

# Boating Fatalities



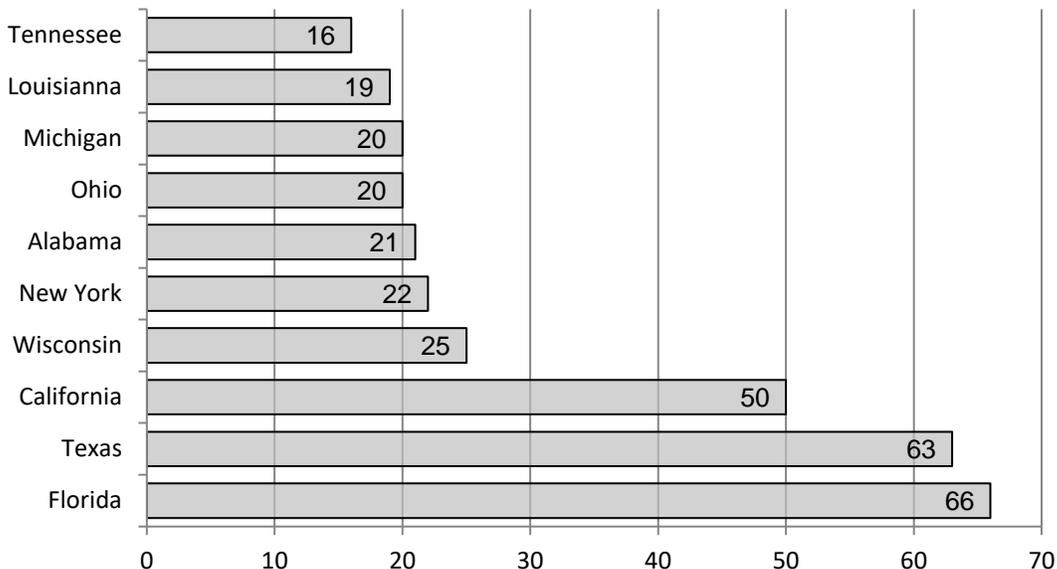
## **Boating Fatalities photo detail**

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On April 13, at approximately 4:20 pm, a 24-foot vessel was on plane traveling on the Little Saint Marks River in Franklin County. The 71-year-old operator became distracted while showing the occupant a place to put a drinking cup on the vessel console. The operator looked up and noticed the vessel was heading toward the shoreline. There was not enough time to correct the direction or speed of the vessel. The vessel impacted the tree line along the edge of the river, ejecting the operator and occupant. The vessel rebounded from the impact and continued back out into the river unmanned. The vessel began turning in circles and clipped some additional trees then ran aground on the western bank of the river. The operator succumbed to injuries sustained from being ejected and impacting a tree along the river bank. The occupant was treated at the hospital and later released.

