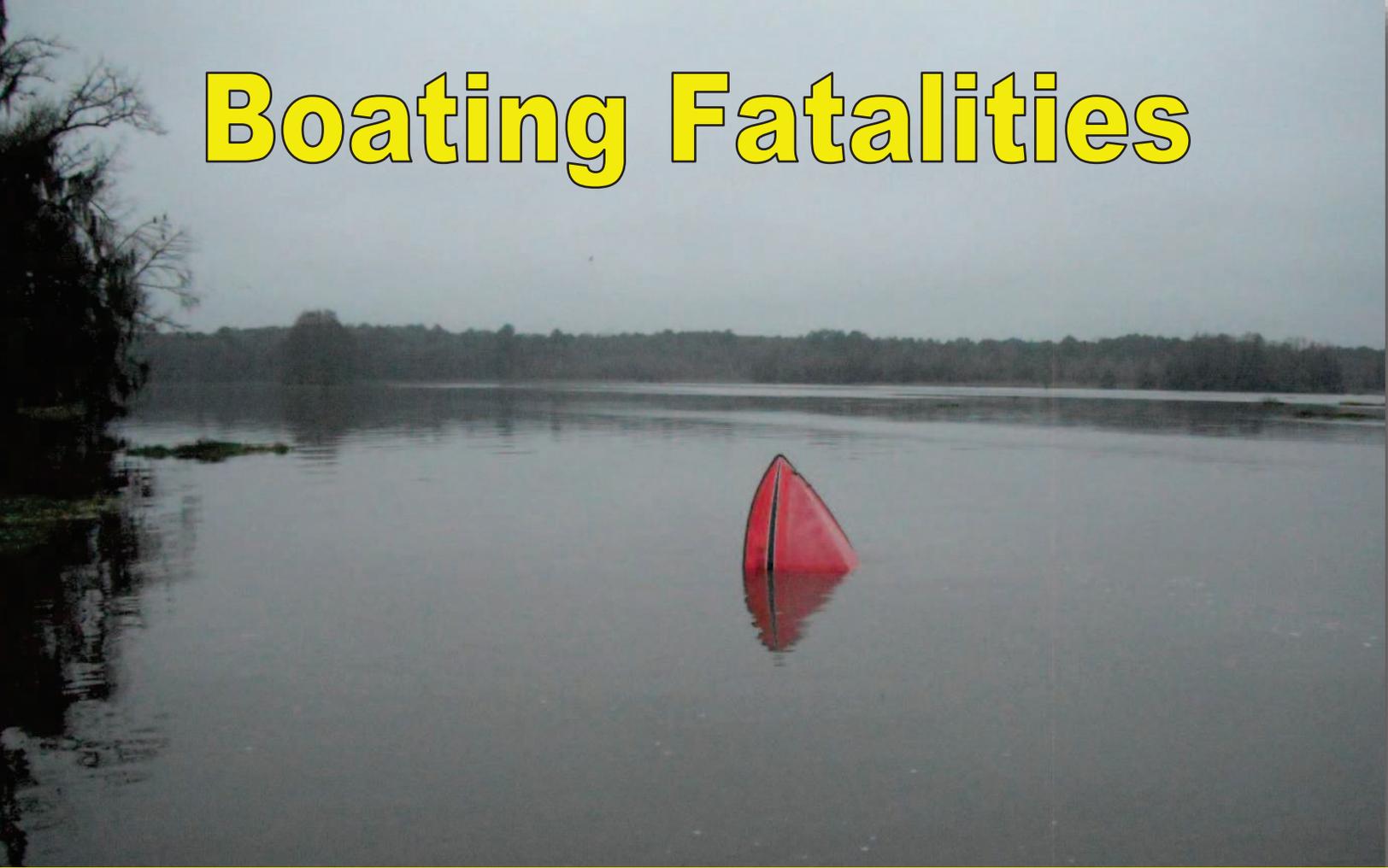


# Boating Fatalities



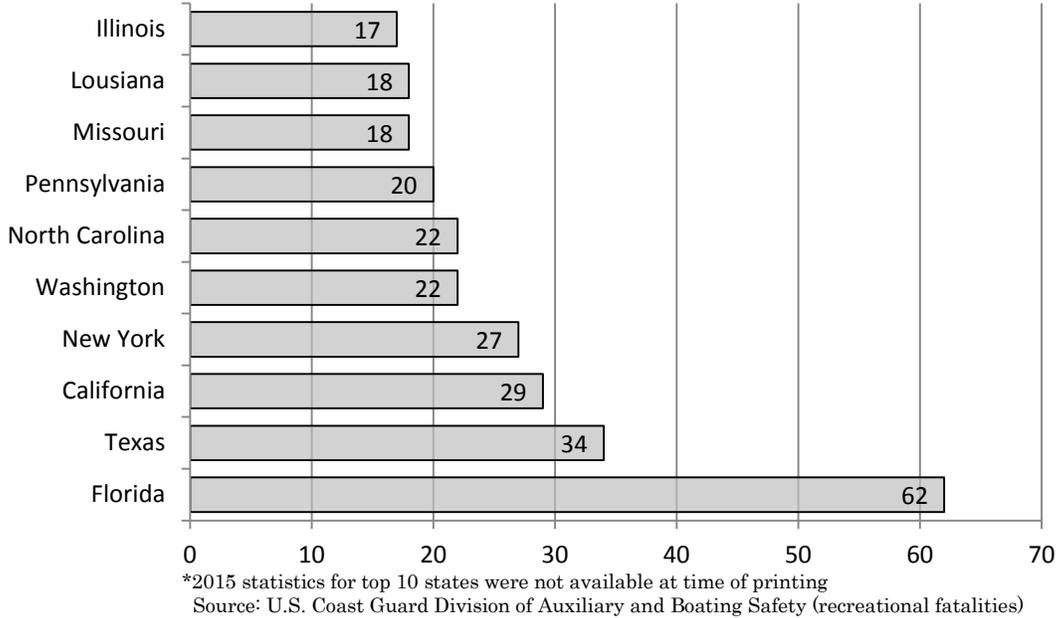
## **Boating Fatalities photo detail**

Cover Photos: (Courtesy of FWC)

Three men were fishing from a 17 foot bass boat on Lake Talquin in Leon County. After relocating to an area on the lake known as the Iron Curtain, one of the men noticed the vessel had taken on water. The operator attempted to start the engine while the other two men reeled in their lines. The vessel capsized before the engine started and all three subjects fell overboard. One of the men, 49 years of age, swam to a nearby piece of land. The other two men were unable to swim and attempted to climb on top of the overturned vessel. The splashing and calls for help were heard by a boater loading his vessel at a nearby boat