

2009 WISCONSIN BOATING PROGRAM REPORT



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WISCONSIN BOATING PROGRAM SCOPE

The boating program in the Bureau of Law Enforcement has a wide range of duties and responsibilities. The major areas of responsibilities are:

- Boating Enforcement
- Boating Safety Education
- Boat Accident Investigation, Reporting and Administration
- Municipal Ordinance Review and Administration
- Waterway Marker Permitting and Administration
- Designated Mooring Area Review and Approval
- Underwater Archaeology Protection

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Boating Enforcement

State conservation wardens and municipal patrol officers provided on-the-water enforcement of boating laws. In recent years emphasis has been placed on enforcement of boating while intoxicated laws, navigation rules, personal watercraft operation, and sound level enforcement. The United States Coast Guard also provided enforcement on some federal waterways.

The boating program administers funding to municipal water safety patrols to reimburse part of their operating expenses. In 2009, municipal patrols received \$1,786,000 of funding which covered approximately, 71% of their expenses. In order to promote statewide uniformity and consistency among agencies conducting boating enforcement, the boating program attempts to conduct yearly training sessions on new laws, policies and enforcement techniques for all municipal boat patrols.

Boating Safety Education

2009 was the second full year that Wisconsin DNR could enforce the Mandatory Boating Safety Education Law.

The Mandatory Education Law was adopted and signed into law by the Governor in May 2006. The last facet of the administration of this law was not in place until September 2007. This law requires any boat operator, born on or after January 1, 1989 to have taken and passed a Boating Safety Course to legally operate a motorboat. Those who do not have this certification are prohibited from operating a motor boat in Wisconsin except for the following exception.

One feature of Wisconsin's new Mandatory Education Law, is the ability for boat rental businesses in Wisconsin to provide a temporary boating safety certificate. This certificate is administered by the business and expires at the end of the calendar year of issuance and is only applicable to rented motorboats and personal watercraft from the same business. The renter must take a condensed boating safety course and pass the exam in order to be issued a certificate.

In 2009, the Boating Safety Education Program sponsored **257** boating safety courses, certifying **4,472** students. The total number of certified students was **9,759** with the inclusion of **5,287** internet course students. There are currently **850** active instructors certified to teach boating safety in Wisconsin. **648** are volunteer instructors and include the **60** new instructors certified in 2009. The DNR also recognizes graduates of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadron courses taught in Wisconsin, provided they follow State guidelines. Course graduates from other State's boat safety courses are also recognized if the course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

The Department has contracted with two national leaders in boat safety instruction to offer the Wisconsin Boating Safety course over the internet. Persons, who have difficulty finding a classroom course to fit their schedule, can take the internet course when it is most convenient for them. **5,287** individuals became certified in 2009 by utilizing this alternative method of achieving boating safety certification.

The Department promotes an educational program that includes an emphasis on preventing rental personal watercraft (PWC) accidents. Every business that rents a PWC or boat to the public is provided with educational materials for educating all renters as well as a PWC decal to be placed on each rental PWC outlining the PWC laws and safety information.

The boating program also conducts non-formal education using various forms of media such as printed literature, radio, television, personal interviews, and presentations to many different groups across the state. During 2009, the state sponsored television and radio boating safety public service announcements. These educational efforts reached several million people. There were over 250,000 pieces of boating safety literature distributed. Conservation wardens reached over 50,000 people through formal boating safety presentations and public forums such as outdoor sports expositions, county fairs and the State Fair.

Boat Accident Investigation, Reporting and Administration

Conservation wardens and municipal water patrol officers investigate most boating accidents. A boating accident is a reportable incident, if a person dies, or is injured and medical treatment beyond first aid is required, or damage to all property is \$2000 or more, or there is a complete loss of a vessel.

Information gathered during accident investigations, including the causes and contributing factors of accidents, is used by the program to determine what, when, and where preventive or increased enforcement measures need to be taken in the state. The boating program uses accident statistics to measure the effectiveness of its program.

The Department is required by state and federal law to gather boat accident reports and convey the information to the United States Coast Guard by entering the boating accident information into the Coast Guard Boating Accident Report Database (BARD). There were **102** reportable recreation boating accidents involving **132** boats resulting in **16** fatalities and **69** injuries in **2009**.

Municipal Ordinance Review Program

This program, designed to address local boating concerns and conditions, assists local municipalities in drafting local boating regulations tailored to local conditions. Authority for municipalities to enact local regulations is found in s. 30.77(3), Wis. Stats. Proposed Ordinances are required by State statute to be submitted to the Department for review. Proposed Ordinances are reviewed for consistency with State Law.

The department's review of the proposed local ordinance identifies to the municipality any inconsistencies, and provides suggested revisions and comments regarding the legality of the ordinance regulations. If a municipality enacts an ordinance, which the Department has found to be inconsistent with statutory requirements, the Department may challenge the adopted ordinance in court.

Waterway Marker Permitting and Administration

This program provides a permitting process for uniform marking of the waters of the state through the placement of aids to navigation. Conservation wardens inspect individual sites and recommend approval or disapproval of applications for placement of waterway markers. The boating program then reviews the application for compliance with state and federal requirements and either approves or denies the permit. The boating program also retains a permanent record of all approved buoy applications.

Designated Mooring Area (DMA) Review and Approval

Local municipalities and riparian owners may apply to establish designated mooring areas adjacent to their property in accordance with the procedures outlined in Wisconsin Statutes. The boating program has the responsibility of investigating and reviewing all mooring ordinances and mooring area applications to determine whether the mooring area meets statutory requirements and to assure that the public's rights and interests in the waterway are not infringed upon. This requires working with local wardens, local units of government, adjoining landowners, and the boating public concerned with the placement of the mooring area. After complete investigation and review, the mooring area is either approved or denied.

The boating program also works to bring existing non-permitted mooring areas into compliance with the State statutory requirements. The desired result is either issuing a permit for the area if it comes into compliance or ordering the non-permitted buoys to be removed.

Underwater Archaeology Protection

In 1992, Wisconsin Act 269 established a partnership between the Department of Natural Resources and the State Historical Society for the protection and management of Wisconsin's underwater archaeological resources, including historic shipwrecks. This program works to ensure that the public has recreational use of these sites, while at the same time protecting these sites from looting and vandalism.

Funding for the Law Enforcement Underwater Archaeology position expired on June 30, 1996 due to budget cuts. Conservation wardens still maintain watch while on patrol and incidents are investigated on case by case basis. Contact is maintained with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin Underwater Archaeology section to ensure that this resource is available to our future generations.

2009 BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

The 2009 Wisconsin DNR Boating Program Report is compiled from information gathered on boating education, boating enforcement, and boating accident reporting. The greater portion of this report is compiled from the operator reports and the investigating officer boating accident reports.