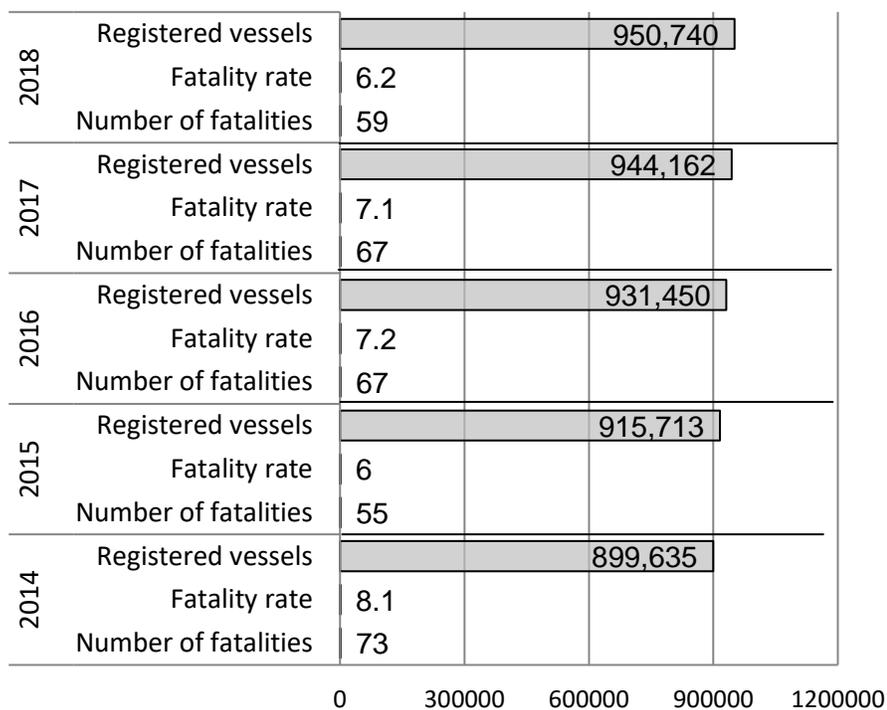
## 2018 FATALITY DATA

### 2017 FATALITIES - TOP TEN STATES

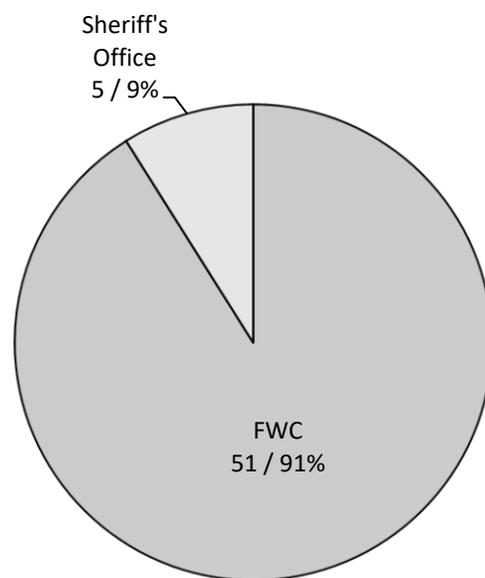


\*2018 statistics for top 10 states were not available at time of printing  
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division (recreational fatalities)

### FLORIDA TOTAL FATALITIES RECORDED



### INVESTIGATING AGENCY

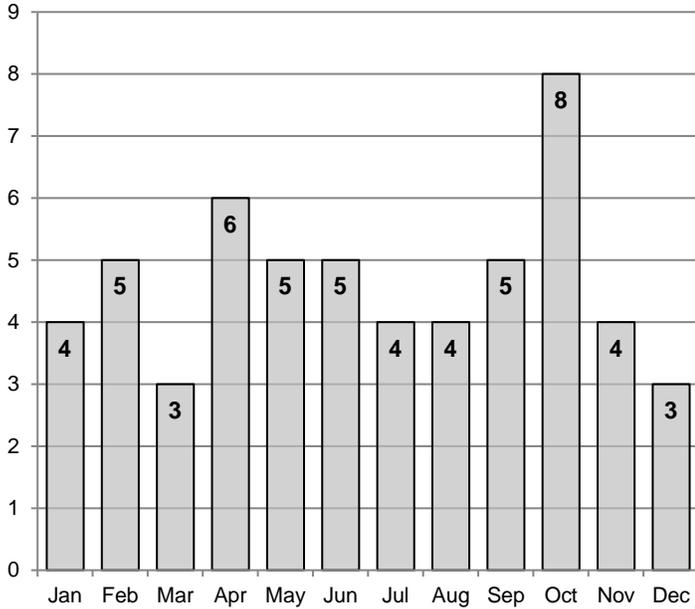


\*56 fatal accidents

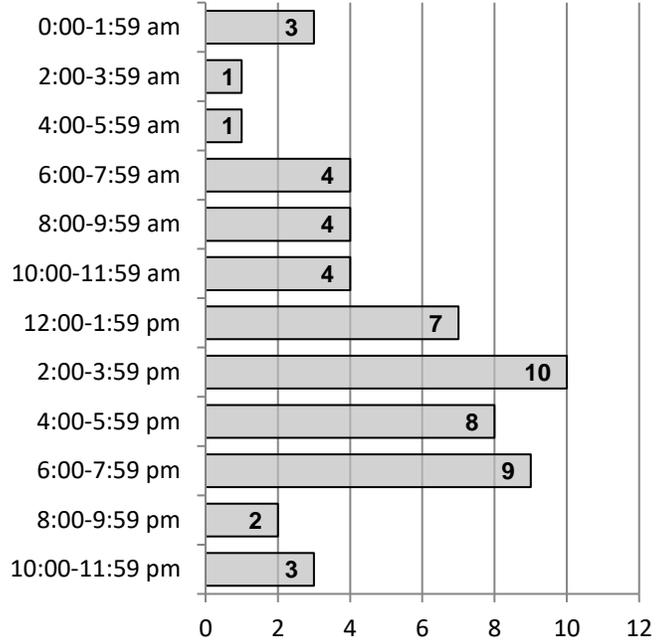
\*Fatality Rate – Number of fatalities per 100,000 registered vessels

