

BOATING ACCIDENTS

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Number of accidents - 113
 Number of boats involved - 146
 Lives lost - 44
 Persons injured - 73
 Property damage - \$108,863 (fire, one cabin cruiser \$40,000)

<u>Operators:</u>		<u>Boats involved:</u>	
Teenage	14	Motorboats under 26'	94
20's	31	Cruisers over 26'	11
30's	39	Rowboats	6
40's	17	Sailboats	4
50's	19		
60's	1		
70's	1		

<u>Accidents occurred in:</u>	<u>Months</u>	
Rivers 54	March	2
Small lakes 28	April	7
Chain o' Lakes 20	May	8
Lake Michigan 11	June	21
	July	36
	August	24
	September	11
	October	1
	November	1
	December	2
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Operators Experience:

Less than 20 hours	12
20 to 100 hours	15
100 to 500 hours	47
Over 500 hours	36

Counties:

Calhoun	2	Mercer	2
Carrroll	1	Morgan	1
Cass	3	Montgomery	2
Clinton	1	Randolph	1
Cook	19	Rock Island	4
Fulton	3	Sangamon	3
Grundy	3	Schuyler	1
Jersey	5	Tazewell	1
Kane	1	Vermilion	3
Knox	1	White	1
Kankakee	2	Whiteside	3
Jackson	1	Will	4
Lake	21	Williamson	3
LaSalle	5		
Macon	1		
Madison	3		
Macoupin	1		
Marshall	1		
Mason	1		
McHenry	8		

Causes of Boating Accidents;

Carelessness and inattention 27
Striking submerged object, underwater rocks and floating debris 17
Explosions, fires 10
Skiing accidents 8 (Lost vision of skier - no cap)
(Skier wearing belt life preservär, drowned)
Mechanical failure 6
Overloaded 6
Wake from passing boats 5
Rough water, high winds, poor visibility 5
No lights on boats, or blinded by searchlight 5
Reckless operation 3
Too close to dam 3
Drinking 2
Struck swimming under water 1
Speed 2
Standing in boat 1
Capsized boat 1

Drownings - no life jackets worn 13

(2 parents drowned, not wearing life preservers. Their 2 children, wearing life preservers, stayed with boat and were saved.)

- * Towing surf board, struck sand bar. 6 children thrown in lake. 1 drowned, not wearing life preserver
- Struck submerged timber. "If 4 children had not had life preservers on, would have drowned. Boat sank rapidly."
- Struck underwater object. "Saved by life jackets" 2 people

Changing seats, fell overboard. Husband not wearing life preserver, drowned. Wife wearing life preserver rescued.

Children under 10 lost

- * One 5 yr. old (Towing surf board, struck sand bar, 6 children thrown in water, others rescued)
- One 9 yr. old (Sitting on top of cabin, fell off, struck by propeller)