

Boating Injuries



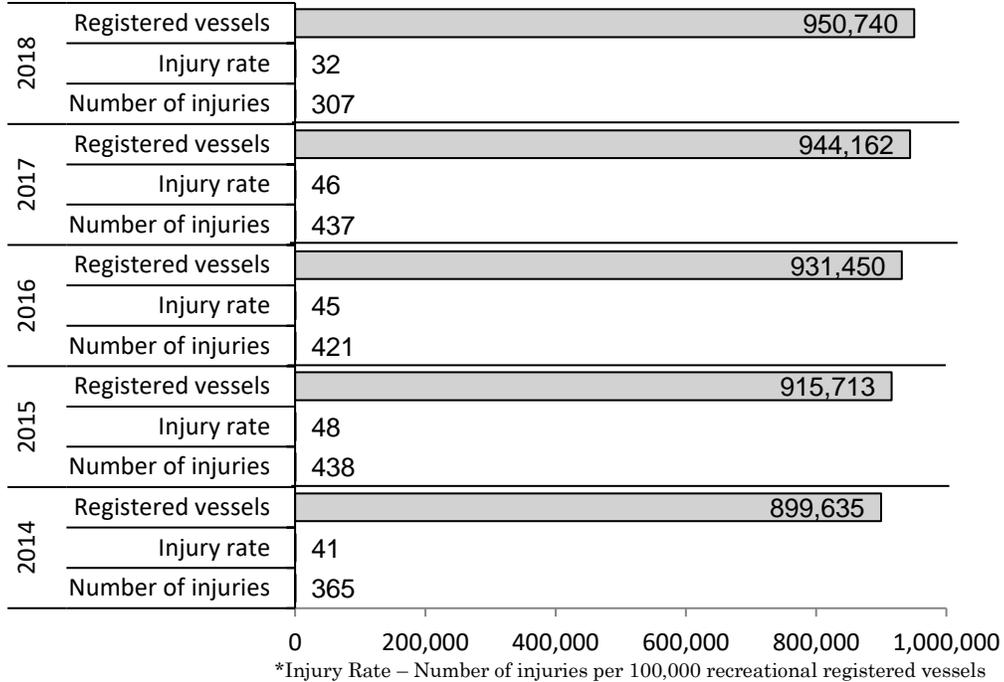
Boating Injuries photo detail

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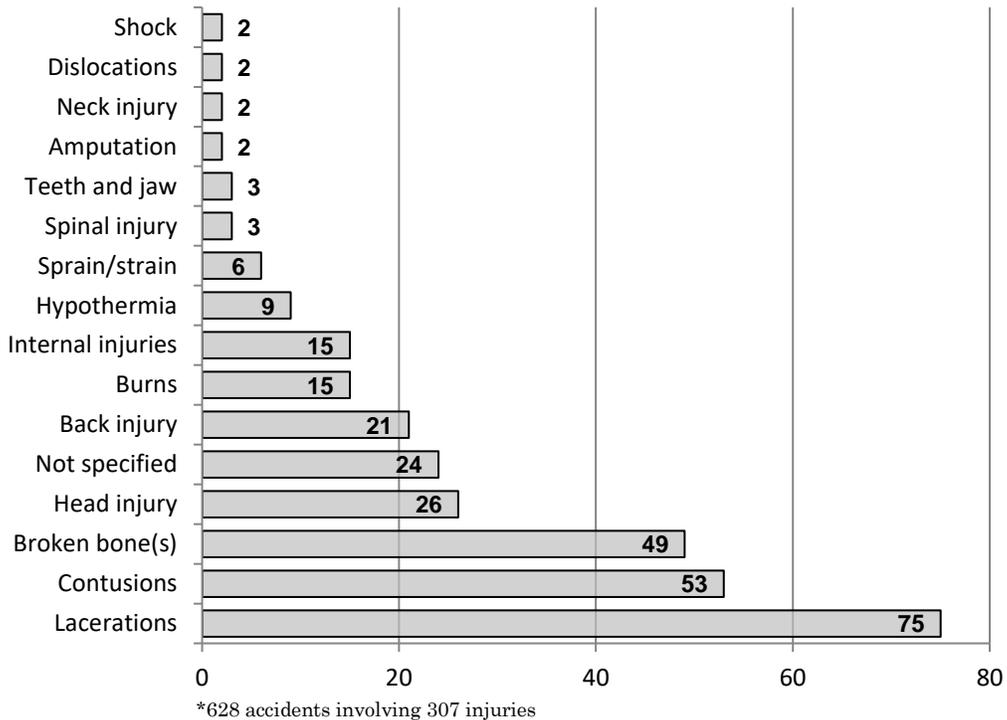
On September 9, Vessel #1 (top picture) was drifting, in neutral at dusk on Lake Minneola. Vessel #2 (bottom picture) was traveling west on plane from the east side of the lake. The occupants of vessel #1 were eating dinner when they noticed the sound of a boat motor drawing close to them. The operator of Vessel #1, observed Vessel #2 approaching them at a high rate of speed and operating with no navigation lights. Vessel #2 collided with vessel #1, its bow penetrating the hull of Vessel #1 just above the water line. The impact caused the occupants on Vessel #2 to fall in their boat and were knocked unconscious and sustain injuries. Operator of vessel #2 admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages earlier in the day, but field sobriety tasks did not indicate legal impairment.