## 2018 FATALITY DATA

### ACCIDENTS BY MONTH



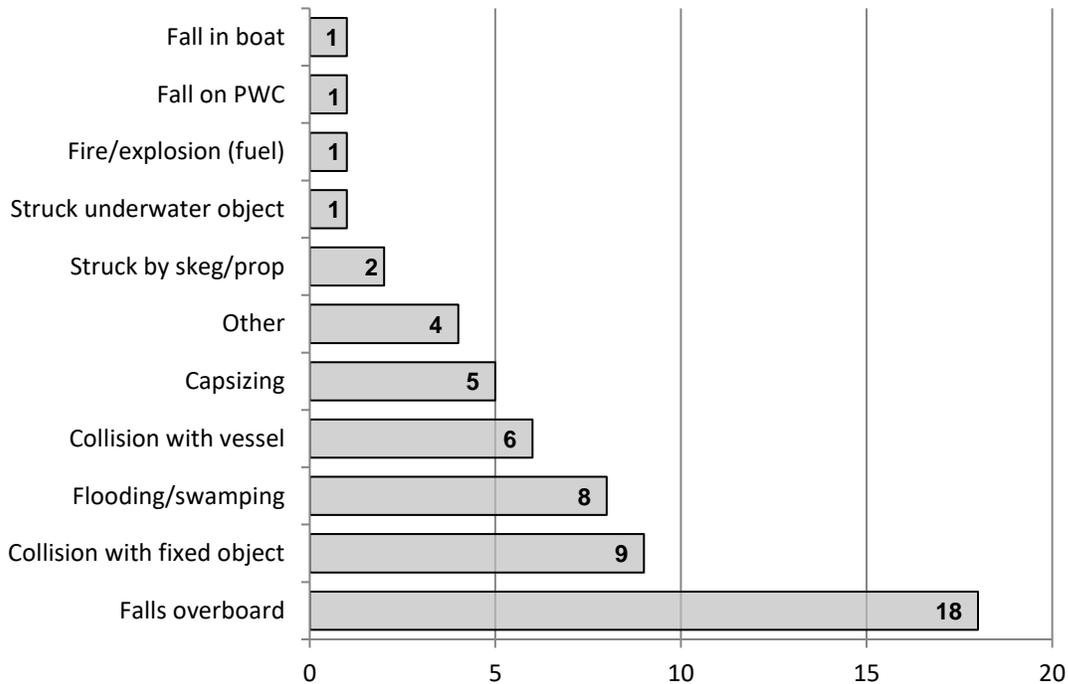
### TIME OF DAY



\*56 fatal accidents involving 59 fatalities

Fatality data includes four missing persons where their disappearance is associated with a boating accident

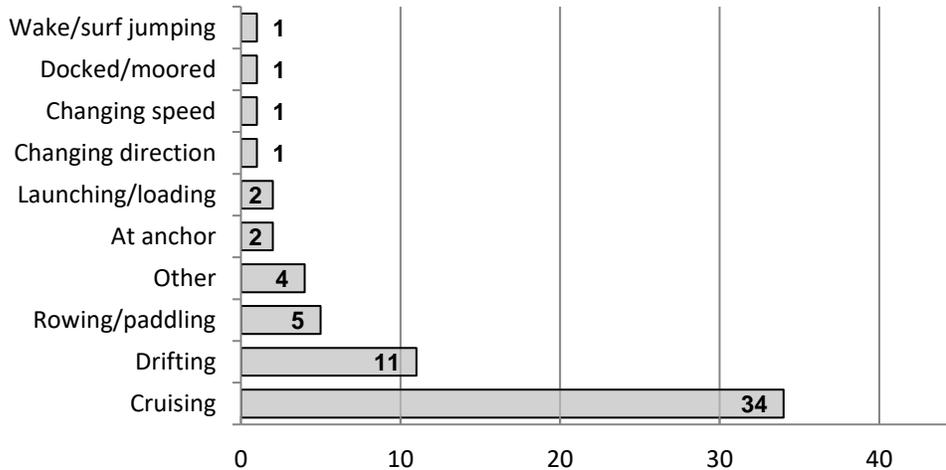
### ACCIDENT TYPES



\*56 fatal accidents involving 59 fatalities (Based on first harmful event)

