



Boating Injuries



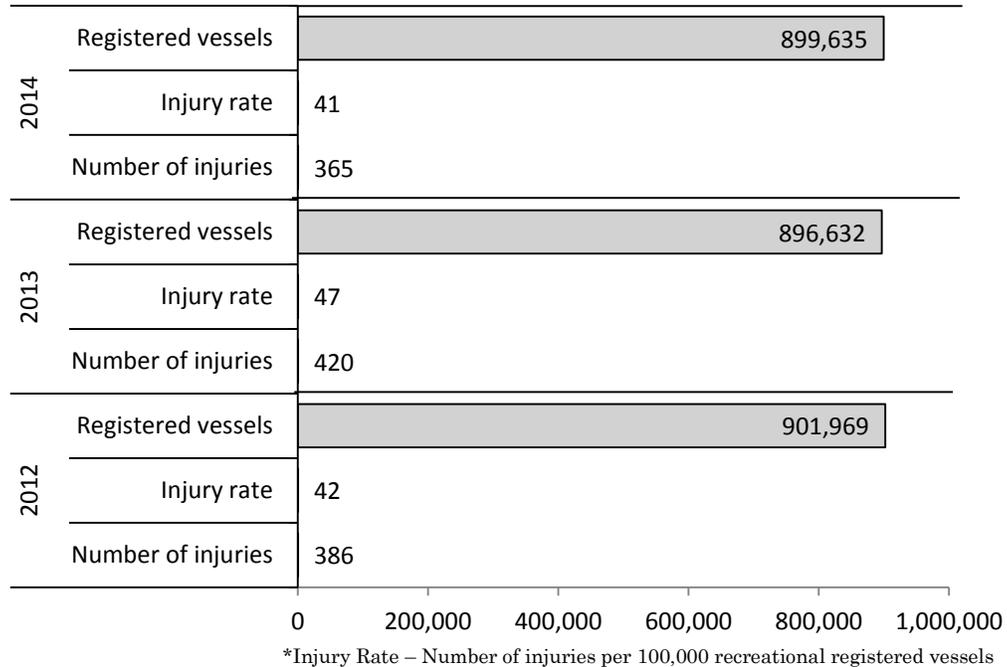
2014 Boating Injuries photo detail

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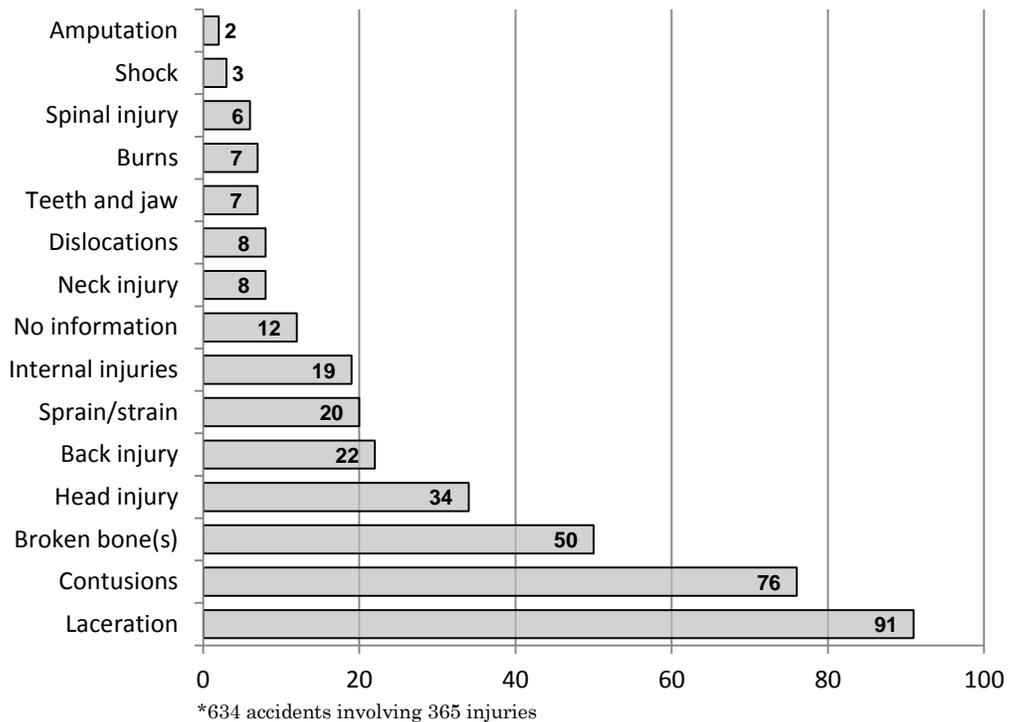
On the early morning of July 30 2014, the operator of a 26 foot vessel was leaving Salt Creek in Pinellas County. As he exited speed zone in Bayborough Harbor, he accelerated the vessel. He was traveling east, approximately 200 yards from the shore line when he made a sharp turn to the north and moments later struck a channel marker. The impact broke the piling and the operator fell against the console, striking his head. After recovering from a few moments of disorientation, the operator applied a towel to his head wound and called for help. He received treatment at a local hospital for a 4-inch laceration on his forehead.