ramp. He was able to locate and rescue the man on shore. However, the other two men could not be located. A rescue dive team recovered the bodies of the two men, ages 38 and 49 the following day. PFD's were onboard the vessel at the time of the accident, although none had been worn.

## 2015 FATALITY DATA

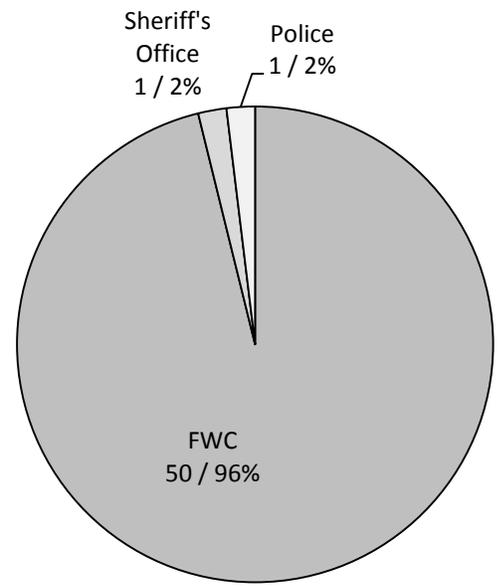
### 2014 FATALITIES - TOP TEN STATES



### FLORIDA TOTAL FATALITIES RECORDED

2015	Registered vessels	915,713
	Fatality rate	6
	Number of fatalities	55
2014	Registered vessels	899,635
	Fatality rate	8.1
	Number of fatalities	73
2013	Registered vessels	896,632
	Fatality rate	6.9
	Number of fatalities	62
2012	Registered vessels	901,969
	Fatality rate	6.1
	Number of fatalities	56
2011	Registered vessels	922,491
	Fatality rate	7.3
	Number of fatalities	67