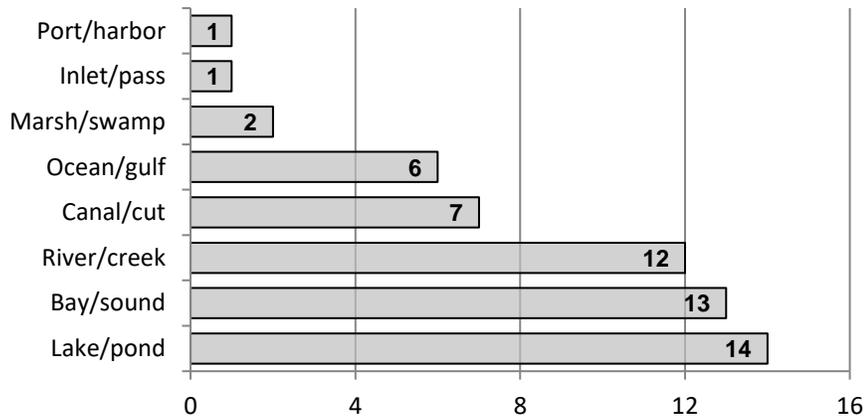
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### OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

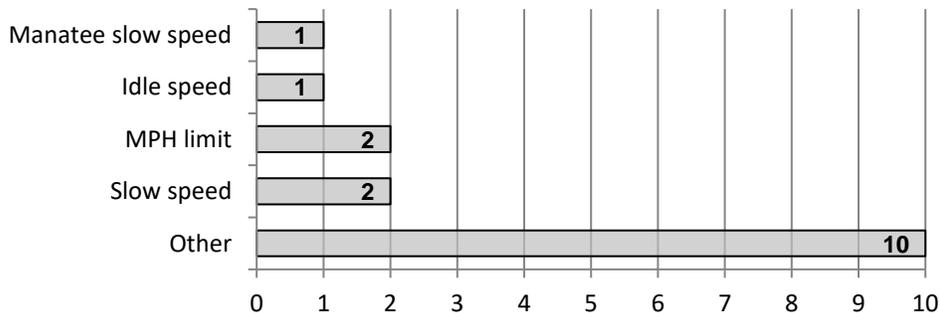


\*62 vessels involved in 56 fatal accidents with 59 victims

### ACCIDENT SITE LOCATION



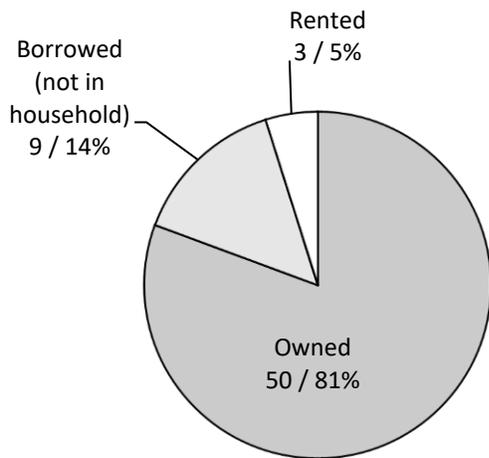
### RESTRICTED AREA ACCIDENTS



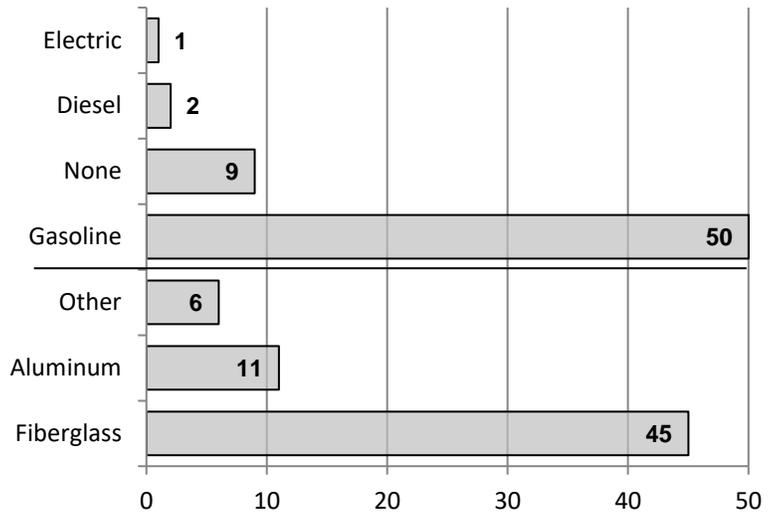
\*16 of 56 fatal accidents occurred in restricted areas. "Other" may include areas where the regulation or local ordinance was not specified.