DEFINITION OF A "REPORTABLE" BOATING ACCIDENT

Wisconsin law requires the operator of a vessel involved in a 'reportable' boat accident to immediately report the incident to a conservation warden or to law enforcement officials. A 'reportable' boating accident is when there is a collision, accident, or other incident involving a boat that results in death, an injury to a person that requires more than first aid treatment, or boat damage, or total property damage of \$2,000 or more, or the total loss of a vessel.

NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS

In 2009 there were 102 'reportable' boating accidents involving 132 boats. There were 16 fatalities and 69 injuries among the 102 accidents. The 102 accidents in 2009 is the lowest number on record.

The 16 fatalities comprised 14.7% of the reportable accidents. This percentage is lower than last year's rate of 17.3% and almost identical to the 14.6% rate in 2007. The DNR intends to continue to focus a greater deal of effort on the boating safety education program and enforcement in order to reduce the number of fatal accidents, as well as the total number of accidents in general, so Wisconsin waters can provide a safer recreational boating experience for all those that participate.

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

The top primary and secondary contributors of boat accidents in 2009 as reported by accident investigations, were:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Operator Inattention | 5. Alcohol – Drug Use |
| 2. Excessive Speed | 6. Weather – Hazardous waters |
| 3. Operator Inexperience | 7. Water ski/Wake-Board/Tube rider/passenger behavior |
| 4. Careless/Reckless Operation | 8. Navigation Rules Violations |

Alcohol use was reported as the fifth contributing factor in 2009. While this is a bit higher than its sixth place in 2008, it is significantly lower than in 2001 when it was the Top contributing factor. It was hoped this ranking would drop out of the top ten in 2009 with the concerted enforcement effort and educational public service announcements.

Operator Inattention, Excessive Speed, Operator Inexperience and Careless/Reckless Operation have remained the top four contributing factors for the past five years. All of these accident causes likely would be prevented if the rules for safe boating were followed by all boat operators and passengers. Failure to follow the "Navigation Rules" which ranked ninth in 2008, and eighth in 2009, is many times the result of one or more of the top four contributing factors individually or in combination.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Of the sixteen fatalities in 2009, fifteen were by drowning or hypothermia and one is unknown since the victim has not been recovered. None of the drowning-hypothermia victims were wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). If any of the drowning victims had been wearing a lifejacket, it is likely their deaths may have been prevented.

BOATING FATALITIES

As it has become too common in Wisconsin, the first boating fatality occurred in April. By the end of July, 2009 boating fatalities exceeded the total for 2006 (10), so any chance for the lowest annual fatality number had passed. What was a nice unusual occurrence was that no boating fatalities occurred in August.

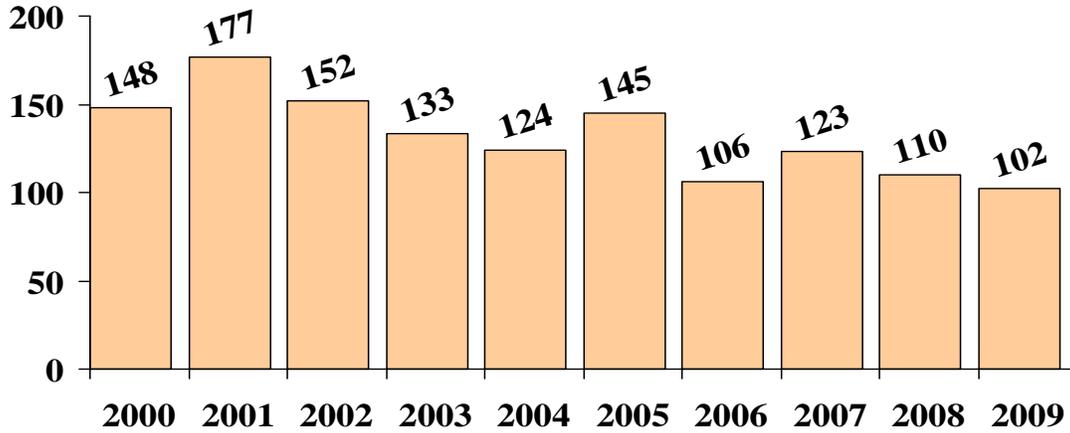
The 16 Boating fatalities in 2009 were less than those in 2008 and 2007. The good news is that the annual number of boating accident related deaths has remained less than 25 since 2000.

Most, if not all, of these fatal boating accidents were likely preventable. Boating education and law enforcement are the keys to making Wisconsin waters safer. The Department is increasing its efforts by recruiting additional boating safety instructors, continuing the internet boating safety course, focusing more attention on educating sportsmen about small boat safety, and the continued enforcement of 'boating under the influence' situations.

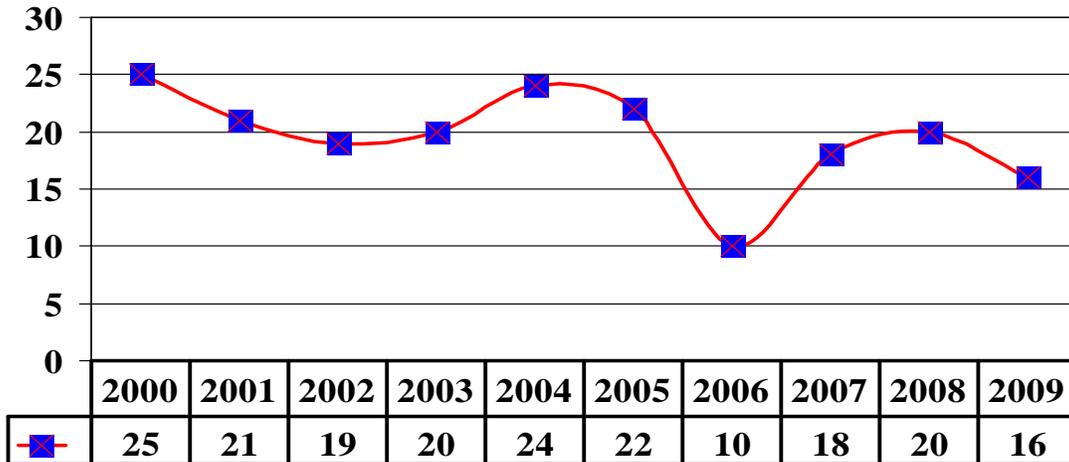
Keeping a visible enforcement presence on the busiest and most congested waterways in Wisconsin is always a priority