### INVESTIGATING AGENCY



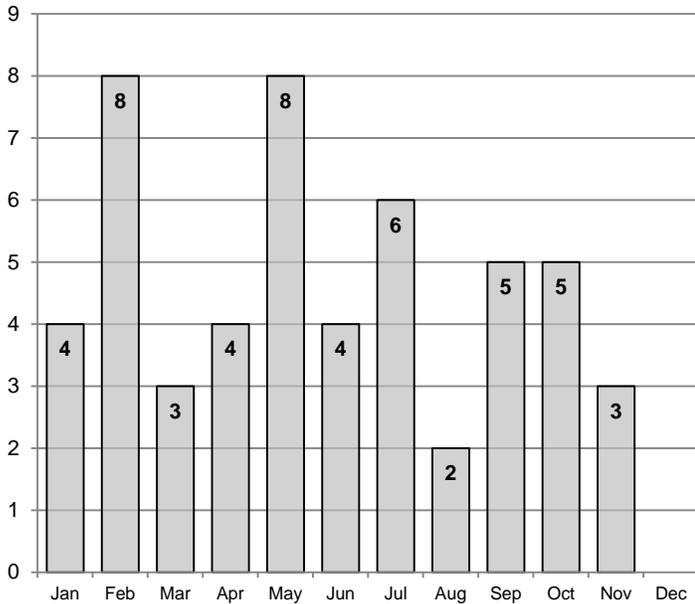
\*52 fatal accidents

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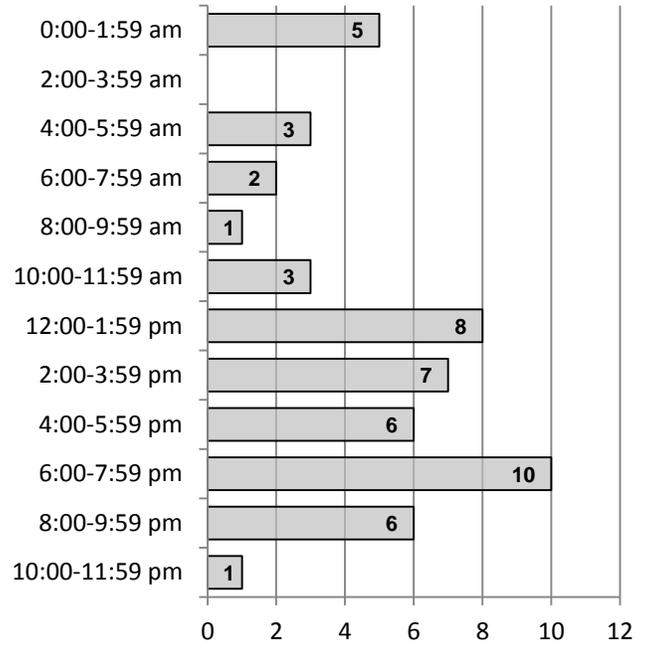
\*Fatality Rate – Number of fatalities per 100,000 registered vessels

## 2015 FATALITY DATA

### FATAL ACCIDENTS BY MONTH



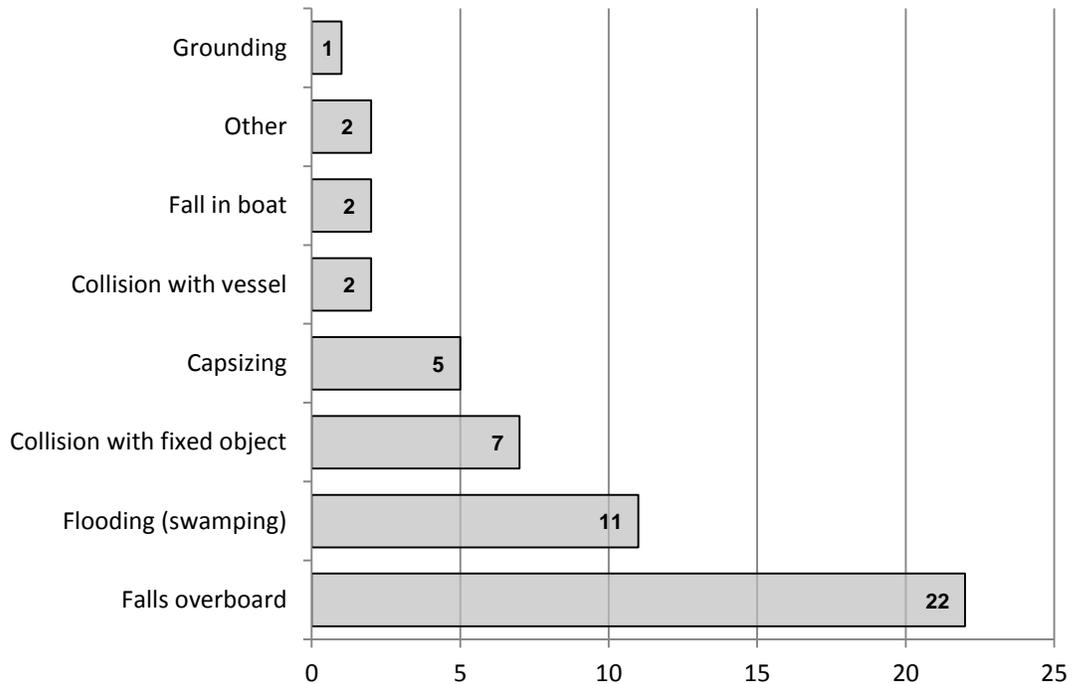
### TIME OF DAY



\*52 fatal accidents involving 55 fatalities

Fatality data includes six missing persons where their disappearance is associated with a boating accident.

