats during duckhunting season, and riceboats during harvest season and seaplanes.
    ${ }^{4}$ New Jersey excludes non-motorized boats 12 feet or less in length and canoes, kayaks, racing shells and rowing sculls.
    ${ }^{5}$ Pennsylvania registers non-powered craft using lakes or access areas owned by the State Fish \& Boat Commission.
    ${ }^{6}$ Washington excludes motorboats < 16 feet with motors 10 horsepower or less used solely on exclusive State waters.