Ten Year Trends

Wisconsin Boating Accidents

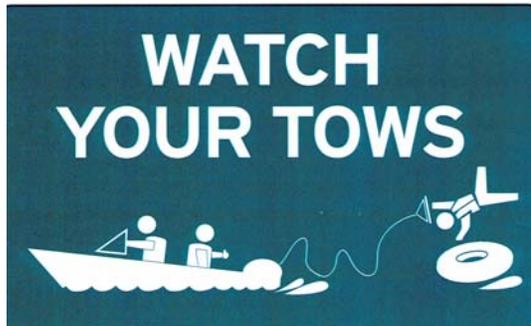
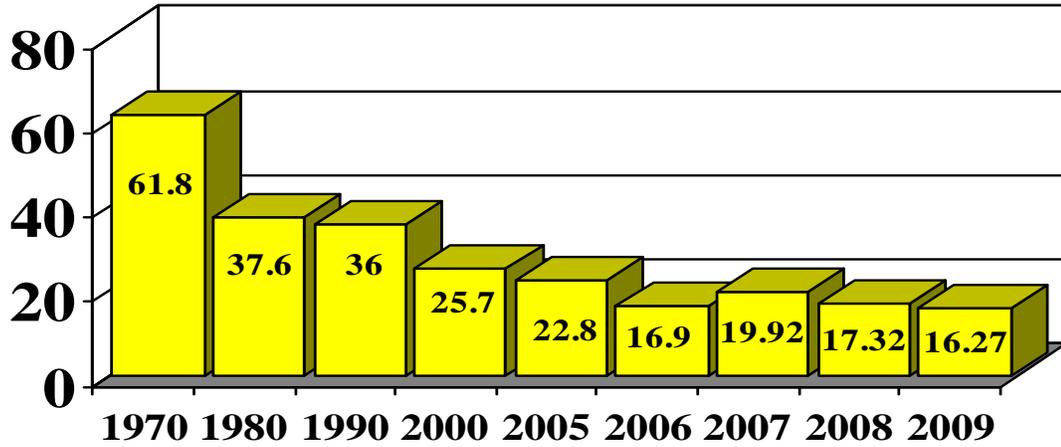


Wisconsin Boating Fatalities

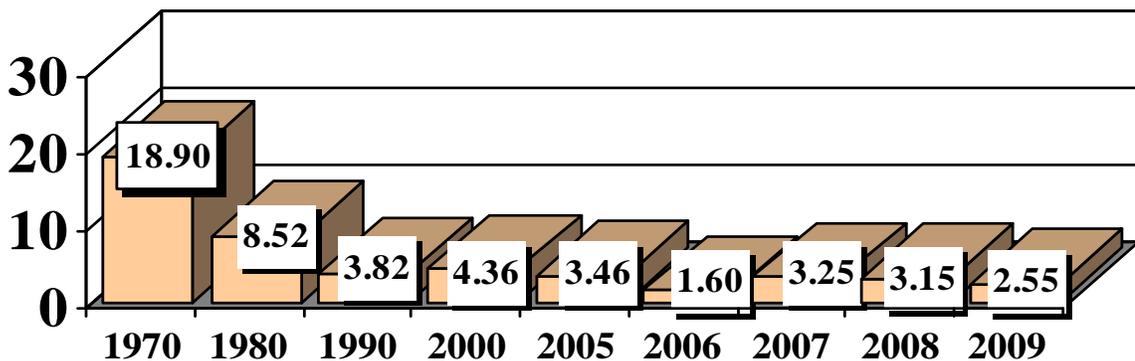


14.7 % of the 'reportable' boating accidents
in 2009 involved a fatality.

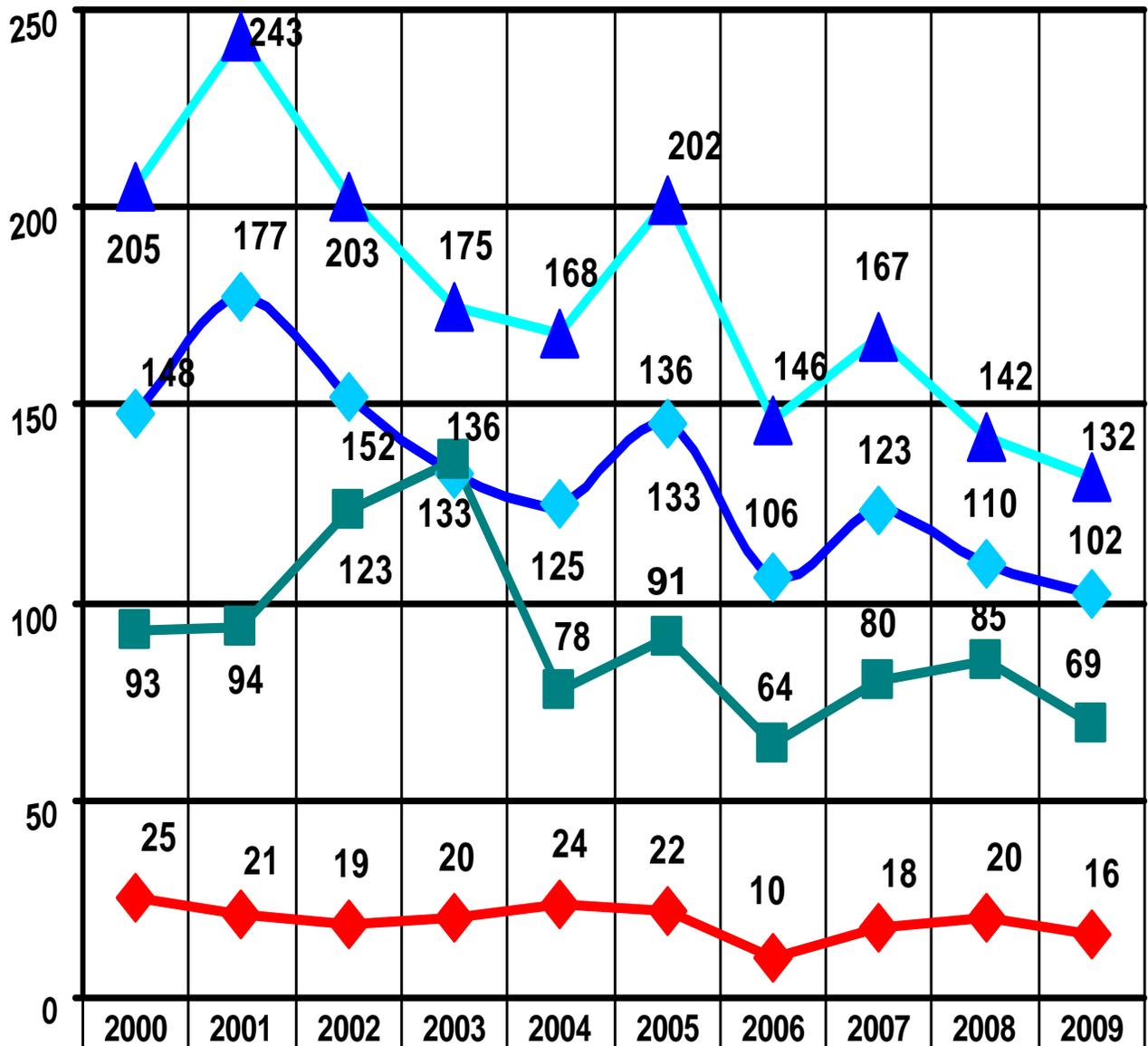
1970-2009 Accidents Per 100,000 Registered Boats