2018 INJURY DATA

TOTAL INJURIES RECORDED 2014-2018

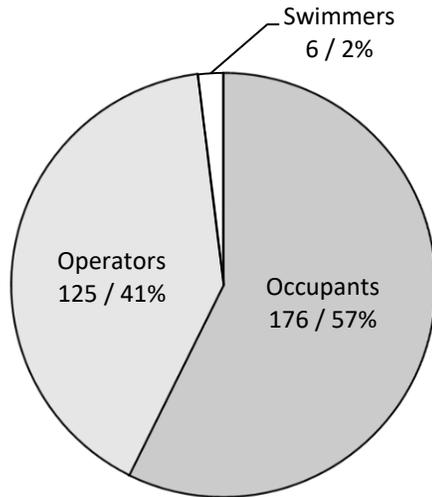


TYPES OF INJURY



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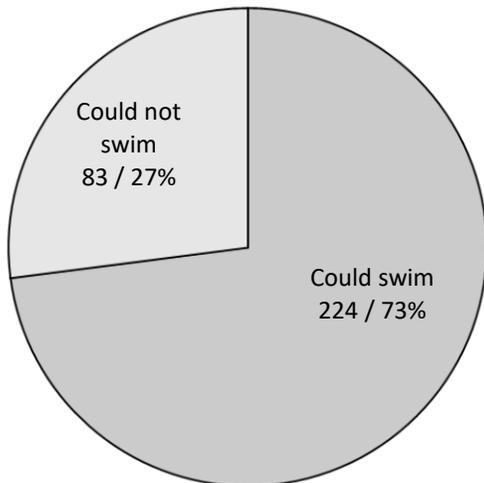
VICTIM STATISTICS (INJURED)



*628 accidents involving 307 injured

On Sunday, May 13, 2018, at approximately 8:30 pm a 30-foot open motorboat was nearing the entrance to St. Andrew Bay when it struck the jetty. All persons onboard were thrown around inside the boat resulting in multiple injuries. The 27-year-old operator was able to back the boat off the jetty however due to the damage to the hull it quickly took on water and capsized in the channel. Multiple agencies had responded to the accident and everyone was recovered from the water and taken to the hospital for treatment of their injuries. Alcohol was a contributing factor in this accident.

VICTIM STATISTICS (SWIMMING ABILITY)



VICTIM STATISTICS (PFD USE)

