



Oregon Recreational Boating Incident Statistics – 2019

The following statistics were taken from boating incident reports received by the State Marine Board for 2019.
Incidents involving death, injury, or boat and/or property damage of \$2,000 or more must be reported.

In 2019, we had 18 fatalities in recreational boating incidents in Oregon; one above 2018. The oldest fatal was 76 and the youngest was 18.

Five out of the 18 fatalities were wearing life jackets. The fatalities that warrant mentioning are two of the fatalities rented a boat, two were due to Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and nine were sole operators. Of the 18 fatalities it is reasonable to assume that if 13 of the victims worn their life jackets, they would probably have survived their incidents.

Seven of the 18 fatalities were in motorized boats (two fatalities each from two separate boats); nine were in a non-motorized boat.

Nine of the 18 fatalities were 50 years old or older. 12 out of the 18 fatalities, the victim was the operator and nine out of the 12 was also a sole occupant on a boat. Of the nine sole occupants on a boat, five out of the nine boats were non-motorized.

The number one cause of fatal incidents this year was operator inexperience or error; however, there were five fatalities where the cause was unknown.

Year	Registered Boats	Incidents*	Oregon Fatalities	Oregon Fatality Rate**	U.S. Fatalities	U.S. Fatality Rate**
2009	180,552	67	13	7.20	736	5.8
2010	177,634	60	11	6.19	672	5.4
2011	171,983	66	10	5.81	758	6.2
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	-	-	-

(-) 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 – 2019

Activity	Type of Incident	Cause of Incident
Fishing/Crabbing.....4	Capsizing 4	Alcohol/Drugs..... 2
Cruising.....1	Collision w/Fixed Object..... 1	Force of Wave/Wake..... 1
Tubing.....2	Collision w/Subm. Obj 0	Op. Inattention..... 0
Waterskiing.....2	Ejected from Vessel..... 1	No Proper Lookout..... 0
Windsurfing0	Falls Overboard.....2	Op. Inexperience/ Error 4
Making Repairs0	Flooding/Swamping..... 0	Sharp Turn..... 1
Starting Engine.....0	Person Left Voluntarily..... 0	Overloading..... 0
Whitewater Sports.....2	Improper Anchoring.....0	Hazardous Water..... 1
Relaxing3	Hypothermia 0	CO Poisoning..... 2
Other.....2	Other 5	Other 2
Unknown2	Unknown 5	Unknown 5

Type of Boat	Boat Length	Month
Open Motorboat.....2	Less than 10' 3	January..... 1
Auxiliary Sailboat 1	10' – 11.9' 3	February 0
Inflatable2	12' – 13.9' 1	March..... 2
Kayak 3	14' – 15.9' 1	April..... 0
Canoe.....3	16' – 17.9' 2	May 0
Personal Watercraft (PWC) 1	18' – 19.9' 0	June 9
Pontoon Boat.....2	20' or more..... 4	July 2
Rowboat/Drift.....1	Unknown 2	August 2
Stand-up Paddleboard.....1		September 1
		October 0
		November..... 0
		December 1

Body of Water	Gender
River 8	Male.....17
Lake/Reservoir 7	Female..... 1
Ocean 2	
Bay..... 0	
Bar Crossings 1	

Water Temperature	Age	Oprtr	Dcsd	Personal Floatation Device
Below 41° F2	Under 18.....0..... 0			Aboard and Used 3
41° - 51° F4	18 - 252..... 4			Aboard and Not Used.....13
52° - 61° F2	26 - 351..... 3			Inflatable Worn 2
62° - 70° F2	36 - 501..... 2			Not Aboard 0
Above 70° F2	Over 508..... 9			Unknown 0
Unknown 4				

Waterways Accidents Occurred

Rivers	Bar Crossings	Lakes/Reservoirs
Hood River		Pine Hollow Reservoir
Columbia River – near Bobbies Beach		Phalarope Lake
Willamette River – below Pengra Landing		Lost Creek Reservoir
McKenzie River – near Hendricks Wayside		Waldo Lake
Rogue River – near mile 5	Ocean	Hills Creek Reservoir
Rogue River – 1 mile below Dodge Bridge	Pacific Ocean – near Chetco River	Wickiup Reservoir
Rogue River – below Shady Cove	Pacific Ocean – near Yaquina Bay	Lake Billy Chinook