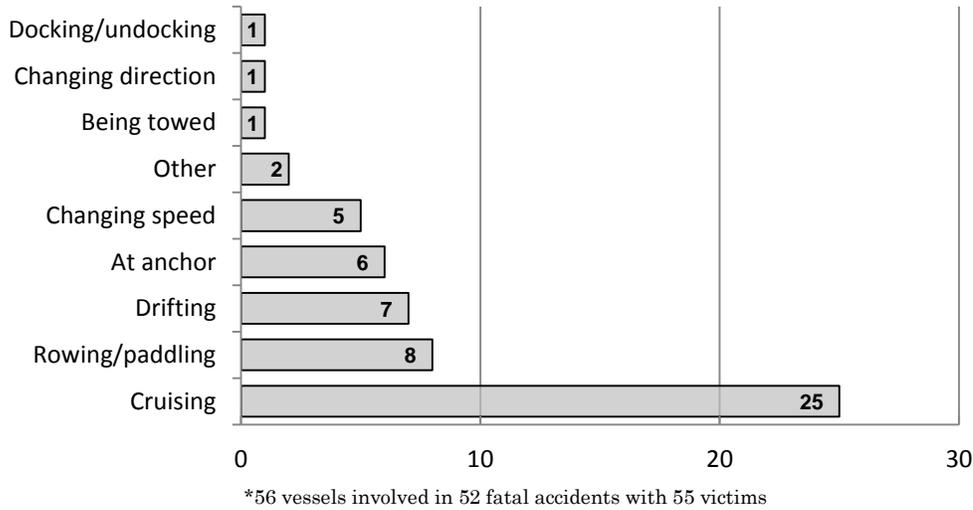
### ACCIDENT TYPES



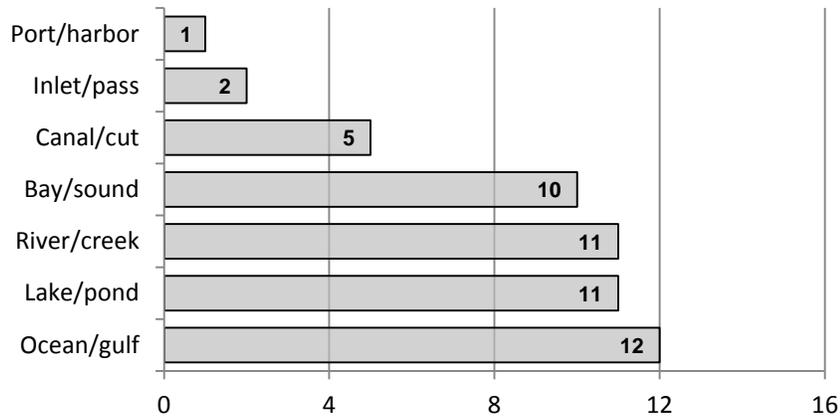
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## 2015 FATALITY DATA

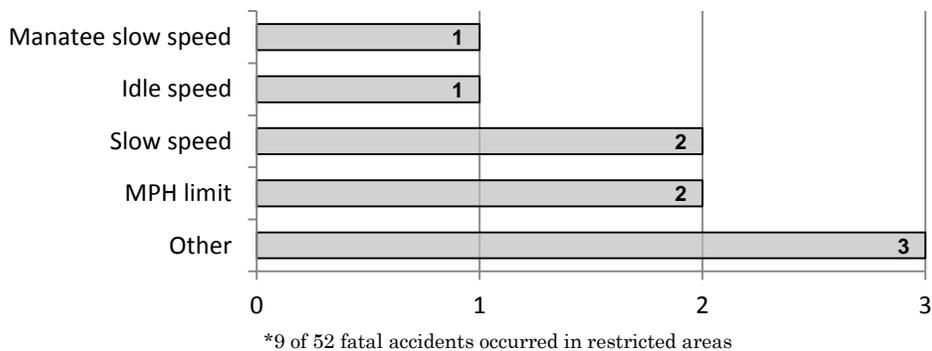
### OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT



