At approximately 6:30 p.m., the vessel was travelling in Grouper Creek Bay in Monroe County. There were two people onboard, a 22 year old male operator and a 21 year old female occupant. The two were returning home from Nest Key and the operator did not turn the vessel or slow down as he approached the shoreline. The vessel impacted the mangroves along the shoreline and came to rest approximately 25 feet from the water’s edge. They received only minor injuries. Alcohol may have been a factor involved in this accident; however, at time of the investigation, the operator did not show any signs of impairment.

Top photo: View of the vessel from the edge of the mangroves.

Bottom photo: View from inside the vessel looking back toward the water.
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Number of Accidents - Top Ten States 2012
(RECREATIONAL)

- Florida: 662
- California: 365
- New York: 197
- Texas: 162
- North Carolina: 145
- Tennessee: 147
- Missouri: 141
- Ohio: 136
- Louisiana: 116

*Based on $2,000 damage threshold
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division

Registered Vessels - Top Ten States 2012
(RECREATIONAL)

- Florida: 870,031
- California: 817,996
- Minnesota: 804,089
- Michigan: 776,584
- Wisconsin: 622,563
- North Carolina: 580,064
- New York: 463,539
- South Carolina: 460,564
- Texas: 441,732
- Ohio: 391,711

*Totals represent number of recreationally registered vessels in 2012.
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division
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2009 - 2013 Florida Reportable Accidents

*Totals represent all currently registered vessels for that year.  
Source: Florida DHSMV