1970 - 2009 Boating Fatalities Per 100,000 Registered Boats



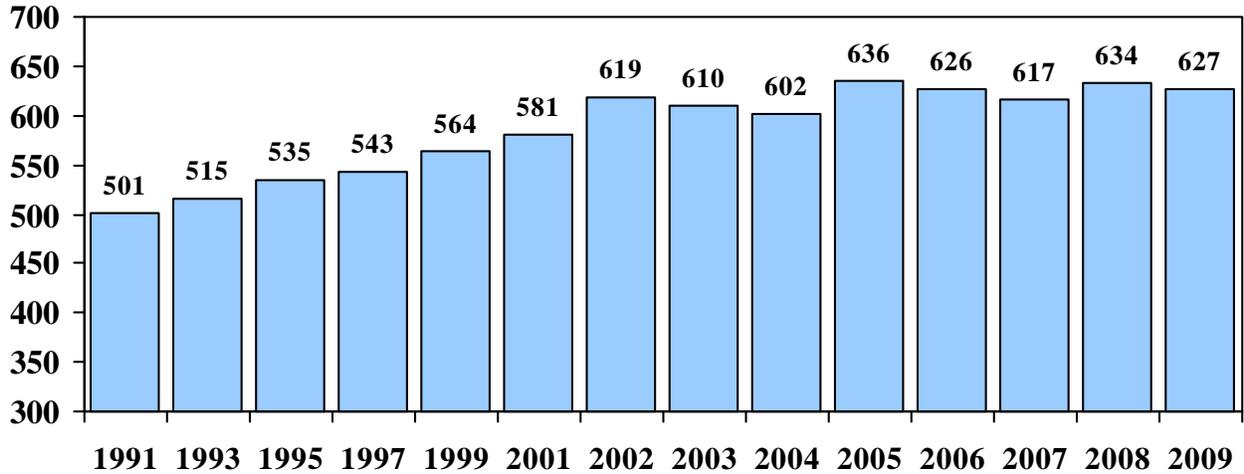
Ten Year Trend in the Number of Boating Accidents, Boats Involved, Injuries & Deaths 2000 through 2009



▲ # Boats Involved	205	243	203	175	168	202	146	167	142	132
◆ # Accidents	148	177	152	133	125	145	106	123	110	102
■ # Injuries	93	94	123	136	78	91	64	80	85	69
◆ # Fatalities	25	21	19	20	24	22	10	18	20	16

WISCONSIN BOAT REGISTRATION HISTORICAL DATA

NUMBER OF REGISTERED BOATS (in thousands)



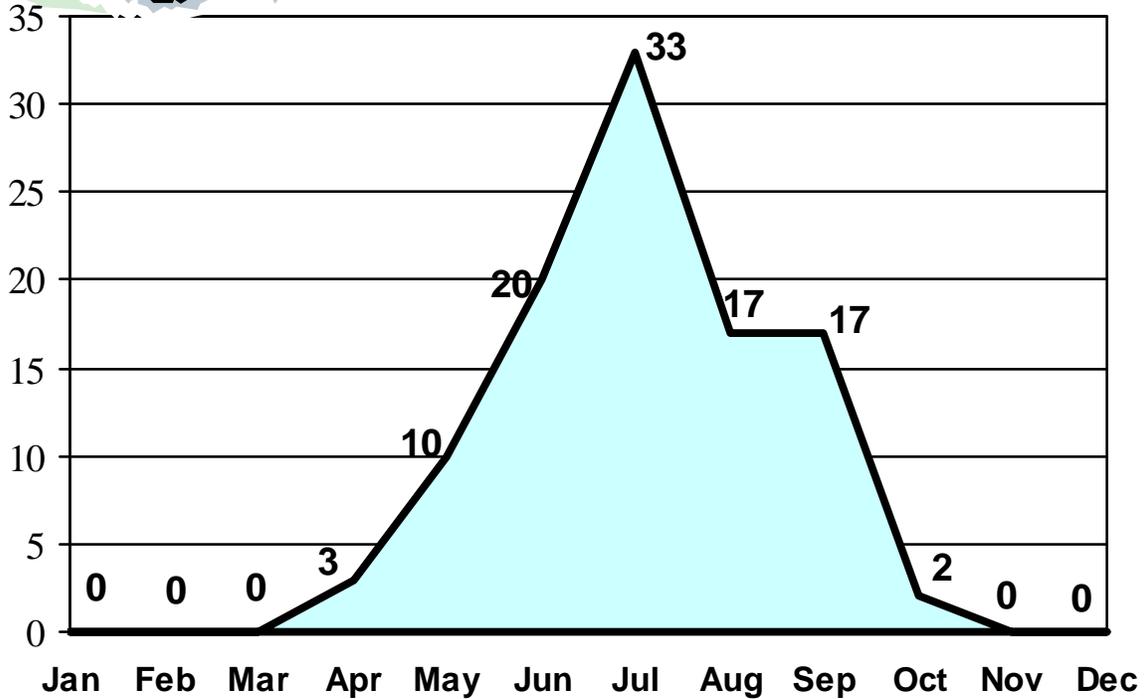
REGISTERED BOATS -- WHERE KEPT IN WISCONSIN -- AS OF 12-31-2009

COUNTY	# OF REG. BOATS	COUNTY	# OF REG. BOATS	COUNTY	# OF REG. BOATS
Adams	7,105	Iron	2,918	Price	4,589
Ashland	2,899	Jackson	2,417	Racine	14,675
Barron	11,104	Jefferson	7,666	Richland	1,643
Bayfield	6,687	Juneau	4,565	Rock	12,156
Brown	20,482	Kenosha	12,066	Rusk	3,393
Buffalo	2,442	Kewaunee	2,227	Sauk	7,457
Burnett	8,673	La Crosse	11,201	Sawyer	10,381
Calumet	4,337	Lafayette	1,023	Shawano	6,630
Chippewa	10,478	Langlade	4,490	Sheboygan	9,591
Clark	3,542	Lincoln	7,428	St. Croix	9,710
Columbia	8,294	Manitowoc	7,995	Taylor	3,067
Crawford	2,426	Marathon	17,056	Trempealeau	3,292
Dane	26,855	Marinette	9,009	Vernon	2,672
Dodge	8,708	Marquette	4,018	Vilas	20,880
Door	7,805	Menominee	1,083	Walworth	17,467
Douglas	8,101	Milwaukee	25,865	Washburn	8,179
Dunn	4,785	Monroe	3,470	Washington	11,941
Eau Claire	10,317	Oconto	8,718	Waukesha	36,359
Florence	1,903	Oneida	19,748	Waupaca	9,783
Fond Du Lac	9,811	Outagamie	17,891	Waushara	5,600
Forest	3,456	Ozaukee	5,504	Winnebago	18,340
Grant	4,886	Pepin	1,275	Wood	9,404
Green	2,256	Pierce	4,390	Unknown	11,838
Green Lake	5,176	Polk	11,126	Out of State	1,674
Iowa	1,928	Portage	8,857	TOTAL	627,183

