

# Boating Injuries



## Boating Injuries photo detail

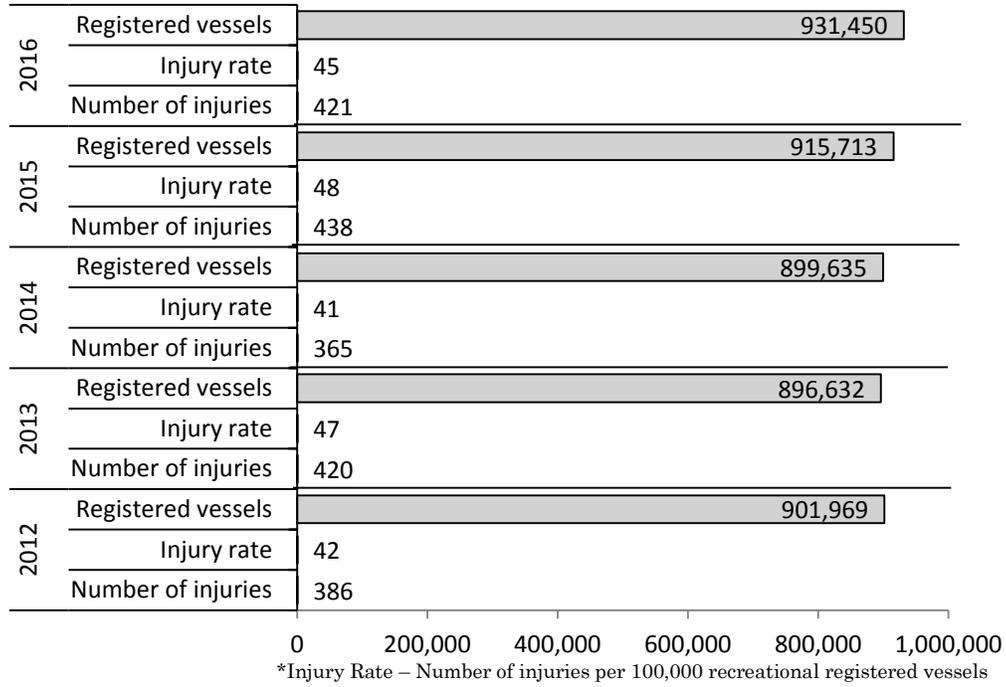
Cover Photo: (Courtesy of FWC)

On May 5, 2016, at approximately 11:00 pm, a 30' Century with two persons onboard was travelling back from the ocean-side of Snake Creek near mile marker 98. The operator was reportedly using his GPS and not looking forward when the starboard bow collided with unlit red channel marker number 58A. The force of the collision caused both persons to crash into the center console of the vessel. The vessel sustained significant damage to the bow. They were unable to call for help right away since both cell phones were damaged and the VHF was not working. The operator pulled apart the wiring in his vessel and rewired the VHF directly to the battery. He was able to request assistance and afterwards used a flare to help being located.