### ACCIDENT SITE LOCATION

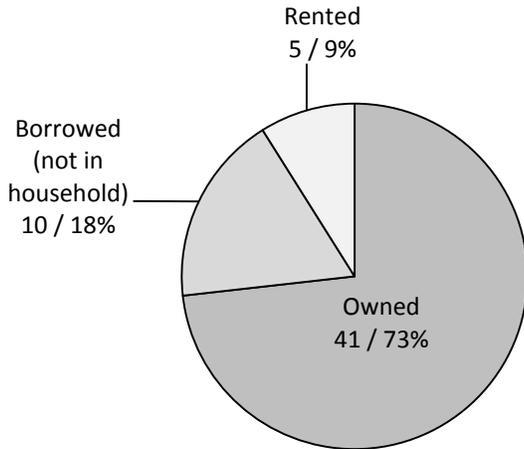


### RESTRICTED AREA FATAL ACCIDENTS

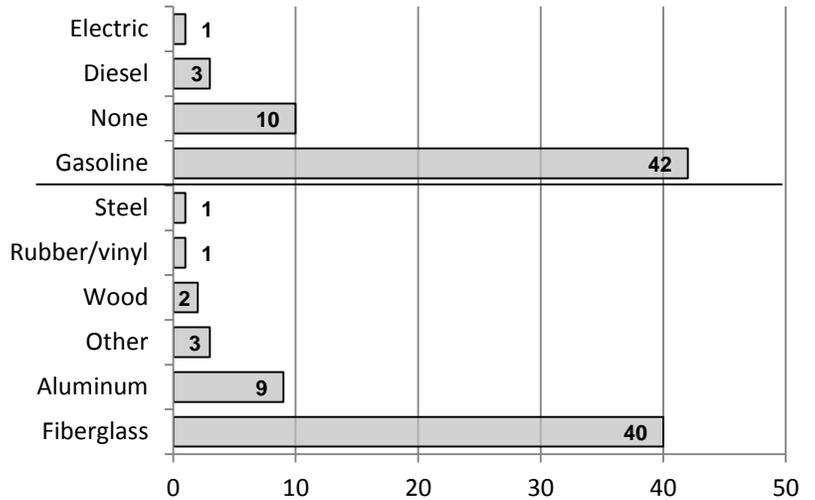


## 2015 FATALITY DATA

### VESSEL OWNERSHIP

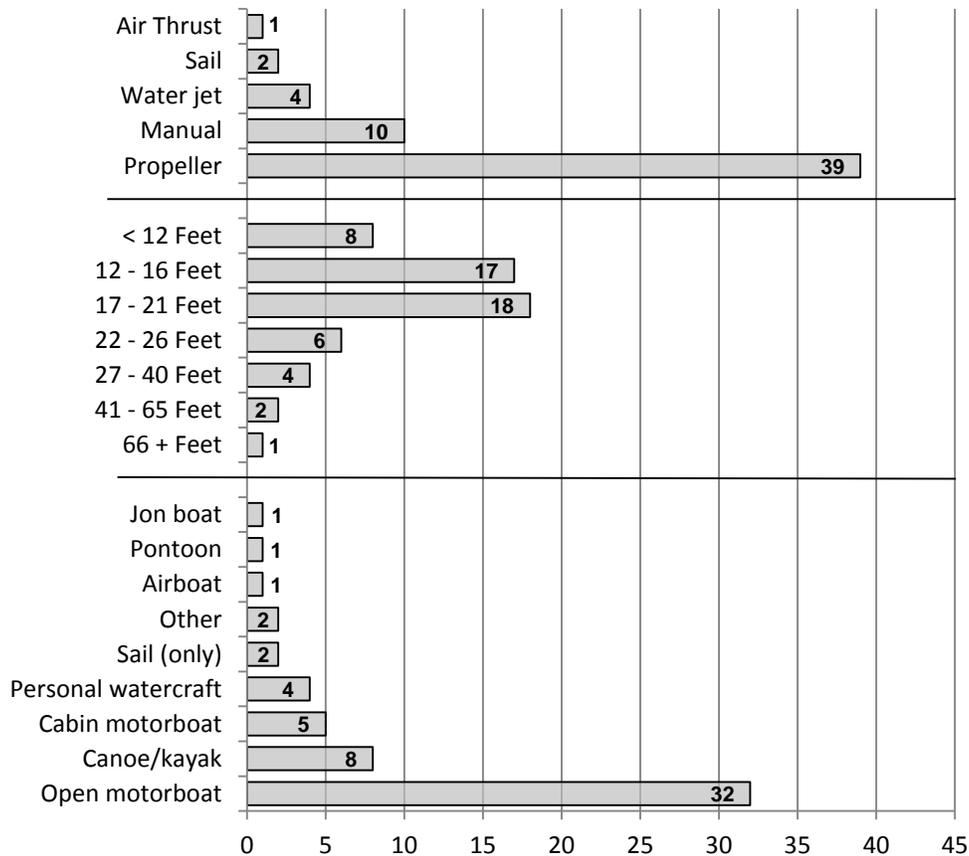


### VESSEL FUEL & HULL TYPE



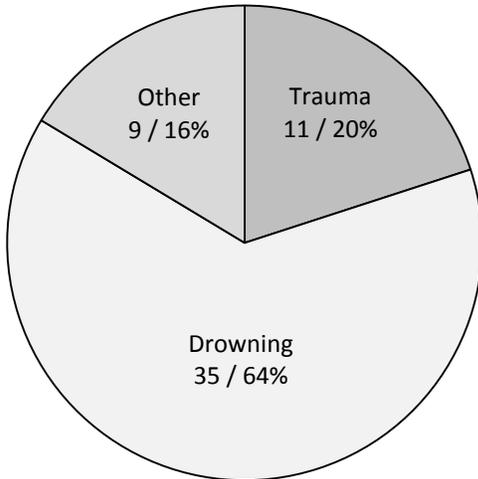
\*55 total fatalities involving 56 vessels

