A thorough review of the annual boating accident statistics has revealed that 67% of the reportable boating accidents during the 2013 calendar year occurred in 11 Florida counties.

The information on the following pages represents a breakdown of the accident data from each of these top 11 counties. The graphs show the types of vessels involved, the primary cause of each accident and the 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 and Waterways Section.
Florida Top Counties of Boating Accidents during 2013

**Legend**

- Fatal Accident (30)
- Accident with Injury (192)
- Accident without Injury (273)
Known Locations of Accidents in Miami-Dade County during 2013

Legend
- Fatal Accident (3)
- Accident with Injury (39)
- Accident without Injury (62)
1. MIAMI DADE COUNTY

**Type Of Vessel**

**Primary Cause Of Accident**

**Primary Type Of Accident**
Known Locations of Accidents in Monroe County during 2013

**Legend**
- Fatal Accident (5)
- Accident with Injury (45)
- Accident without Injury (50)

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2. Monroe County

**Type Of Vessel**

- Open motorboat: 51
- Personal watercraft: 31
- Cabin motorboat: 22
- Sail (sail power): 10
- Other: 6
- Mini/A boat: 2
- Position boat: 1
- Row boat (unj): 1

**Primary Cause Of Accident**

- Collision with fixed object: 20
- Collision with vessel (overturning): 13
- Overturning: 12
- Other: 9
- Alcohol use: 8
- Equipment failure: 6
- Weather: 4
- Overloading: 3
- Vision restricted: 3
- Lack of proper lights: 2
- Hazing or manner: 2
- Congested waters: 2
- Other: 1

**Primary Type Of Accident**

- Collisions: 23
- Collision with vessel: 21
- Collision with fixed object: 12
- Other: 8
- Overturning: 7
- Overturning: 7
- Overturned: 4
- Other: 3
- Collisions: 3
- Collisions: 2
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Known Locations of Accidents in Palm Beach County during 2013

**Legend**
- Fatal Accident (3)
- Accident with Injury (14)
- Accident without Injury (39)

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3. Palm Beach County

**Type of Vessel**

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Known Locations of Accidents in Broward County during 2013

Legend
- **Fatal Accident (1)**
- **Accident with Injury (21)**
- **Accident without Injury (28)**

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4. Broward County

**Type of Vessel**

**Primary Cause of Accident**

**Primary Type of Accident**
Known Locations of Accidents in Pinellas County during 2013

Legend

- Fatal Accident (6)
- Accident with Injury (15)
- Accident without Injury (26)
5. Pinellas County

Type of Vessel

Primary Cause of Accident

Primary Type of Accident
Known Locations of Accidents in Lee County during 2013

**Legend**
- Fatal Accident (1)
- Accident with Injury (10)
- Accident without Injury (19)

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6. Lee County

Type of Vessel

Primary Cause of Accident

Primary Type of Accident
Known Locations of Accidents in Brevard County during 2013

Legend

- Fatal Accident (2)
- Accident with Injury (10)
- Accident without Injury (11)

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7. Brevard County

**Type of Vessel**

- **Arbor**: 11
- **Open motorboat**: 10
- **Personal watercraft**: 4
- **Cabin motorboat**: 3
- **Canoe/kayak**: 2
- **Sail (non-hull)**: 2
- **Other**: 1

**Primary Cause of Accident**

- **Excessive speed**: 5
- **Inexperience**: 3
- **Neglect/laziness**: 2
- **Drunk driver**: 2
- **Weather**: 1
- **Sharp turn**: 1
- **Overloading**: 1
- **Maneuvering**: 1
- **Lack of proper lights**: 1
- **Improper anchoring**: 1
- **Hull failure**: 1
- **Equipment failure**: 1
- **Alcohol use**: 1

**Primary Type of Accident**

- **Collision with vessel**: 8
- **Flooded (swimming)**: 5
- **Collision with fixed object**: 3
- **Fall in boat**: 2
- **Falls overboard**: 1
- **Fire/explosion (non-fuel)**: 1
- **Grounding**: 1
- **Sinking**: 1
- **Other**: 1
Known Locations of Accidents in Okaloosa County during 2013

Legend
- Fatal Accident (2)
- Accident with Injury (12)
- Accident without Injury (10)
8. Okaloosa County

Type of Vessel

Primary Cause of Accident

Primary Type of Accident
Known Locations of Accidents in Collier County during 2013

**Legend**
- Fatal Accident (2)
- Accident with Injury (8)
- Accident without Injury (12)

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9. Collier County

Type of Vessel

Primary Cause of Accident

Primary Type of Accident
Known Locations of Accidents in Duval County during 2013

**Legend**

- Red Circle: Fatal Accident (4)
- Blue Circle: Accident with Injury (4)
- Green Circle: Accident without Injury (11)

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10. Duval County

Type of Vessel

Primary Cause of Accident

Primary Type of Accident
Known Locations of Accidents in Hillsborough County during 2013

Legend
- Fatal Accident (0)
- Accident with Injury (11)
- Accident without Injury (8)
11. Hillsborough County

**Type of Vessel**

- Personal watercraft: 11
- Open motorboat: 10
- Cabin motorboat: 3
- Pontoon boat: 1
- Canoe/kayak: 1
- Jet boat: 1

**Primary Cause of Accident**

- Excessive speed: 5
- No proper lookout: 3
- Weather: 2
- Machinery failure: 2
- Saver or occupant behavior: 2
- Operator inexperience: 1
- Equipment failure: 1
- Careless/negligent: 1

**Primary Type of Accident**

- Collision with vessel: 5
- Collision with fixed object: 3
- Fall on PWC: 2
- Capsize: 2
- Struck by boat (person): 2
- Vessel wake damage: 1
- Fire/explosion (nonfuel): 1
- Fall in boat: 1
- Falls overboard: 1