2008 Fatality Data

2007 Fatalities Top Ten States

- Florida: 77
- California: 48
- Texas: 40
- Michigan: 30
- Washington: 22
- North Carolina: 19
- New York: 18
- Wyoming: 18
- Tennessee: 16

Florida Total Fatalities Recorded

Investigating Agency

- FWC: 42
- Sheriff: 6
- Police: 1

49 Accidents Resulting in 54 Fatalities
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FATAL ACCIDENTS BY MONTH

TIME OF DAY

TYPE OF ACCIDENTS

- Collision with fixed object: 4
- Sinking: 1
- Fall on PWC: 2
- Fire/Explosion (fuel): 1
- Flooding (swamping): 3
- Other: 4
- Falls overboard: 19
- Capsizing: 8
- Collision with vessel: 6
- Skier mishap/fall: 1

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS — 49

TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES — 54
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**Operation at Time of Accident**

- At Anchor: 6
- Cruising: 18
- Drifting: 8
- Changing Speed: 1
- Other: 3
- NO INFO: 3
- Rowing/Paddling: 5
- Docking/Undocking: 1
- Changing direction: 4

**Accident Site Location**

- Lake/Pond: 14
- Bay/Sound: 10
- River/Creek: 12
- Ocean/Gulf: 8
- Canal/Cut: 3
- Inlet/Pass: 2

**Restricted Area Fatal Accidents**

- Other: 4
- Manatee Slow Speed: 3
- MPH Limit: 1
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**VESSEL OWNERSHIP**
- Owned - 38
- Borrowed (not in household) - 11
- Rented - 7

68% Owned
20% Borrowed
12% Rented

56 VESSELS INVOLVED IN 49 FATALITIES.

**VESSEL HULL & FUEL TYPE**
- Fiberglass - 39
- Aluminum - 12
- Other - 4
- Rigid Hull Inf. - 1
- Gasoline - 41
- NOT SPECIFIED - 10
- Electric - 4
- Diesel - 1

**VESSEL TYPE, LENGTH & PROPULSION**
- < 12 Feet - 12
- 12 - 16 Feet - 20
- 17 - 21 Feet - 11
- 22 - 26 Feet - 6
- 27 - 40 Feet - 5
- 66+ Feet - 1
- Not Specified - 1
- Air Thrust - 1
- Manual - 9
- Not Specified - 1
- Propeller - 34
- Water Jet - 11
- Airboat - 1
- Cabin Motorboat - 5
- Canoe/Kayak - 9
- Mini Jet Boat - 1
- Open Motorboat - 24
- Other - 1
- Personal Watercraft - 10
- Pontoon Boat - 1
- Rowboat (Jon) - 1

49 fatalities involving 56 vessels.
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**Primary Cause of Death**
- 70% Drowning
- 30% Trauma

**Operator Gender**
- 96% Male
- 4% Female

**Operator Age**
- 4% Less Than 17 Years
- 4% NO DOB
- 25% 18 - 22 Years
- 40% 23 - 35 Years
- 25% 36 - 50 Years

**Operator Experience**
- 7% Under 10 hours
- 15% 10 - 100 hours
- 39% Unknown
- 39% Over 100 hours

- Male – 54
- Female – 2
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BOAT OPERATOR EDUCATION

VICTIM STATISTICS (SWIMMING ABILITY)

VICTIM STATISTICS (WEARING PFD)

VICTIM STATISTICS (EJECTED)

OPERATORS BY AGE WITHOUT FORMAL BOATER EDUCATION

OPERATOR INSTRUCTION

WEARING PFD

BOAT OPERATOR EDUCATION

VICTIM STATISTICS

Wearing PFD

No Wearing PFD

WEARING PFD

No Info. – 40

Wearing PFD – 9

No Info. – 5

Wearing PFD – 5

Ejected

Ejected – 30

No Info. – 24

Ejected – 15

No Info. – 13

Ejected – 17

No Info. – 17

Ejected – 9

No Info. – 7

Ejected – 4

No Info. – 5

Ejected – 3

No Info. – 4

Ejected – 4

No Info. – 1

Ejected – 1

Less Than 17 Years

22 - 35 Years

36 - 50 Years

51+ Years

No Info.
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49 Fatal accidents involving 54 victims.
2008 Fatality Data

PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT
BY REVIEWING AUTHORITY

- Alcohol Use: 13
- Careless/inattention: 4
- Drug use: 1
- Excessive Speed: 3
- Improper loading: 1
- Machinery failure: 1
- No proper look-out: 1
- Operator inexperience: 5
- Operator inattention: 3
- Other: 6
- Overloading: 2
- Reckless operation: 2
- Standing/sitting on gunwale, bow or transom: 5
- UNIDENTIFIABLE: 1
- Weather: 2

49 FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS

STATE WATERS VS. OFFSHORE FATALITIES

- 98% State Waters
- 2% Offshore

Offshore – 1  State Waters – 53