### VESSEL PROPULSION, LENGTH & TYPE



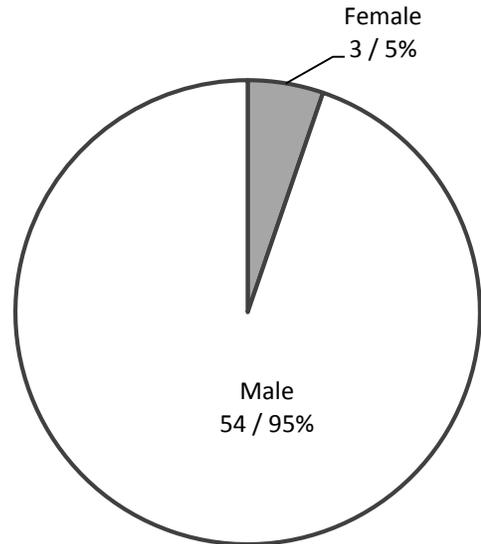
## 2015 FATALITY DATA

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH



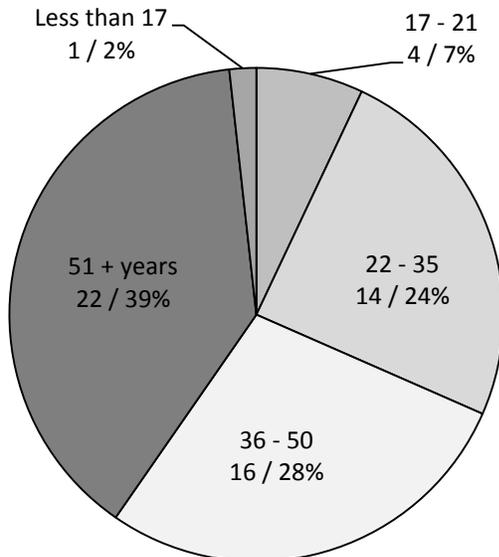
\*55 fatalities, "Other" category includes 6 missing where cause of death is unknown

### OPERATOR GENDER

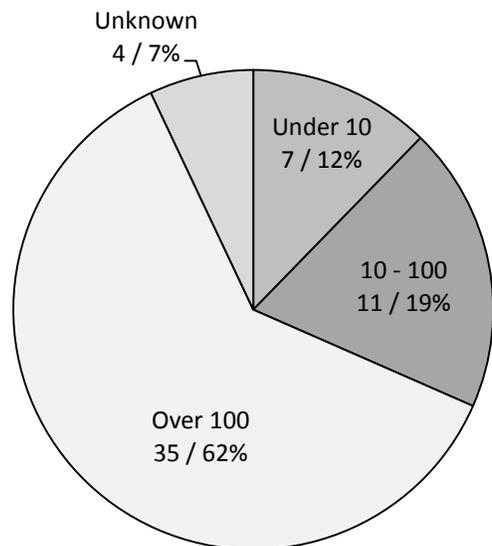


\*57 operators

### OPERATOR AGE



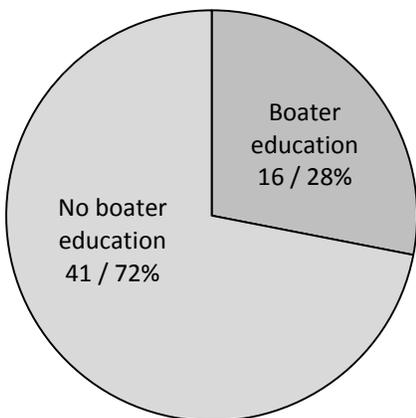
### OPERATOR EXPERIENCE (IN HOURS)



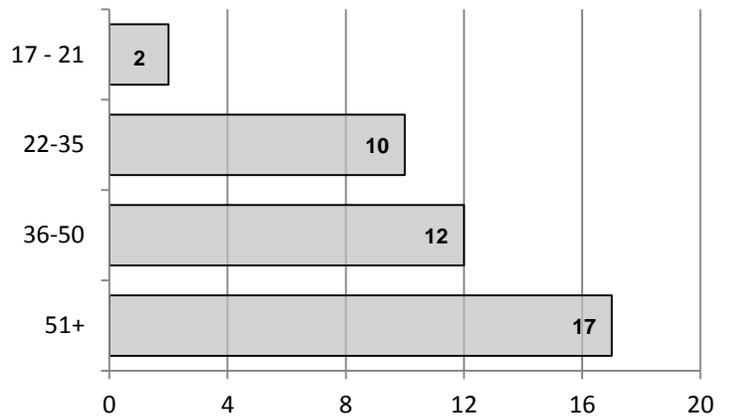
## 2015 FATALITY DATA

Glades County 2/19/15: A man and woman were in a 20 foot open motor boat on Lake Okeechobee. Approximately two miles from Indian Prairie, the male operator slowed the vessel and turned around due to the rough conditions. Waves began pouring over the stern and the vessel quickly submerged. The two did not have PFDs on and were heavily clothed. The male became exhausted and slipped below the surface. The female was able to hold onto some floating debris and was rescued a few hours later. The body of the operator was located three days later.

