



# OREGON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT STATISTICS – 2002

The following statistics were taken from boating accident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2002.  
Accidents involving death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$2,000 must be reported.

## Comments on the year...

In 2002, there were 65 recreational boating accidents in Oregon. Of the 65 accidents, there were 16 fatalities.

Something unusual to note is that 10 of the victims were in open motor boats, on the average 35% of Oregon boating fatalities are in non-motorized boats, so this was a significant change.

	Registered Boats	Accidents*	Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatality Rate**
1993	184,007	85	25	1.36	.71
1994	188,792	121	10	.53	.69
1995	191,915	144	18	.94	.71
1996	195,080	115	8	.41	.71
1997	197,315	123	19	.96	.67
1998	197,634	120	20	1.01	.65
1999	196,102	96	16	.82	.58
2000	195,691	98	14	.72	.55
2001	195,636	70	14	.72	.53
2002	194,691	65	16	.82	.58

# **ANALYSIS OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS – 2002**

## ACTIVITY

At Anchor.....1  
 Cruising .....3  
 Drifting.....1  
 Fishing.....8  
 Paddling.....2  
 Whitewater Sports.....1  
 Unknown .....0

## TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Capsizing.....8  
 Collision w/Boat..... 1  
 Fall Overboard .....3  
 Sinking.....2  
 Grounding .....0  
 Unknown .....2

## CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Alcohol.....1  
 Hazardous Waters ..... 3  
 Op. Inexperience/Error.....0  
 Overloading.....0  
 Reckless Op.....5  
 Weather Conditions .....1  
 Other .....6

## TYPE CRAFT

OpenMotor..... 10  
 CabinMotor.....0  
 Inflatable .....2  
 Canoe/Kayak.....1  
 Pers. Watercraft .....1  
 Driftboat.....2  
 Sailboat.....0

## BOAT LENGTH

Less than 10' ..... 0  
 10' to 12' .....2  
 12' to 14' ..... 1  
 14' to 16' .....3  
 16' to 18' .....\*3  
 18' to 20' ..... 1  
 20'+.....\*4  
 Unknown ..... 0

## MONTH

January .....0  
 February .....4  
 March .....0  
 April.....1  
 May.....1  
 June .....2  
 July.....3  
 August.....1  
 September .....2  
 October .....2  
 November .....0  
 December .....0

## BODY OF WATER

River .....9  
 Lake.....4  
 Ocean.....1  
 Bay .....2

## SEX

Male..... 12  
 Female ..... 4

## WATER TEMP

40 and Below.....4  
 41 to 50 F .....4  
 51 to 60 F .....6  
 61 to 70 F .....1  
 Above 70 F.....1  
 Unknown .....0

## PERSONAL

### FLOTATION DEVICES

Aboard Not Used ..... 9  
 Not Aboard ..... 0  
 Aboard and Used..... 7  
 Unknown ..... 0

## OPERATOR AGE

Under 18 .....0  
 18 to 25 .....2  
 26 to 35 .....2  
 36 to 50 .....6  
 Over 50.....6

## RIVERS

Umpqua R, Hestnes Lnd  
 Molalla R, Fryer Park  
 Willamette R, ¾ M from  
 Oak Grove Ramp  
 Deschutes R, Wapinita  
 Rapids  
 Willamette R, N of  
 Fremont Bridge  
 Columbia R, S Jetty Near  
 Clatsop Spit  
 Columbia R, Chinook Lnd  
 Rogue R, Mouth at Gold  
 Beach  
 S Umpqua R, Weaver  
 Rapids\*

## SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

### OCEAN

Pacific O, Del Rey Beach  
 Access  
 Pacific O, Siuslaw R Bar N  
 Jetty\*

### LAKE

Odell Lake, 500' from  
 Sunset Cove Boat

## RESERVOIR

Fall Creek Reservoir,  
 Windberry Arm

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