Boating Accident Review
NW17-10570: In the early morning hours of August 21, 2017, a 17-foot-vessel was being operated by a 36-year-old male on the Apalachicola River. The vessel made a sharp turn and impacted the shoreline ejecting the operator. The vessel continued forward through the brush and careened off of a tree, landing back in the river. The vessel crossed the river and came to a stop after striking a large tree. The operator was able to drift to a floating structure and waited several hours before being discovered by rescue personnel.
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Number of Accidents - Top Ten States 2016 (Recreational)

- Tennessee: 116
- Michigan: 125
- South Carolina: 136
- Missouri: 137
- North Carolina: 143
- Maryland: 150
- Texas: 176
- New York: 188
- California: 386
- Florida: 684

*Based on $2,000 damage threshold
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division

Registered Vessels - Top Ten States 2016 (Recreational)

- North Carolina: 367,225
- New York: 448,480
- Ohio: 505,082
- South Carolina: 518,269
- Texas: 573,425
- Wisconsin: 611,240
- California: 697,412
- Michigan: 794,137
- Minnesota: 817,560
- Florida: 905,298

*Totals represent number of recreationally registered vessels in 2016
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division
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*Totals represent all currently registered vessels for that year
Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)