

Boating Enforcement Statistics



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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

This report is part of a biannual report we would like to make to the commission each year. Our next report will focus upon Boating Access and will be given in the spring of 2018.

Boating and Waterways

- Boating Safety Unit



- Waterway Management Unit



- Boating Access Unit



Boating and Waterways Section is divided into three primary units

Boating Safety Unit:

- Tracks and reviews statewide boating accident reports
- Creates the yearly Boating Accident Statistical Report
- Manages Boating Safety Education and Outreach
- Creates boating Safety ID Cards and manages the Temporary Certificate Program

Waterway Management Unit:

- Responsible for over 10,000 markers and buoys statewide
- Waterway marker permit processing
- Derelict Vessel Program

Boating Access Unit:

- Management of the FWC boating access grant program
 - Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)
 - Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP)
- Tracks boat ramps statewide with the Boat Ramp Finder application
- Manages 248 state owned boat ramps



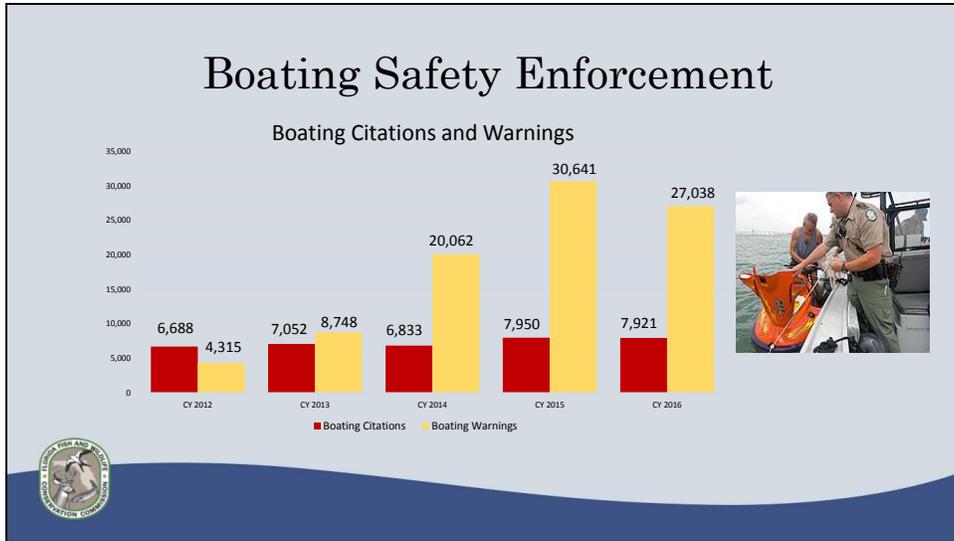
Our state has been experiencing an upward trend in vessel registration over the past 4 years. We now lead the nation in registered vessels with over 931,000 registered vessels in 2016.



Source: FWC Activity Net Database, 2016

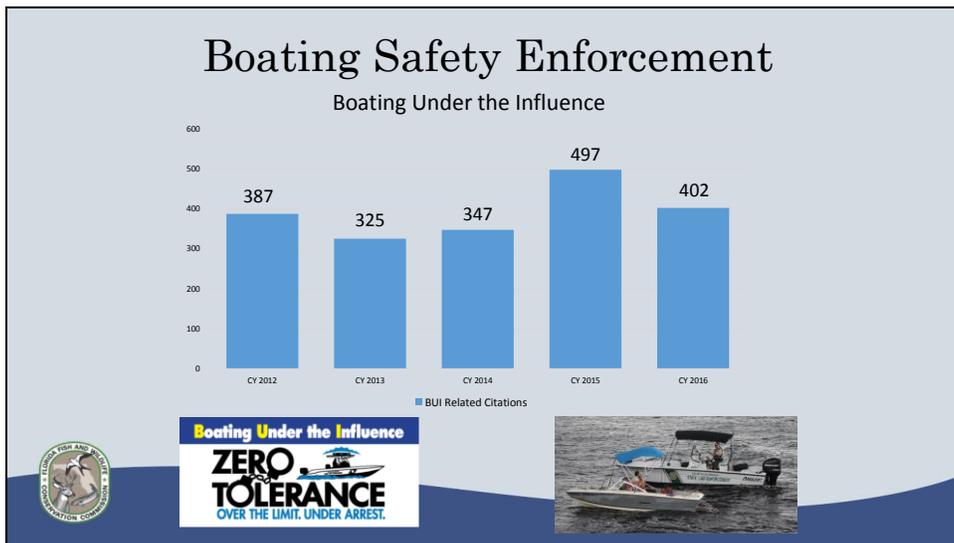
Note: These data are for Investigator 1 and Officers and does not include supervisory personnel and only represents waterborne patrol and not all water-related activity.