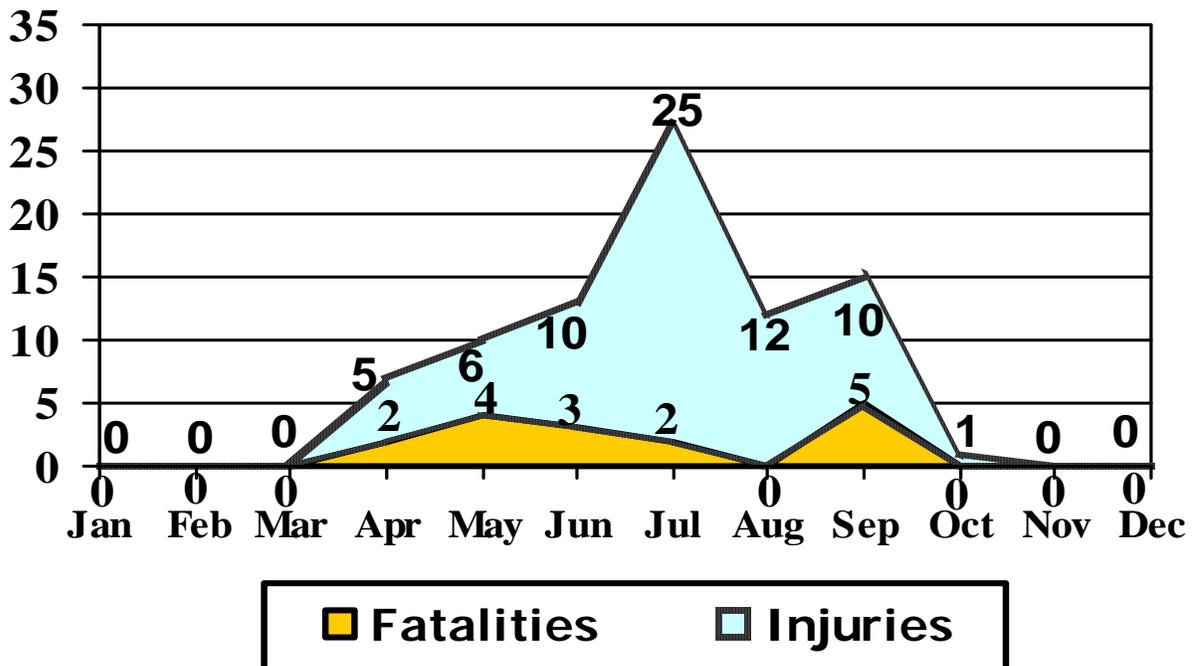


Reportable Boat Accidents

In 2009 by Month

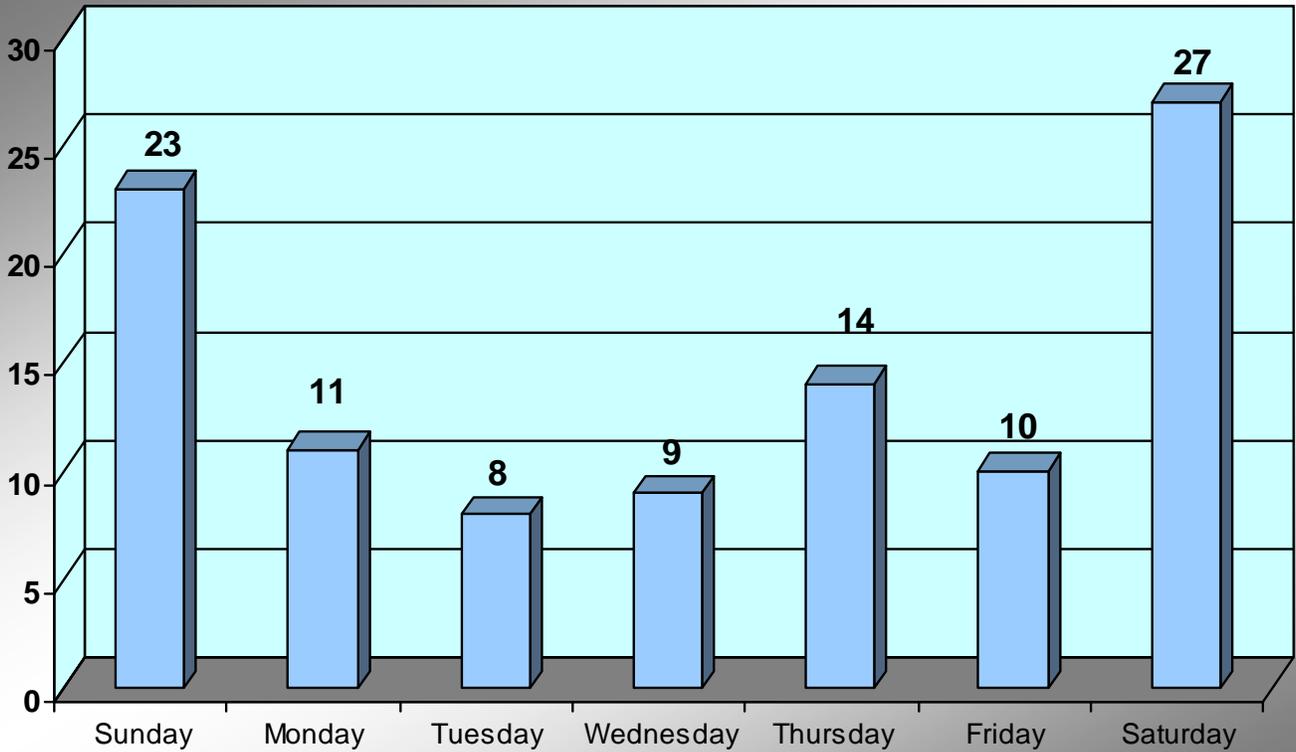


Number of Injuries and Fatalities Which Occurred in 2009 by Month



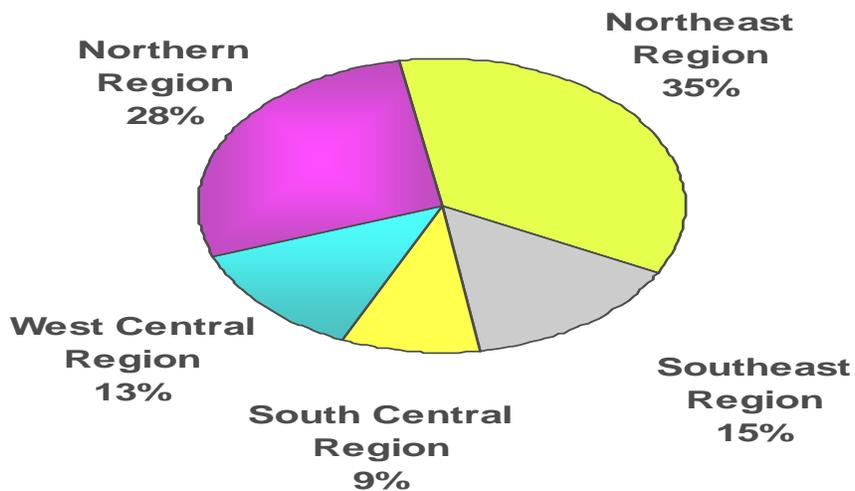
Number of Reported Boating Accidents in 2009