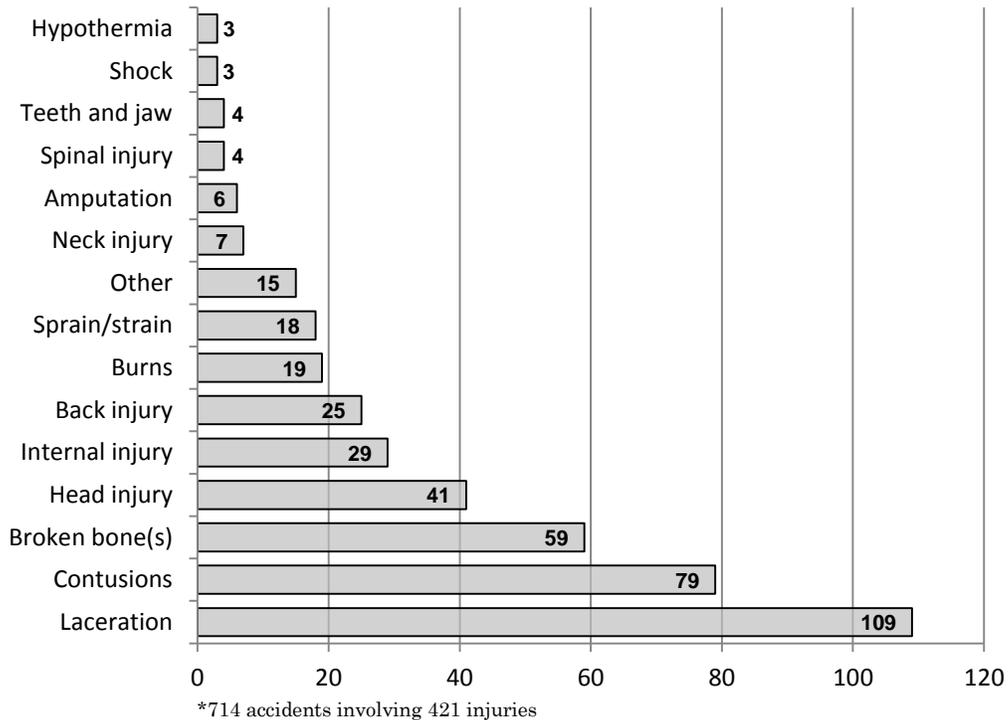
The two occupants suffered minor injuries consisting of lacerations and bruising. Both persons refused medical treatment and were transported to shore. The vessel was recovered by a commercial salvage company.

## 2016 INJURY DATA

### TOTAL INJURIES RECORDED 2012-2016

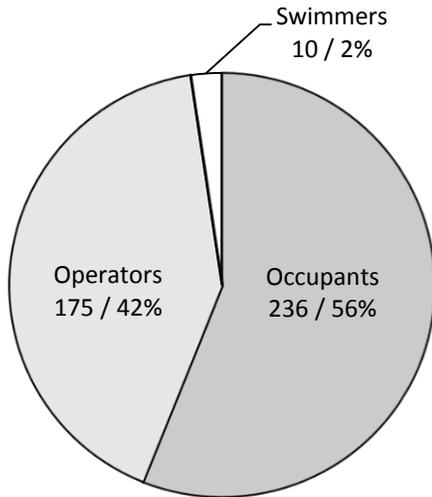


### TYPES OF INJURY



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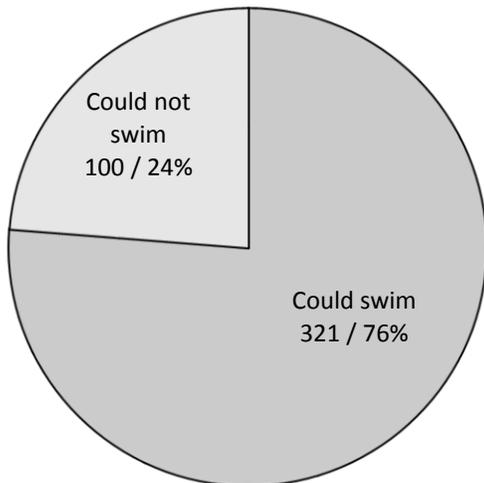
### VICTIM STATISTICS (INJURED)



\*714 accidents involving 421 injured

On July 9, 2016, at approximately 9:00 pm, a 21-foot open motorboat was underway in Escambia Bay. The vessel had two persons onboard, a 47-year-old operator and a 45 year-old occupant. As the vessel was being navigated into the area of a channel the operator made a port turn and accelerated causing the bow to rise. V1 struck the east side of a wooden jetty, the impact and speed caused the vessel to ramp up and settle on a piling. The operator sustained a laceration to his forehead and bruising to his upper torso as a result of impact with the steering wheel and windshield. The occupant was thrown forward from her seat and suffered lacerations to the rear of her head and hands from impact with the center console.

### VICTIM STATISTICS (SWIMMING ABILITY)



### VICTIM STATISTICS (PFD USE)