## 2018 FATALITY DATA

### VESSEL OWNERSHIP

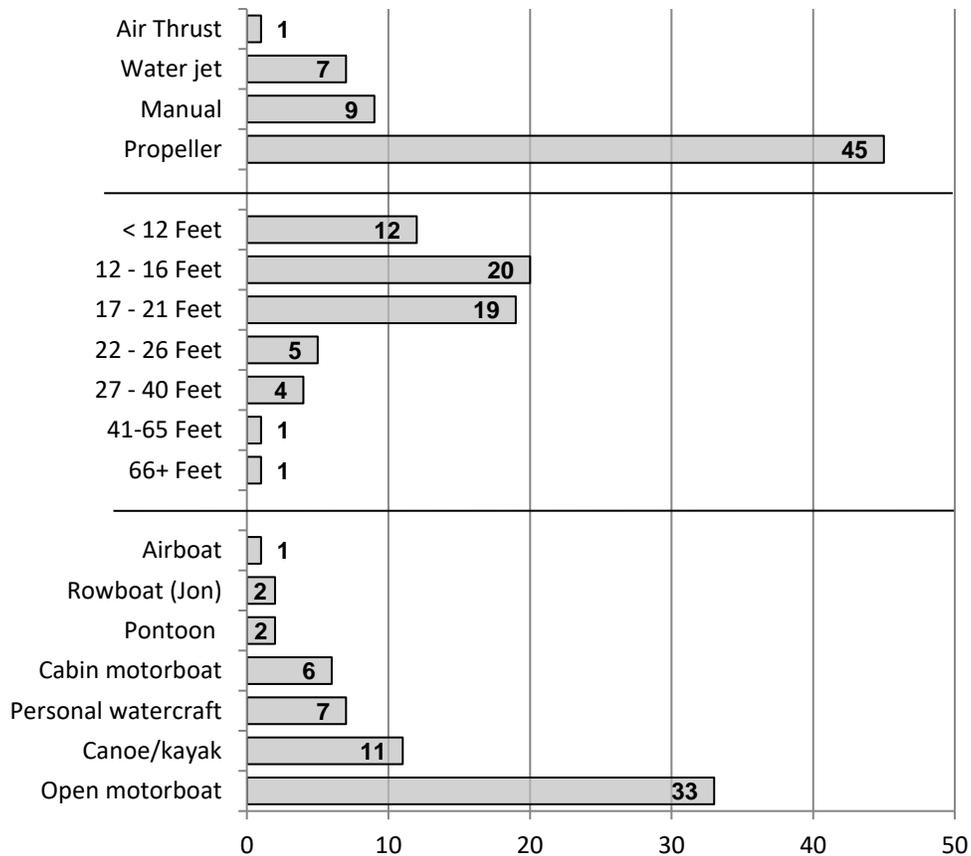


### VESSEL FUEL & HULL TYPE



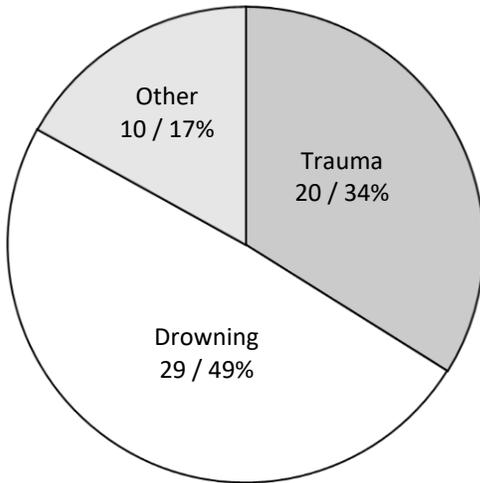
\*59 total fatalities involving 62 vessels