That occurred on Each day of the Week

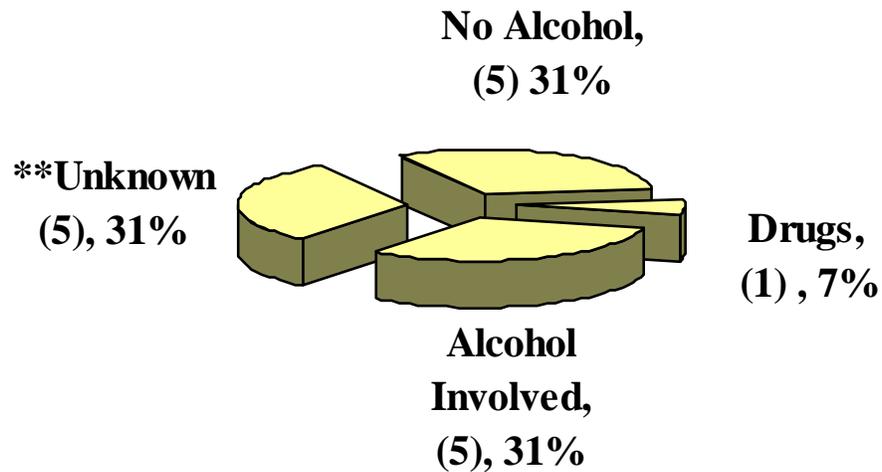


50 accidents (48.5%) of all reportable accidents in 2009 occurred on Saturday & Sunday.

Distribution of Reportable Accidents by DNR Region



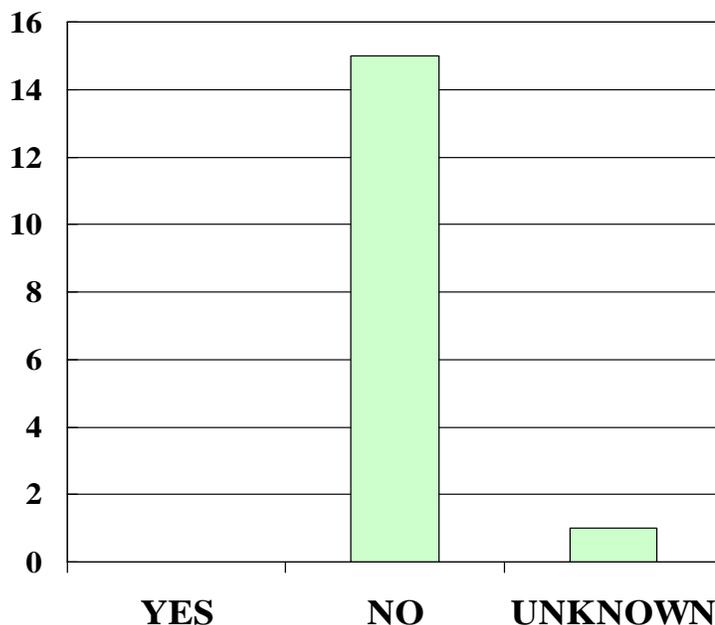
Of the 16 Boating Fatalities in 2009 Was Alcohol Involved ?



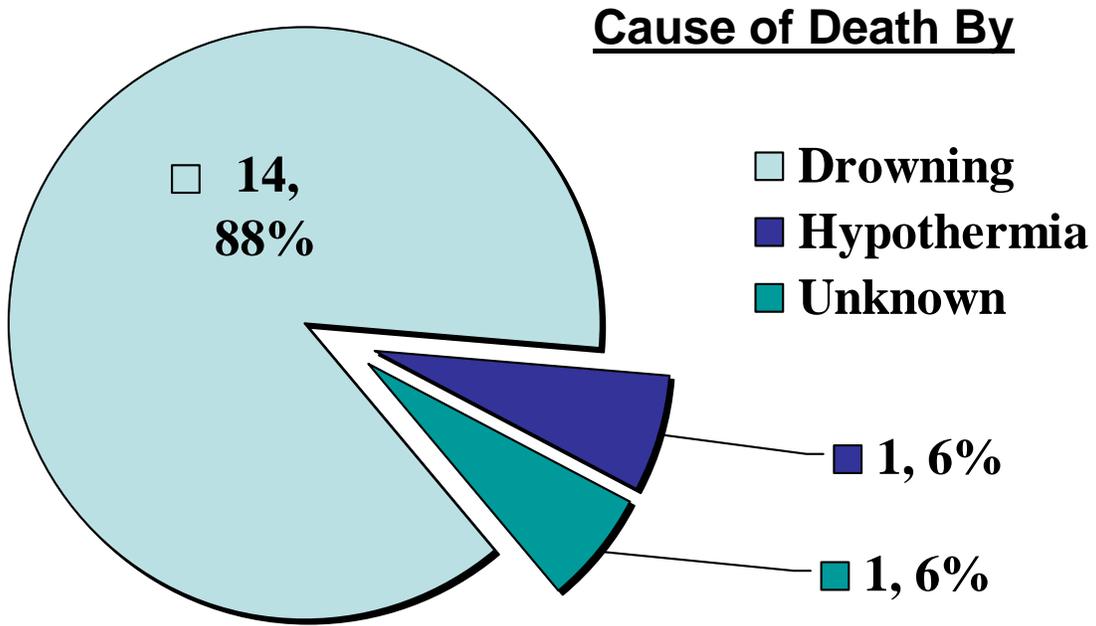
BOAT SAFE – BOAT SMART – BOAT SOBER

**Unknowns are often due to bodies being recovered too late to test or the Coroner's decision not to have autopsy or a blood draw. Delayed recovery is an obstacle to collecting reliable data on blood alcohol levels. It is often the case when victims are recovered days later, and a blood analysis would not be accurate.

