

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1977

During the calendar year of 1977, there were 111 reportable accidents to this office. Property damage amounted to approximately \$197,802.00. Thirty-Eight (38) accidents occurred in which Eighteen (18) were personal injuries and Twenty Seven (27) were fatalities.

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>COUNTY</u>	
April - 7	September - 11	Cook - 40	Clinton - 1
May - 16	October - 6	Lake - 13	Coles - 1
June - 23	November - 1	McHenry - 5	DuPage - 1
July - 27	December - <u>1</u>	La Salle - 5	Effingham - 1
August - 19	Total 111	Jersey - 3	Franklin - 1
		Kankakee - 3	Henderson - 1
		Lee - 3	Jefferson - 1
		Peoria - 3	Macoupin - 1
		Adams - 2	Moultrie - 1
		Carroll - 2	Pike - 1
		Grundy - 2	Putnam - 1
		Jo Daviess - 2	St. Clair - 1
		Macon - 2	Scott - 1
		Marion - 2	Shelby - 1
		Randolph - 2	Vermilion - 1
		Rock Island - 2	Whiteside - 1
		Calhoun - 1	Will - 1
		Cass - 1	Winnebago - <u>1</u>
			Total 111

BODY OF WATER

Lake Michigan	28	Bluff Lake	1
Illinois River	14	Glasgow Sportsman Club Lake	1
Mississippi River	14	Pistakee Lake	1
Little Calumet River	5	Cal-Sag Canal	1
Rock River	4	Vermilion River	1
Fox River	4	Lake Sara	1
Fox Lake	4	Lake Catherine	1
Chicago Locks	3	Shannon Shore	1
Lake Shelbyville	2	Grass Lake	1
Kankakee River	2	Rend Lake	1
Lake Decatur	2	Round Lake	1
Kaskaskia River	2	Nippersink Lake	1
Montrose Harbor	2	Otter Lake	1
Chicago River	2	Burnham Park Harbor	1
Lake Centralia	2	Des Plaines River	1
Lake Marie	2	Lake Carlyle	1
Old West Frankfort Lake	1	Embarras River	<u>1</u>
Channel Lake	1	TOTAL	111

<u>TYPE OF BOAT</u>	
Open Motorboat	77
Cabin Motorboat	35
Auxiliary Sail	14
Sail	8
Rowboat	3
Other	13
Unknown	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

<u>WEATHER</u>	
Clear	84
Cloudy	15
Rain	5
Hazy	3
Unknown	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

<u>WATER CONDITIONS</u>	
Calm	61
Choppy	25
Rough	9
Very Rough	7
Strong Current	7
Unknown	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

<u>WIND</u>	
None	10
Light	55
Moderate	27
Strong	15
Storm	3
Unknown	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

<u>VISIBILITY</u>	
Good	92
Fair	13
Poor	5
Unknown	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

Cruising	50	Tied To Dock	10
Approaching Dock	6	Fishing	2
Water Skiing	7	Other	18
Racing	2	Unknown	2
Drifting	10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>
At Anchor	4		

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Grounding	2	Collision with fixed object	15
Capsizing	12	Collision with floating object	8
Flooding	1	Falls overboard	8
Sinking	6	Falls In Boat	1
Fire or Explosion (fuel)	2	Hit by Boat or Propeller	8
Collision with vessel	78	Other	14
		Unknown	4
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

AGE AND HOURS EXPERIENCE OF OPERATORS

Age	Less Than 20 Hours	20-100 Hours	100-500 Hours	Over 500 Hours	Unknown	Total
Teenage	1	1	4	1	0	7
20-29	1	11	14	8	1	35
30-39	0	9	13	15	2	39
40-49	2	7	4	18	0	31
50-59	0	3	5	14	2	24
60-Over	2	0	2	5	1	10
Unknown	0	0	0	3	10	13
				*GRAND TOTAL		159

\* There were 111 reportable accidents involving 159 boats. 62 accidents involved one boat and 48 accidents involving two boats, and one accident involving 3 boats.