Boating Accident Review photo detail

Photos: (Courtesy of FWC)

Top photo: Four friends were fishing from a 24-foot motorboat off Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. While the vessel was drifting, a wave impacted the left side causing the boat to capsize. One of the occupants became trapped in the cabin area and was able to stay in a pocket of air while one of the other occupants swam under to rescue him. A passing fishing vessel came to their location and assisted them. No one was injured in the incident. The capsized boat drifted onto the beach due to its close proximity and wave action.

Bottom photo: A 29-foot motorboat was travelling South through Jewfish Creek in Monroe County. The operator swerved to avoid a head-on collision with another boat, resulting in his vessel crashing into the mangroves along the shoreline. Fortunately no one was injured in the crash.
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Number of Accidents - Top Ten States 2019
(Recreational)

- Florida: 679
- California: 324
- Texas: 184
- New York: 165
- Missouri: 145
- South Carolina: 141
- Maryland: 130
- North Carolina: 128
- Michigan: 128
- Ohio: 128

*Based on $2,000 damage threshold
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division, 2020 data not available at time of publishing

Registered Vessels - Top Ten States 2019
(Recreational)

- Florida: 935,742
- California: 813,955
- Michigan: 806,296
- South Carolina: 711,173
- Wisconsin: 607,443
- Texas: 567,443
- New York: 440,381
- Georgia: 331,481
- North Carolina: 363,955
- Maryland: 320,443

*Totals represent number of recreationally registered vessels in 2019
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division
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2016 - 2020 Florida Reportable Accidents

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

2016-2020 Total Florida Registered Vessels

*Totals represent all currently registered vessels for that year
Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)