### VESSEL PROPULSION, LENGTH & TYPE



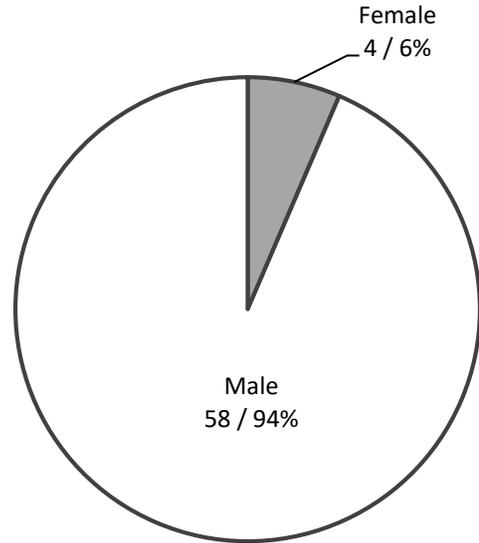
## 2018 FATALITY DATA

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH



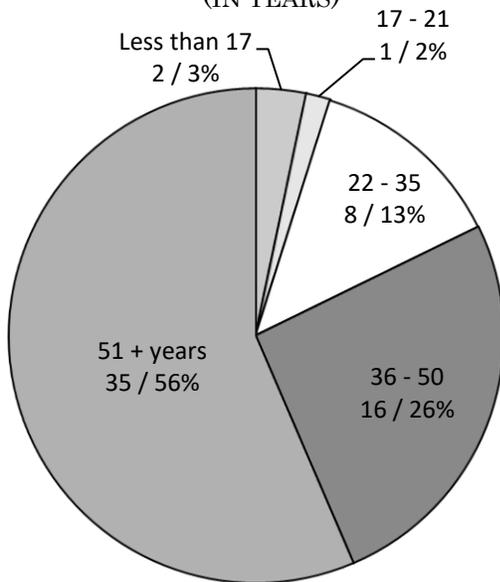
\*59 fatalities, "Other" category includes four missing where cause of death is unknown

### OPERATOR GENDER

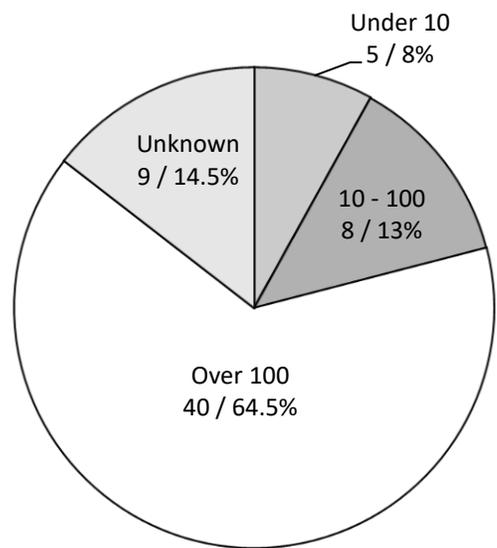


\*62 operators

### OPERATOR AGE (IN YEARS)



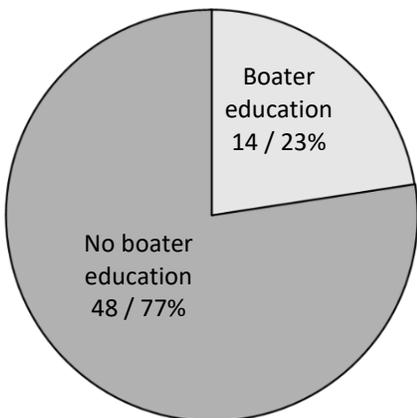
### OPERATOR EXPERIENCE (IN HOURS)



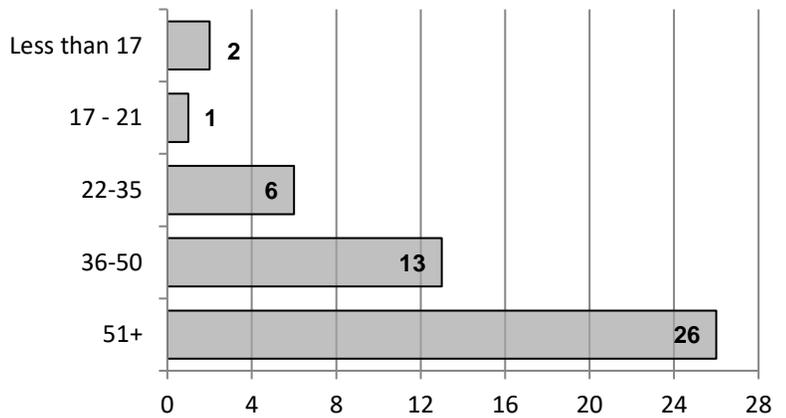
## 2018 FATALITY DATA

On July 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:00 PM, two vessels were on the Indian River in a head on situation. V1, an 18-foot open motorboat, and V2, a 20-foot open motorboat, both turned to the east side of the river. V1 struck the port bow of V2 and ramped on to V2 striking both occupants. The 51-year-old male operator of V2 was ejected and died because of injuries at the hospital. The 53-year-old female occupant received lacerations and contusions from being struck by V1. A female occupant on V1 jumped overboard with a child before impact, she received contusions and sprains from impact with the water, the child and operator of V1 were uninjured.