The number of officers per year has remained relatively constant



Source: FWC Mobile Forms Database, 2016

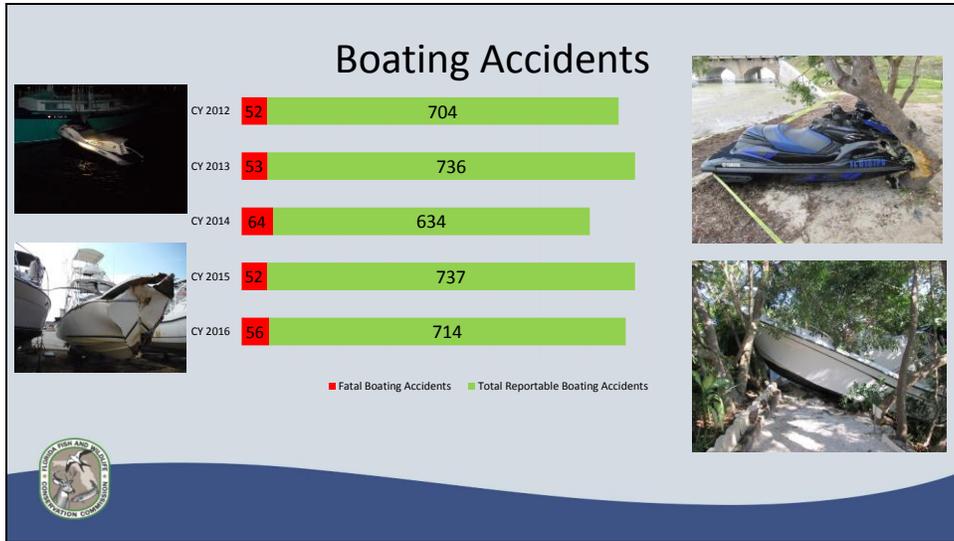
This slide represents the large increase in written warnings issued for boating safety violations. Agency wide we have taken a strong educational approach to boating safety and these numbers show the overall outcome of these efforts.



Source: FWC Mobile Forms Database

We take BUI enforcement very seriously as there is a direct connection between our enforcement efforts and lives saved. As a part of our statewide strategy we work special enforcement details during peak boating times. This includes working on holidays and working with other agencies to maximize our enforcement efforts.

This slide depicts our Boating Under the Influence related citations and represents the cumulative effort of the agency's BUI enforcement statewide.

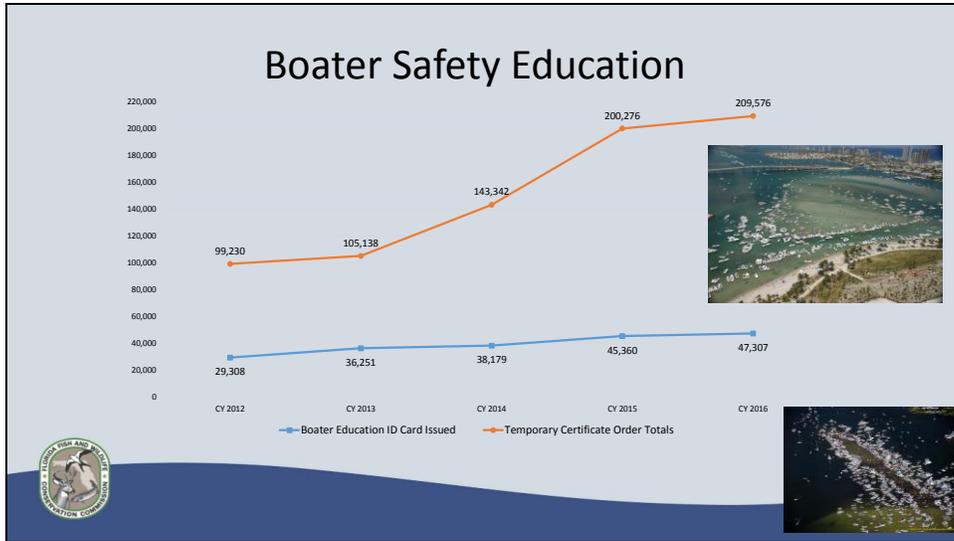


Source: FWC Boating Accidents Statistical Report, 2016

Our state averages roughly 705 accidents per year over the last 5 years with an annual percentage of 7 to 10% of those accidents resulting in fatalities.

Percentage of Fatal Accidents

2012 7%
 2013 7%
 2014 10%
 2015 7%
 2016 9%



Source: FWC BobberNet Database

Temporary certificates issued have continually increased over the past 5 years with over 209,000 sold in 2016 alone

Online temporary certificate program is on track with an implementation date of early 2018.



Vessel Theft Statistics 2012-16

- Top ten Counties: Brevard, Broward, Collier, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk

Enforcement Action on Vessel Theft

- Training was developed utilizing FWC subject matter experts
- Train the Trainer Courses created and educated new instructors
- Training was conducted statewide, including at the Florida Public Safety Institute (FPSI)
- Partnering with local and state law enforcement



We are actively working with our partner agencies to establish a task force to deal with the this growing problem statewide.

One of the primary focus points for the task force will be intelligence gathering and multi agency Investigations.



"Lead the nation in safe and responsible boating through reasonable regulation, education, waterway management and access."

