

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1978

During the calendar year of 1978, there were 113 reportable accidents to this office. Property damage amounted to approximately \$247,878.35. Ninety (90) accidents occurred in which fifty-four (54) were personal injuries and thirty-six (36) were fatalities.

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>COUNTY</u>			
January - 1	August - 24	Calhoun - 2	Logan - 1		
April - 2	September - 13	Clinton - 4	McHenry - 7		
May - 15	October - 12	Cook - 30	Macon - 2		
June - 25	November - 1	DeKalb - 1	Marshall - 1		
July - 21	December - 1	Franklin - 2	Mercer - 1		
		Grundy - 2	Moultrie - 2		
		Jackson - 1	Peoria - 4		
		Jersey - 4	Randolph - 4		
		JoDaviess - 4	Richland - 1		
		Kane - 1	Rock Island - 4		
		Kankakee - 1	Sangamon - 2		
		Lake - 8	Shelby - 1		
		LaSalle - 4	Whiteside - 1		
		Lee - 2	Will - 2		
		Livingston - 1	Winnebago - 3		

BODY OF WATER

Mississippi River - 12	Fox River - 9
Kaskaskia River - 4	Kincaid - 1
Carlyle Lake - 4	Calumet - 5
Gravel Pit - 1	Marina Channel (Miss.) - 1
Pecatonica - 1	Rock River - 1
Elephant Road - 1	Vermillion - 1
Wolf Lake - 1	Chicago - 3
Lake Decatur - 2	Springfield - 2
Lake Michigan - 21	Lake Barrington - 1
Des Plaines - 1	Kankakee - 3
Illinois River - 12	Lincoln Lakes - 1
Shelbyville - 3	Grass Lake - 1
Rend Lake - 2	Pistake Bay - 1
Shabbona St. Park - 1	Bluff Lake - 1
Dramend Lake - 1	Vermer Lake - 1
Fyre Lake - 1	Collins Lake - 1
Channel Lake - 1	Sangamon River - 1

BOATING CODE REPORT

TYPE OF BOAT

1. Open Motorboat - 57
2. Cabin Motorboat - 28
3. Auxiliary Sail - 6
4. Sail (Only) - 6
5. Rowboat - 4
6. Other - 11
7. Unknown - 6

WATER CONDITIONS

1. Calm - 58
2. Choppy - 21
3. Rough - 7
4. Very Rough - 8
5. Strong Current - 6
6. Unknown - 10

VISIBILITY

1. Good - 79
2. Fair - 10
3. Poor - 5
4. Unknown - 14

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

1. Grounding - 3
2. Capsizing - 11
3. Flooding - 6
4. Sinking - 11
5. Fire or Explosion - 5
6. Fire or Explosion
(Other than fuel) - 4
7. Collision with vessel - 33
8. Collision with fixed object - 13
9. Collision with floating object - 3
10. Falls overboard - 3
11. Falls in boat - 1
12. Burns - 0
13. Hit by boat or propeller - 8
14. Other - 6
15. Unknown - 1

WEATHER

1. Clear - 77
2. Cloudy - 12
3. Fog - 1
4. Rain - 6
5. Snow - 1
6. Hazy - 3
7. Unknown - 8

WIND

1. None - 11
2. Light - 52
3. Moderate - 26
4. Strong - 5
5. Stormy - 2
6. Unknown - 13

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

1. Cruising - 51
2. Approaching Dock - 4
3. Water Skiing - 12
4. Racing - 1
5. Towing - 0
6. Being Towed - 0
7. Drifting - 6
8. At anchor - 2
9. Tied to Dock - 5
10. Fueling - 3
11. Fishing - 3
12. Hunting - 1
13. Skin diving or Swimming - 0
14. Other - 7
15. Unknown - 3

AGE AND HOURS EXPERIENCE OF OPERATORS

Age	Less Than 20 Hours	20-100 Hours	100-500 Hours	Over 500 Hours	Unknown	Total
Teenage	2	5	4	0	1	12
20-29	4	7	10	7	1	29
30-39	0	3	10	8	1	22
40-49	2	5	15	6	0	28
50-59	2	1	1	4	1	9
60-Over	1	0	0	3	1	5
Unknown	0	3	0	5	33	41
				GRAND TOTAL		126