On June 11, 2016, at approximately 1:30 pm, a 39' Yellowfin vessel was traveling South at approximately 40 knots on autopilot. At the same time, a 39' Hatteras was trolling at approximately 5 knots. The operator of the Yellowfin was not paying attention to traffic on the water and crashed into the starboard stern of the Hatteras. Three occupants of the Hatteras vessel jumped overboard prior to impact. The operator of the Hatteras was ejected upon impact. The Yellowfin ramped over the Hatteras and after settling back in the water turned around to pick up the occupants and operator of the Hatteras. While the Hatteras was being towed back, it began to take on water and sank approximately four miles offshore. Only minor lacerations and bruising were sustained by the operator of the Hatteras.
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Number of Accidents - Top Eleven States 2015 (Recreational)

*Based on $2,000 damage threshold, eleven states due to ties.
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division

Registered Vessels - Top Ten States 2015 (Recreational)

* Totals represent number of recreationally registered vessels in 2015.
Source: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division

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2012 - 2016 Florida Reportable Accidents

2012-2016 Florida Total Registered Vessels

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