Boating Accident Review photo detail

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A 16 foot Boston Whaler being operated by a 63-year-old male collided with the ICW channel marker 25 in Pinellas County. The operator claimed he was doing a short test run in preparation for the following day. As he was heading South on the ICW in the vicinity of Reddington Shores, he began to make a U turn. At the start of the turn he struck the channel marker head on. The operator was ejected and it is believed he struck his head on the marker. After a period of time, he awoke to find himself floating in the water. He then swam back to the vessel, climbed aboard and waited for help to arrive. The operator suffered minor cuts on his head from the accident.
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Number of Accidents - Top Ten States 2014 (Recreational)

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

Registered Vessels - Top Ten States 2014 (Recreational)

*Totals represent number of recreationally registered vessels in 2014.
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2011 - 2015 FLORIDA REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS

![Bar chart showing reportable accidents from 2011 to 2015.](chart)

2011-2015 FLORIDA TOTAL REGISTERED VESSELS

![Bar chart showing total registered vessels from 2011 to 2015.](chart)

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