### OPERATOR EDUCATION

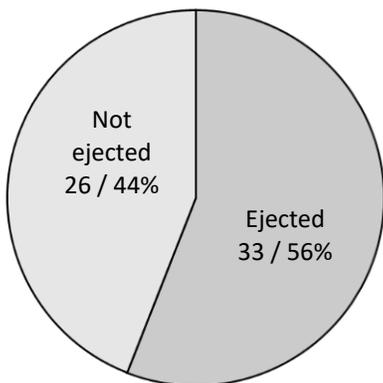


### OPERATORS BY AGE WITHOUT FORMAL BOATER EDUCATION

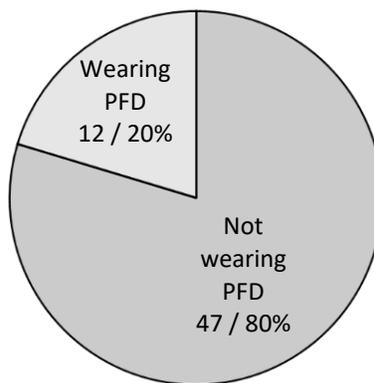


\*48 operators did not have any formal boater education

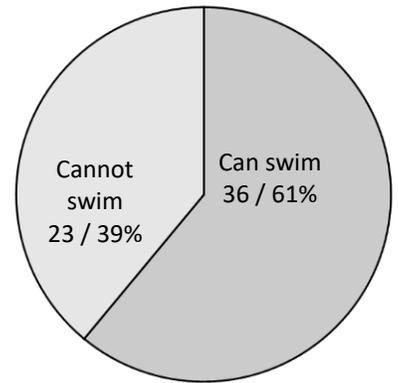
### VICTIM STATISTICS (EJECTED)



### VICTIM STATISTICS (WEARING PFD)



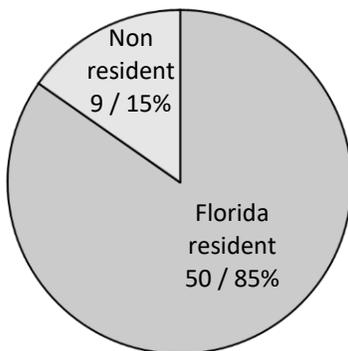
### VICTIM STATISTICS (SWIMMING ABILITY)



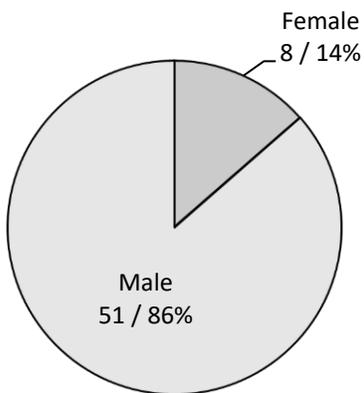
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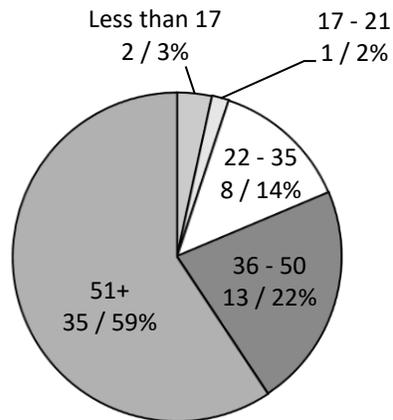
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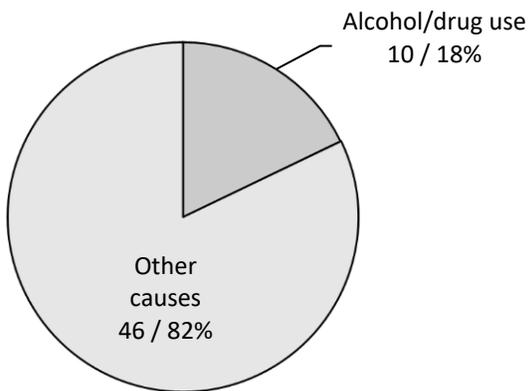
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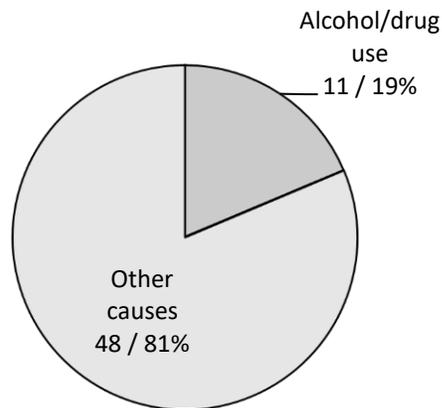
## VICTIM AGE