### OPERATOR EDUCATION

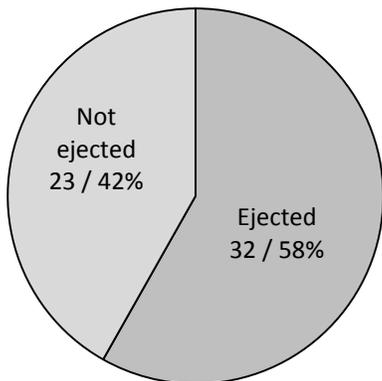


### OPERATORS BY AGE WITHOUT FORMAL BOATER EDUCATION

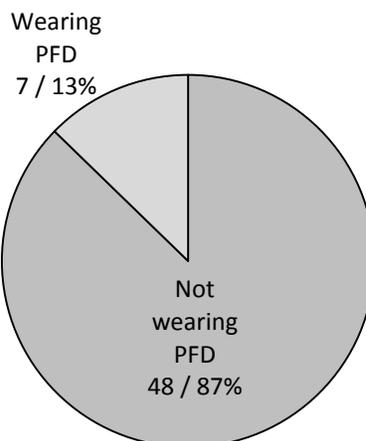


\*41 operators did not have any formal boater education

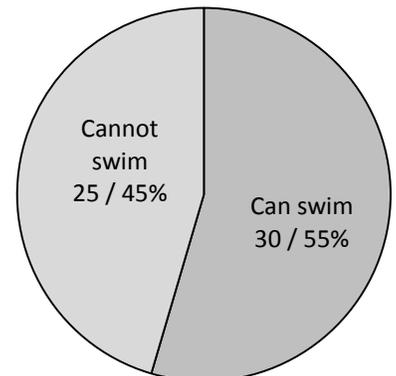
### VICTIM STATISTICS (EJECTED)



### VICTIM STATISTICS (WEARING PFD)



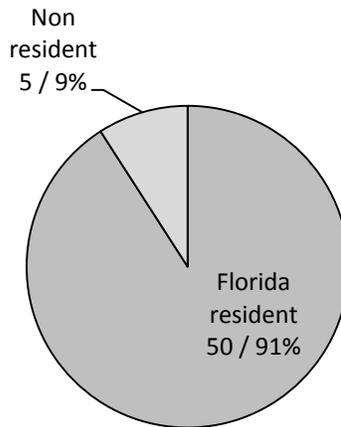
### VICTIM STATISTICS (SWIMMING ABILITY)



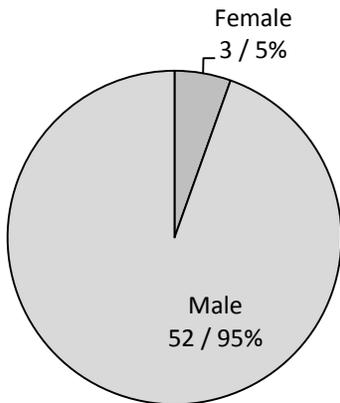
\*52 fatal accidents involving 55 victims

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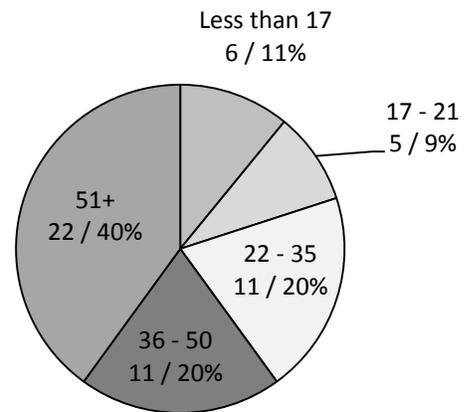
### VICTIM RESIDENCY



