

BOATING ACCIDENTS REPORT
1986

Total Accidents - 94
Injuries - 58
of Drownings - 11
of Deaths from injuries - 00

TIME & PLACEMONTH

January - 00	April - 04	July - 27	October - 00
February - 01	May - 11	August - 23	November - 01
March - 01	June - 19	September - 07	December - 00
TOTAL - 94			

DAY

Monday - 04	Wednesday - 05	Friday - 12	Sunday - 36
Tuesday - 04	Thursday - 08	Saturday - 25	
TOTAL - 94			

COUNTY

Adams - 01	Jefferson - 01	Pike - 01
Calhoun - 01	JoDaviess - 06	Putnam - 02
Carrol - 02	Kane - 02	Randolph - 03
Clark - 01	Kankakee - 02	Rock Island - 04
Clinton - 03	Knox - 02	Sangamon - 02
Cook - 25	Lake - 08	Shelby - 01
Crawford - 02	LaSalle - 04	White - 01
DeWitt - 01	Lee - 04	Whiteside - 02
Effingham - 03	McHenry - 10	Will - 01
Franklin - 02	Macon - 01	Williamson - 02
Grundy - 06	Moultrie - 02	Winnebago - 04
Jasper - 02		
TOTAL - 114		

TIMEOPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE

Midnight - 6:00 am - 07	Under 20 hrs - 12
6:01 - 12 Noon - 12	20 - 100 hrs - 21
12:01 - 6:00 pm - 49	100 - 500 hrs - 36
6:01 - Midnight - 26	Over 500 hrs - 37
TOTAL - 94	Unknown - 08
	TOTAL - 114

FORMAL INSTRUCTION

None	- 61
U.S. Coast Guard Aux	- 15
U.S. Power Squadron	- 07
American Red Cross	- 02
State	- 03
Other	- 10
Unknown	- 16
TOTAL	-114

WATER CONDITIONS

Calm	- 62
Choppy	- 41
Rough	- 02
Very Rough	- 06
Strong Current	- 01
Unknown	- 02
TOTAL	- 114

WEATHER INFORMATION

Clear	- 95
Cloudy	- 09
Fog	- 03
Rain	- 03
Hazy	- 04
TOTAL	-114

BOAT INFORMATION

Open Motorboat	- 70
Cabin Motorboat	- 11
Auxiliary Sail	- 04
Sail (only)	- 08
Rowboat	- 02
Cance	- 03
Other	- 09
Unknown	- 07
TOTAL	- 114

WIND

None	- 18
Light	- 58
Moderate	- 24
Strong	- 09
Storm	- 03
Unknown	- 02
TOTAL	-114

VISIBILITY

Good	- 95
Fair	- 11
Poor	- 05
Unknown	- 03
TOTAL	-114

WEATHER ENCOUNTERED

Was as forecasted	- 80
Not as forecasted	- 02
No forecast obtained	- 23
Unknown	- 09
TOTAL	-114

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

Cruising	- 48
Approaching Dock	- 07
Water Skiing	- 08
Towing	- 01
Drifting	- 09
At Anchor	- 06
Tied to Dock	- 06
Fishing	- 02
Fueling	- 01
Diving/Swimming	- 01
Racing	- 02
Being Towed	- 00
Other	- 23
TOTAL	-114

OPERATOR'S OPINION/CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Fault of Other Person	- 36
Weather Conditions	- 09
Excessive Speed	- 10
No proper lookout	- 07
Hazardous waters	- 12
Fault of Hull	- 00
Fault of Machinery	- 07
Fault of Equipment	- 06
Other	- 22
Alcohol	- 03
Drug Use	- 00
Overloading	- 01
Improper loading	- 02
TOTAL	-115

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USED

Yes - 08
No - 81
Unknown - 25
TOTAL -114

BODY OF WATER

DesPlaines River	- 01	Clinton Lake	- 01
Lake Sara	- 03	Pistakee Bay	- 01
Illinois River	- 12	Kaskaskia River	- 02
Wise Lake	- 02	Lake Michigan	- 21
Fox River	- 07	Newton Lake	- 01
Lake Springfield	- 02	Carlyle Lake	- 03
Diamond Lake	- 02	Crab Orchard Lake	- 01
Grayslake	- 01	Small pond	- 02
Lake Carroll	- 01	Quincy Bay	- 01
Apple Canyon Lake	- 02	Mississippi River	- 09
Lake Decatur	- 01	Grass Lake	- 01
Chain-O-Lakes	- 01	Crystal Lake	- 02
Wabash River	- 03	Smith Pond	- 01
Bluff Lake	- 02	Calumet River	- 02
Mill Creek	- 01	Bangs Lake	- 02
Lake Shelbyville	- 03	Oak Run	- 02
Kankakee River	- 02	Wonder Lake	- 01
Starved Rock	- 01	Chicago River	- 02
Rend Lake	- 02		
TOTAL	-113		

PROPERTY DAMAGE (total of all vessels involved)

Total \$ Amount 170,715
Average \$ Amount 2,339

<u>AGE</u>	<u>less than 20 hours</u>	<u>20 - 100 hours</u>	<u>100 - 500 hours</u>	<u>Over 500 hours</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Teenage	02	05	05	00	02
20 - 29	02	02	09	08	01
30 - 39	05	08	11	13	04
40 - 49	01	04	05	08	01
50 - 59	02	02	04	05	00
60 - 69	00	00	01	01	00
70 - 79	00	00	01	02	00
Unknown	00	00	00	00	00
TOTAL	114				

How many 17 or younger

09

With Instruction

09

Without Instruction

00

How many 17 or younger

09

With Instruction

09

Without Instruction

00

OTHER REPORTED CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

unknown object not on chart

3rd boat surf wind type

had boat in neutral at half throttle, boat started in gear and took off.

unmarked solid object under water

inexperienced

rock jutting out past shore line

high wake from passing house boat

operator did not see unlit breakwater

crowded lake - too many boats

blindspot

inexperience of operator

stuck in reverse

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Fire or Explosion (fuel) - 05	Fire or Explosion (non-fuel) - 01
Grounding - 06	Collision w/floating object - 07
Falls overboard - 03	Flooding - 05
Capsizing - 07	Falls in boat - 04
Sinking - 04	Hit by boat or propeller - 12
Collision w/fixed object - 12	Burns - 02
Total -114	Other - 08
	Collision with vessel - 38

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DROWNING