## ALCOHOL/DRUG RELATED ACCIDENTS



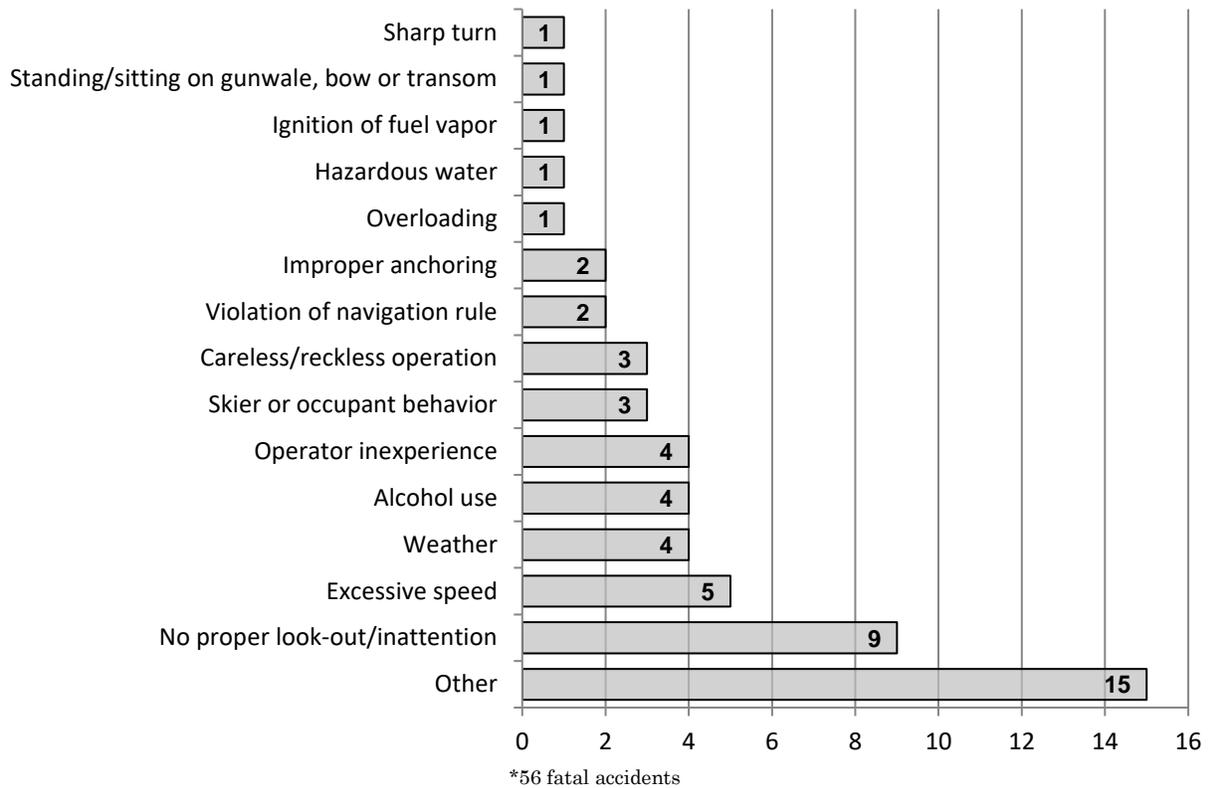
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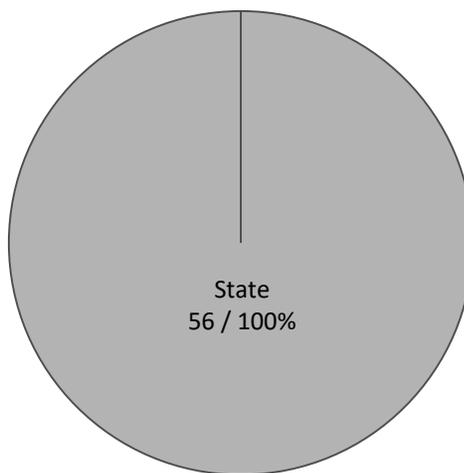
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(Alcohol/drug related refers to any accidents in which alcohol or drug use may have been a contributing factor, whether legally impaired or not)

## 2018 FATALITY DATA

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT BY REVIEWING AUTHORITY



### STATE WATERS VS. OFFSHORE WATERS



\*Offshore defined as the edge of the Gulf Stream or three miles from shore, whichever is greater, in the Atlantic and more than nine miles out in the Gulf