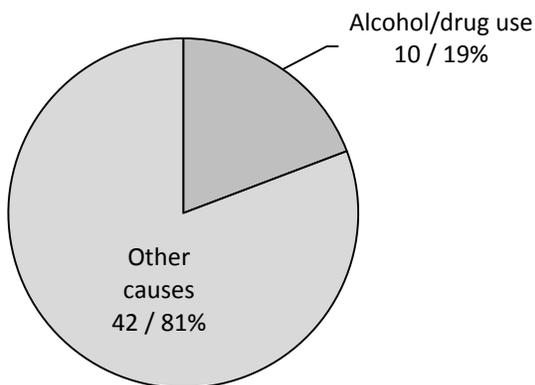
### VICTIM GENDER



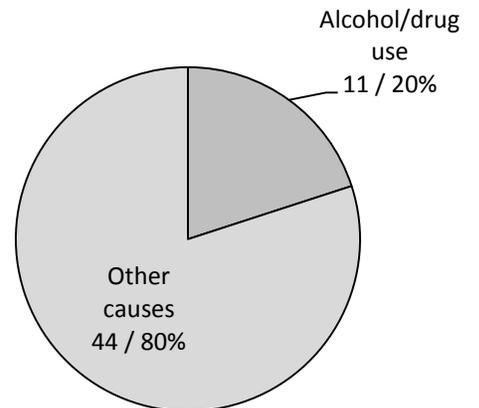
### VICTIM AGE



### ALCOHOL/DRUG RELATED ACCIDENTS



### ALCOHOL/DRUG RELATED VICTIMS

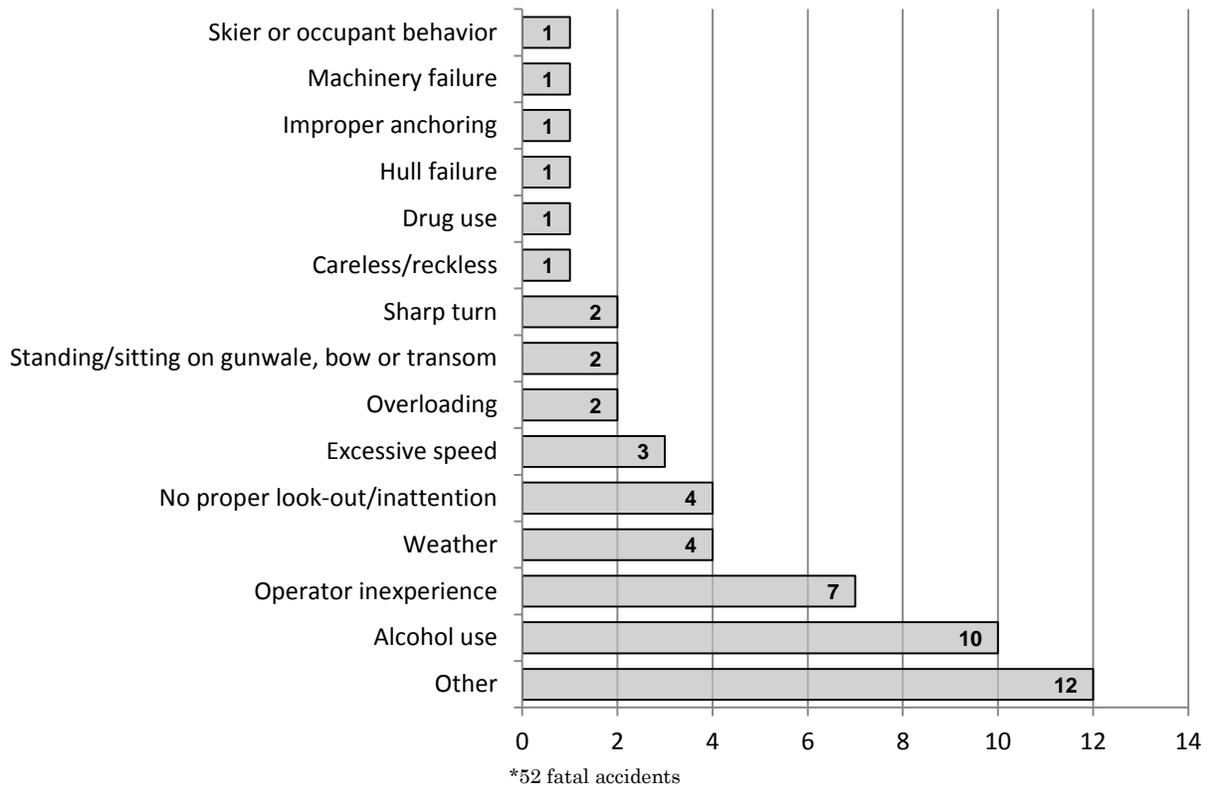


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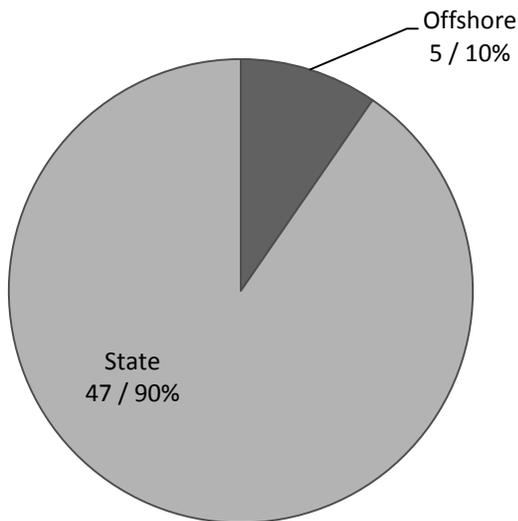
(Alcohol/drug related refers to any accidents in which alcohol or drug use may have been a contributing factor, whether or not legally impaired.)

## 2015 FATALITY DATA

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT BY REVIEWING AUTHORITY



### STATE WATERS VS. OFFSHORE WATERS



\*Offshore defined as the edge of the Gulf Stream or three miles from shore, whichever is greater, in the Atlantic and more than nine miles out in the Gulf.