Top ten counties
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A thorough review of annual boating accident statistics has revealed that 60% of the reportable boating accidents during the 2007 calendar year occurred in 10 Florida counties.

The information on the following pages represents a breakdown of the accident data from each of these top 10 counties. The graphs show the types of vessels involved, the primary cause of each accident, and primary type of accidents for each county. There is also a map of each county with points designating the accident locations.

The information found in this section will provide a basis for future boating safety awareness efforts implemented by the FWC Division of Law Enforcement, Boating & Waterways Section.
Known Locations of Accidents in Monroe County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (4)
- Accident with Injury (27)
- Accident without Injury (43)
- Cities
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
Known Locations of Accidents in Miami-Dade County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (12)
- Accident with Injury (23)
- Accident without Injury (32)
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
2007 Top Ten County Summary

#2 Dade County

Type Of Vessel

Primary Cause Of Accident

Primary Type Of Accident
Known Locations of Accidents in Palm Beach County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (4)
- Accident with Injury (25)
- Accident without Injury (23)
- Cities
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

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#3 Palm Beach County

**Type Of Vessel**

- Mini Jet Boat: 1
- Other: 1
- Jon boat: 1
- Not specified: 2
- Sail (aux power): 4
- Personal watercraft: 12
- Cabin motorboat: 24
- Open motorboat: 29

**Primary Cause Of Accident**

- Excessive speed: 12
- Operator inattention: 7
- Operator inexperience: 7
- No proper look-out: 4
- Other: 4
- Machinery failure: 4
- Improper anchoring: 4
- Alcohol use: 3
- Weather: 3
- Skier or occupant: 2
- Reckless operation: 2
- Hazardous waters: 1
- Unidentifiable: 1

**Primary Type Of Accident**

- Collision with vessel: 12
- Fall in boat: 5
- Skier mishap/fall: 8
- Falling mishap/fall: 16
- Falls overboard: 4
- Flooding(swamping): 4
- Grounding: 4
- Vessel wake damage: 3
- Capsizing: 3
- Struck underwater object: 3
- No Info: 2
- Struck by boat (person): 2
- Fall on PWC: 1
- Fire/explosion(non-fuel): 1
- No Info: 1
Known Locations of Accidents in Pinellas County during 2007

**Legend**
- Fatal Accident (3)
- Accident with Injury (17)
- Accident without Injury (29)
- Cities
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
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#4 Pinellas County

**Type Of Vessel**
- Jon boat: 1
- Pontoon boat: 1
- Sail (only): 1
- Other: 1
- Canoe/Kayak: 1
- Sail (aux power): 2
- Not Specified: 3
- Cabin motorboat: 22
- Open motorboat: 25
- Personal watercraft: 1

**Primary Cause Of Accident**
- Alcohol use: 1
- Overloading: 1
- Lack of proper lights: 1
- Machinery failure: 1
- Sharp turn: 1
- Off throttle steering: 2
- Other: 2
- Hull failures: 2
- Reckless operation: 2
- Operator inexperience: 3
- Operator inattention: 3
- Hull failures: 3
- Careless/ inattention: 4
- Excessive speed: 5
- No proper look-out: 12

**Primary Type Of Accident**
- Collisions: 16
- Grounding: 5
- Flooding(swamping): 9
- Capsizing: 3
- Falls overboard: 3
- No Info: 4
- Sinking: 5
- Vessel wake damage: 2
- Collisions with fixed object: 7
- Collisions with vessel: 1
- Struck by skeg/prop: 2
- Fall in boat: 2
- Struck underwater object: 1
- Grounding: 5
- Flooding(swamping): 9
- Collision with vessel: 16
Known Locations of Accidents in Broward County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (4)
- Accident with Injury (9)
- Accident without Injury (30)
- City
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
2007 Top Ten County Summary

#5 Broward County

**Type Of Vessel**

1. Sail (only)
2. Mini jet boat
3. Canoe/Kayak
4. Other
5. Not specified
6. Sail (aux power)
7. Personal watercraft
8. Open motorboat
9. Cabin motorboat

**Primary Cause Of Accident**

1. Skier or occupant
2. Other
3. Unidentifiable
4. Weather
5. Hazardous waters
6. Sharp turn
7. Alcohol use
8. Careless/inattention
9. Lack of proper lights
10. Operator inexperience
11. Excessive speed
12. No proper look-out
13. Operator inattention
14. Machinery failure
15. No proper look-out
16. Other

**Primary Type Of Accident**

1. Fall on PWC
2. Capsizing
3. No info
4. Flooding(swamping)
5. Skier mishap/fall
6. Fire/explosion (non-fuel)
7. Vessel wake damage
8. Collision with fixed object
9. Collision with vessel
10. Going home
11. Operator inattention
12. Machinery failure
13. No proper look-out
14. Operator inattention
15. Machinery failure
16. No proper look-out
Known Locations of Accidents in Lee County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (4)
- Accident with Injury (10)
- Accident without Injury (17)
- City
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
Known Locations of Accidents in Volusia County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (0)
- Accident with Injury (11)
- Accident without Injury (14)
- Cities
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.

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Known Locations of Accidents in Duval County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (1)
- Accident with Injury (8)
- Accident without Injury (14)
- City
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
Known Locations of Accidents in Brevard County during 2007

Legend
- Fatal Accident (1)
- Accident with Injury (7)
- Accident without Injury (15)
- City
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

Locational information provided by the Division of Law Enforcement.
Known Locations of Accidents in Collier County during 2007

**Legend**
- Fatal Accident (1)
- Accident with Injury (8)
- Accident without Injury (8)
- City
- Road
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Hydrographic Feature

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#### Type Of Vessel
- Open motorboat: 9
- Cabin motorboat: 4
- Personal watercraft: 3
- Sail (aux power): 2
- Airboat: 1
- Other: 1

#### Primary Cause Of Accident
- Careless: 1
- Equipment failure: 1
- Hazardous waters: 1
- Hull failures: 1
- Ignition of fuel vapor: 1
- Machinery failure: 1
- Operator inexperience: 1
- Operator inattention: 1
- Weather: 2
- No proper look-out: 6
- Excessive speed: 1

#### Primary Type Of Accident
- Fall in boat: 1
- Other: 1
- Fire/explosion (fuel): 1
- Struck underwater object: 1
- Skier mishap/fall: 1
- Grounding: 2
- Fall on PWC: 2
- Collision with vessel: 3
- Collision with fixed object: 4
- Flooding (swamping): 1