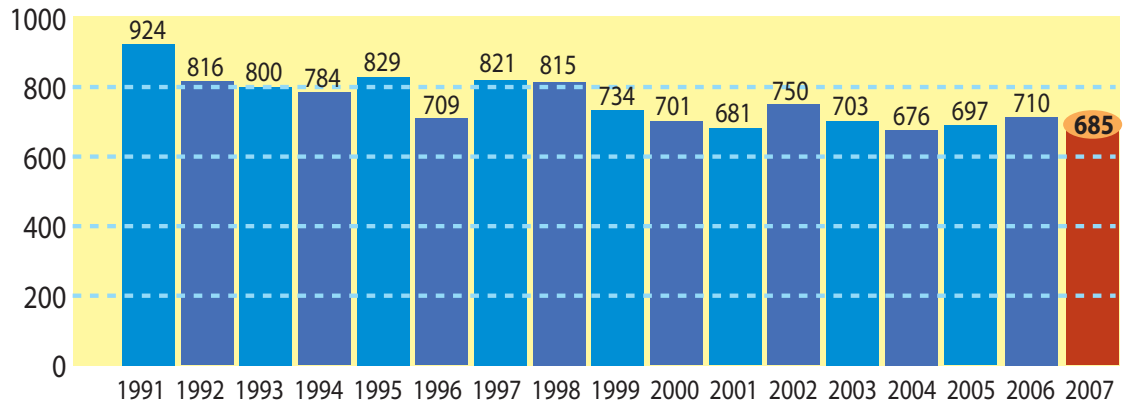


2007 Boating Accident Statistics

U.S. Coast Guard statistics

In 2007, the number of boating deaths, injuries and property damage decreased from the previous year. Overall, over 69% of all fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those who drowned, over 89% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket. Over 83% of the boaters who drowned were using boats less than 26 feet in length. Consistent with previous years, 75% of reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.

2007 BOATING FATALITIES



2007 FATALITIES AND LIFE JACKET WEAR

| CAUSE OF DEATH | TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES | LIFE JACKET WORN | LIFE JACKET NOT WORN |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| DROWNING | 476 | 49 | 427 |
| TRAUMA | 137 | 52 | 85 |
| OTHER | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| HYPOTHERMIA | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| UNKNOWN | 37 | 6 | 31 |



2007 TOP FIVE TYPES OF ACCIDENTS

| CONTRIBUTING FACTOR | ACCIDENT RANKING | NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS | NUMBER OF FATALITIES |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| COLLISION WITH A VESSEL | 1 | 1,329 | 66 |
| COLLISION WITH A FIXED OBJECT | 2 | 558 | 35 |
| SKIER MISHAP | 3 | 492 | 11 |
| FALLS OVERBOARD | 4 | 485 | 208 |
| CAPSIZING | 5 | 398 | 204 |

2007 TOP 10 CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

| CONTRIBUTING FACTOR | ACCIDENT RANKING | NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS | NUMBER OF FATALITIES |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| OPERATOR INATTENTION | 1 | 628 | 47 |
| CARELESS/RECKLESS OPERATION | 2 | 552 | 33 |
| PASSENGER/SKIERS BEHAVIOR | 3 | 492 | 47 |
| EXCESSIVE SPEED | 4 | 473 | 31 |
| ALCOHOL USE | 5 | 391 | 145 |
| NO PROPER LOOKOUT | 6 | 375 | 20 |
| OPERATOR INEXPERIENCE | 7 | 353 | 42 |
| MACHINERY FAILURE | 8 | 312 | 21 |
| WEATHER | 9 | 148 | 36 |
| EQUIPMENT FAILURE | 10 | 141 | 17 |

2007 Boating Accident Statistics

U.S. Coast Guard statistics

2007 BOATING CASUALTIES

| TYPE OF BOAT | NUMBER OF DROWNINGS | OTHER DEATHS | TOTAL DEATHS | TOTAL INJURIES | TOTAL CASUALTIES |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| OPEN MOTORBOAT | 230 | 104 | 334 | 1,886 | 2,220 |
| PERSONAL WATERCRAFT | 14 | 53 | 67 | 982 | 1,049 |
| CABIN MOTORBOAT | 33 | 20 | 53 | 283 | 336 |
| CANOE/KAYAK | 97 | 10 | 107 | 93 | 200 |
| PONTOON BOAT | 12 | 3 | 15 | 112 | 127 |



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2007 CAUSE OF DEATH BY LIFE JACKET WEAR/VESSEL

| CAUSE OF DEATH | WAS PFD WORN? | NUMBER OF FATALITIES | VESSEL TYPE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------|----------|-------|--------------|
| | | | AIRBOAT | AUX. SAILBOAT | CABIN MOTORBOAT | CANOE | HOUSEBOAT | INFLATABLE | KAYAK | OPEN MOTORBOAT | PERSONAL WATERCRAFT | PONTOON BOAT | ROWBOAT | SAILBOAT | OTHER | NOT REPORTED |
| TOTALS | - | 685 | 1 | 18 | 53 | 71 | 6 | 6 | 36 | 334 | 67 | 15 | 33 | 18 | 18 | 9 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE | NO | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DROWNING | YES | 49 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| DROWNING | NO | 427 | 1 | 11 | 29 | 63 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 211 | 10 | 11 | 30 | 14 | 13 | 5 |
| HYPOTHERMIA | YES | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HYPOTHERMIA | NO | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OTHER | YES | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OTHER | NO | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAUMA | YES | 52 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 38 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAUMA | NO | 85 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| UNKNOWN | YES | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| UNKNOWN | NO | 31 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

2007 VESSEL FATALITIES

| TYPE OF BOAT | NUMBER OF DROWNINGS | OTHER DEATHS (not drownings) | TOTALS | TYPE OF BOAT | NUMBER OF DROWNINGS | OTHER DEATHS (not drownings) | TOTALS |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| AIRBOAT | 1 | 0 | 1 | OPEN MOTORBOAT | 230 | 104 | 334 |
| AUX. SAILBOAT | 12 | 6 | 18 | PERSONAL WATERCRAFT | 14 | 53 | 67 |
| CABIN MOTORBOAT | 33 | 20 | 53 | PONTOON BOAT | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| CANOE | 66 | 5 | 71 | ROWBOAT | 30 | 3 | 33 |
| HOUSEBOAT | 4 | 2 | 6 | SAIL ONLY | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| INFLATABLE | 5 | 1 | 6 | OTHER | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| KAYAK | 31 | 5 | 36 | UNKNOWN | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| | | | | TOTAL | 476 | 209 | 685 |