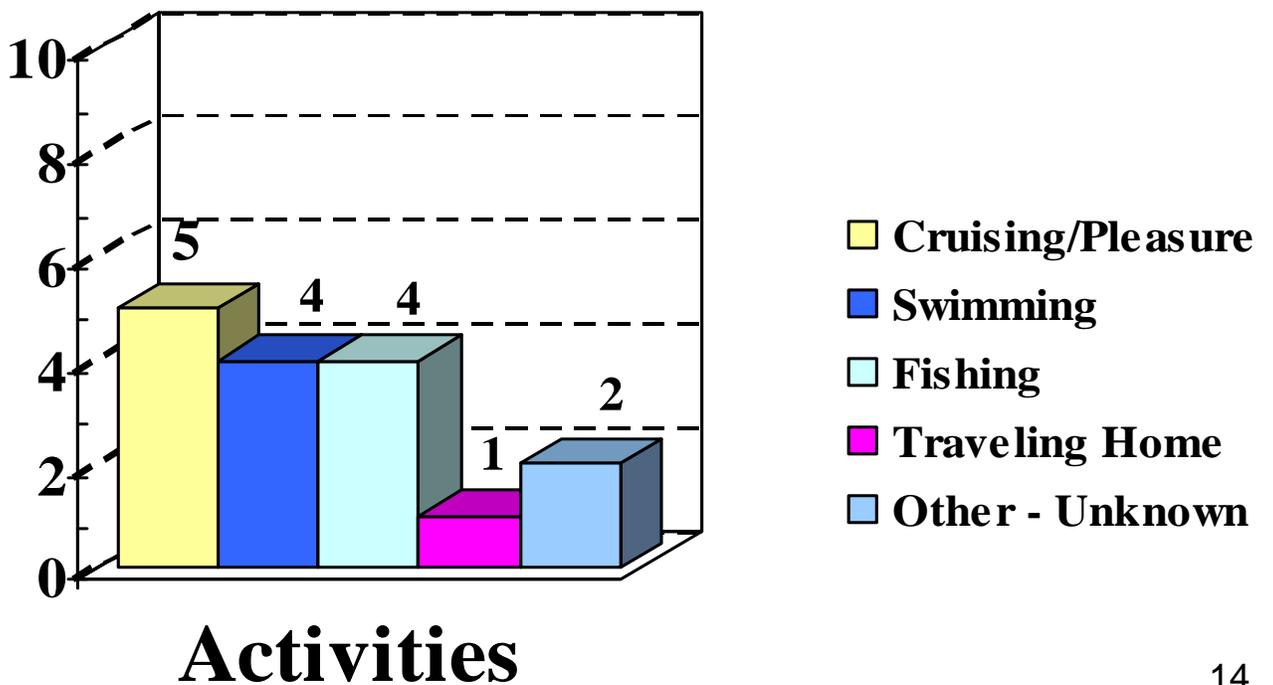
-Of the 16 Boating Fatalities in 2009 – How Many Were Wearing A PFD ? (16th Victim has not been recovered)



Of the 16 Boating Fatalities in 2009



Activity Engaged at - the Time of Fatal Accident -



No. & Date	Time of Day	County	Water Body	# Fatal	Age	Was Alcohol Involved ?	Type of BOAT	BOAT Size		Type Of Accident	Cause Of Death	Was PFD Worn ??	CIRCUMSTANCES
					Gender	BAC Level		Length	HP				
2009													

#1 4-8	9pm	Washburn	Namekagon River	1	45 Male	NO	Kayak	12'	N/A	Unknown	Drowning	NO	Victim intended to kayak down river to North Springbrook Landing. Reported missing at 9pm. Body recovered 4 days later.
#2 4-18	10:pm	Sawyer	Lac Court Oreilles Lake	1	43 Male	NO	Open	13'11"	7.5	Fell Overboard	Drowning	NO	Victim, Son, & Son's Friend were spear fishing. Boat encountered rough water & capsized throwing everyone overboard. Son & Friend able to swim to shore. Victim's Body recovered on 10-27-09
#3 5-2	8pm	Racine	Eagle Lake	1	46 Male	YES .123	Kayak	14'		Fell Overboard	Drowning	NO	Victim was reported missing by co-workers. Investigation led to victim's capsized kayak found on lake. Victim's body surfaced 8 days later.
#4 5-7	3am	Polk	Lake Wapogasset	2	27 Male	YES .300	Open	14'	9	Fall Overboard	Drowning	NO	2 Victims, with a 19 yr old female went boating around Midnight. 19 yr old awoke with wet feet from water in the boat. The boat soon sank. The 19 yr old grabbed a PFD and swam to shore for help. Victim's bodies were recovered about 10:30 later that morning.
#5 5-7	3am	Polk	Lake Wapogasset	2	28 Male	YES .270	Open	14'	9	Fall Overboard	Drowning	NO	Same incident as identified in the #4 above.

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2009													

#6 5-30	3:37pm	Marinette	Montana Lake	1	47 Male	Not known	Canoe	15'		Fell Overboard	Drowning	NO	Father & 7 yr old daughter were in Canoe when father fell overboard. Daughter with unsecured PFD entered water to help her Father. She was found later floating & hanging onto PFD.
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#7 6-21	2pm	Oneida	Malby Lake	1	70 Male	Unknown	Rowboat	12'		Fell Overboard	Drowning	NO	Husband & wife were fishing when Husband reached over to pickup a fishing pole. He fell overboard causing boat to capsize. A bystander came by & pulled victim to shore. Victim was pronounced dead at H. Young Medical Center
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#8 6-23	10am	Vilas	Found Lake	1	75 Male	NO	Open Boat	14'	7.5	Fell Overboard	Drowning	NO	Father & son were fishing when Father reached over side of boat to wash hands. While returning to his seat, the seat broke, lost his balance & fell overboard. Another boater came by to assist the victim to shore. CPR was performed until EMS arrived and transported victim to a Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.
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#9 6-25	3:30pm	Forest	McKinley Lake	1	19 Male	NO	Row boat	10'		Unknown	Drowning	NO	Victim was camping with Brother when Victim took boat into lake to Swim. Later the brother heard victim calling for help. Brother saw victim in water next to boat approx. 50 yds. from shore. Victim went under before brother could reach him.
#10 7-14	1pm	Lincoln	Fish Lake	1	66 Male	NO	Open	14'	No Motor	Fall Overboard	Drowning	NO	Victim was fishing from a lawn chair in his boat. Friends were fishing in nearby boat. Victim was observed leaning & falling over board. He shouted for Help. Friends could not reach him before he went beneath the surface a 2 nd time.
#11 7-14	1:57pm	Racine	Browns Lake	1	14 Male	NO	Open	18'	120	Jumped off Drifting Boat	Drowning	NO	Victim was part of school group recreating on Lake. Victim jumped from boat to go swimming and immediately was seen struggling. Boat Operator attempted rescue but boat & victim were floating apart.
#12 9-6	10:32pm	Door	Bay of Green Bay	1	39	Yes .137	Cabin	27'	190	Fall Overboard	Unknown	NO	While on a trip from Fish Creek to Marinette It was discovered the Victim was missing & presumed fell overboard.