2014 INJURY DATA

TOTAL INJURIES RECORDED 2011-2014

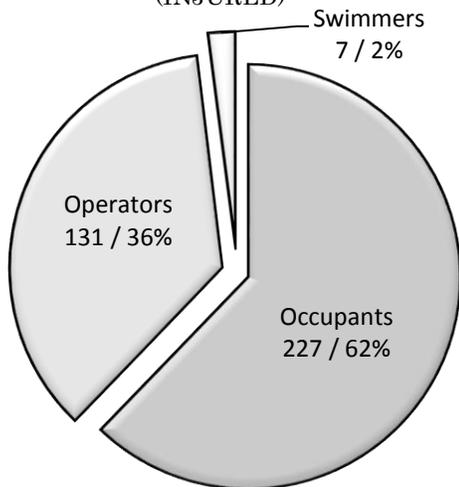


TYPES OF INJURY



2014 INJURY DATA

VICTIM STATISTICS
(INJURED)



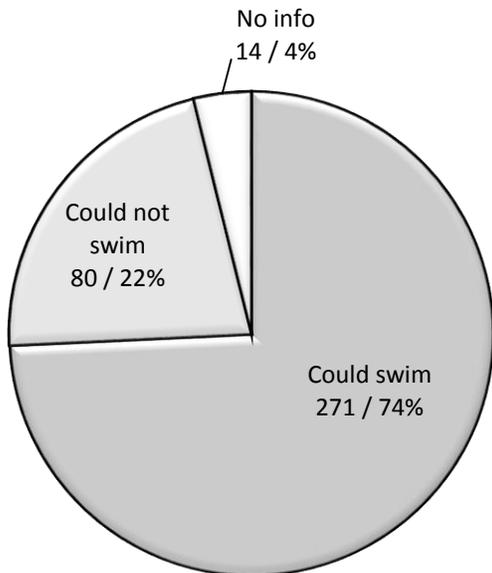
*634 accidents involving 365 injured

On January 19, 2014, a 26 foot Sea Ray was traveling in a northerly direction from the Lake Worth Pier approximately one mile from shore in the Atlantic Ocean. A 27 foot Black Fin was drifting to the west of the Sea Ray and was displaying a divers down flag.

The Sea Ray changed course and crossed the path of the Black Fin approximately 50 to 75 feet ahead of it. The Sea Ray struck a diver from the Black Fin. After striking the diver, the Sea Ray headed toward Palm Beach Inlet.

The diver sustained injuries from his upper rear right leg ankle. Investigation revealed that the dive flag was not properly displayed because the stiffener rod had broken due to corrosion. The operator of the Black Fin was cited for the improper flag display.

VICTIM STATISTICS
(SWIMMING ABILITY)



VICTIM STATISTICS
(PFD USE)