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2009													

#13 9-9	9:40pm	Dane	Lake Monona	1	36 Male	Yes .266	Open	14'	40	Swimming from drifting boat	Drowning	NO	Operator & passenger went swimming after day of fishing. Operator noticed victim was missing & returned to boat to look for the victim. Victim was found four days later.
#14 9-13	6pm	St Croix	St Croix River	1	Male 38	Unknown	Pontoon	20'	50	Swimming from drifting boat	Drowning	NO	Passenger on drifting Pontoon boat jumped into water to swim. Was unable to swim back to drifting boat.
#15 9-14	6:45pm	Dane	Lake Monona	1	Male 39	Yes 0.266	Open	14'	115	Fall Overboard	Drowning	NO	Boat encountered a wave which caused Operator-Victim, Wife, and twin sons to fall overboard. All but the victim were rescued by nearby boaters.
#16 9-18	Unknown	Door	Rowley's Bay Lake Michigan	1	Male 60	Unknown	Kayak	14'9"		Fall Overboard	Unknown	NO	Victim was last seen kayaking on 9-18. Abandoned Kayak was found on 9-20 with Victim personal cell phone & PFD still in the Kayak. Victim is missing.

REPORTED RECREATIONAL BOATING INCIDENTS IN WISCONSIN IN 2009
LIST SORTED BY COUNTY, THEN WATER BODY, NEAREST CITY OR TOWN, THEN BY DATE OF INCIDENT

COUNTY	BODY OF WATER	NEAREST CITY	DATE OF	# BOATS	# PERSONS			OPER
		OR TOWN	ACCIDENT	INVOLVED	ABOARD	INJURED	DIED	DIE ?
ADAMS	CASTLE ROCK FLOWAGE	FRIENDSHIP	18-Jul-09	1	2	2	0	N
ADAMS	PETTENWELL FLOWAGE	TOWN OF ROME	16-Sep-09	1	2	0	0	N
ASHLAND	LAKE SUPERIOR	LA POINTE	2-Jul-09	2	1	0	0	N
ASHLAND	LAKE SUPERIOR	LA POINTE	2-Jul-09	2	4	0	0	N
BROWN	BAY OF GREEN BAY	VILLAGE OF SUAMICO	15-Aug-09	2	2	0	0	N
BROWN	BAY OF GREEN BAY	VILLAGE OF SUAMICO	15-Aug-09	2	2	1	0	N
BROWN	BAY OF GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	10-Oct-09	1	2	0	0	N
BROWN	FOX RIVER	DE PERE	13-Aug-09	1	6	0	0	N
BROWN	FOX RIVER	DEPERE	27-Aug-09	1	5	0	0	N
BROWN	FOX RIVER	LITTLE RAPIDS	21-Sep-09	1	3	0	0	N
BUFFALO	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	WABASHA MN	25-May-09	1	5	1	0	N
CHIPPEWA	LAKE HOLCOMBE	HOLCOMBE	7-Sep-09	1	3	1	0	N
COLUMBIA	LAKE WISCONSIN	LODI	24-Jun-09	1	4	1	0	N
COLUMBIA	WISCONSIN RIVER	WIS DELLS	28-May-09	2	9	1	0	N
COLUMBIA	WISCONSIN RIVER	WIS DELLS	28-May-09	2	2	0	0	N
CRAWFORD	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	FERRYVILLE	17-May-09	1	1	0	0	N
CRAWFORD	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	LYNSVILLE	19-Sep-09	1	5	1	0	N
DANE	LAKE MONONA	MADISON	26-Jul-09	1	5	1	0	N
DANE	LAKE MONONA	MADISON	9-Sep-09	1	2	0	1	N
DANE	LAKE MONONA	MADISON	14-Sep-09	1	4	0	1	Y
DANE	LAKE WAUBESA	MADISON	18-May-09	2	2	0	0	N
DANE	LAKE WAUBESA	MADISON	18-May-09	2	3	1	0	N
DANE	LAKE WAUBESA	MCFARLAND	20-Sep-09	2	2	1	0	N
DANE	LAKE WAUBESA	MCFARLAND	20-Sep-09	2	1	0	0	N
DANE	YAHARA RIVER	MONONA	19-Jul-09	1	7	1	0	N
DODGE	BEAVER DAM LAKE	BEAVER DAM	21-Oct-09	1	1	1	0	N
DOOR	BAY OF GREEN BAY	SISTER BAY	6-Sep-09	1	3	0	1	N
DOOR	BAY OF GREEN BAY	SEVESTOPOL	7-Sep-09	1	4	0	0	N
DOOR	BAY OF STURGEON BAY	STURGEON BAY	4-Jul-09	1	8	1	0	N
DOOR	GREEN BAY	STURGEON BAY	10-Aug-09	1	6	1	0	N
DOOR	LAKE MICHIGAN	BAILEY'S HARBOR	2-Aug-09	1	2	1	0	N
DOOR	LAKE MICHIGAN	ELLISON BAY	18-Sep-09	1	1	0	1	N
DOOR	STURGEON BAY	STURGEON BAY	11-Jul-09	1	3	0	0	N
DUNN	LAKE MENOMIN	CITY OF MENOMONIE	5-Aug-09	1	4	1	0	N

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		OR TOWN	ACCIDENT	INVOLVED	ABOARD	INJURED	DIED	DIE ?
EAU CLAIRE	LAKE EAU CLAIRE	AUGUSTA	24-Jul-09	2	2	0	0	N
EAU CLAIRE	LAKE EAU CLAIRE	AUGUSTA	24-Jul-09	2	2	0	0	N
FOREST	LAKE METONGA	CRANDON	20-Jun-09	1	4	0	0	N
FOREST	MCKINLEY LAKE	TOWN OF HILES	25-Jun-09	1	1	0	1	Y
FOREST	PICKEREL LAKE	PICKEREL	4-Jul-09	2	1	1	0	N
FOREST	PICKEREL LAKE	PICKEREL	4-Jul-09	2	2	1	0	N
GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	PRINCETON	21-Jun-09	1	3	1	0	N
GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	11-Jul-09	1	8	0	0	N
GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	14-Aug-09	2	1	1	0	N
GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	14-Aug-09	2	2	0	0	N
GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	16-Aug-09	2	3	0	0	N
GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	GREEN LAKE	16-Aug-09	2		0	0	N
JUNEAU	WISCONSIN RIVER	WIS DELLS	16-Jun-09	1	9	2	0	N
JUNEAU	WISCONSIN RIVER	NECEDAH	9-Aug-09	1	2	1	0	N
KENOSHA	PADDOCK LAKE	SALEM	16-Aug-09	2	3	0	0	N
KENOSHA	PADDOCK LAKE	SALEM	16-Aug-09	2	3	1	0	N
KEWAUNEE	LAKE MICHIGAN	ALGOMA	7-Jun-09	1	2	2	0	N
LACROSSE	BLACK RIVER	LACROSSE	11-Jul-09	2	3	0	0	N
LACROSSE	BLACK RIVER	LACROSSE	11-Jul-09	2		0	0	N
LACROSSE	BLACK RIVER	LACROSSE	20-Jul-09	1	8	0	0	N
LINCOLN	FISH LAKE	TOWN OF HARRISON	14-Jul-09	1	1	0	1	Y
MANITOWOC	CEDAR LAKE	KIEL	4-Jul-09	1	2	1	0	N
MANITOWOC	LAKE MICHIGAN	TWO CREEKS	29-Jul-09	1		0	0	N
MARINETTE	HIGH FALLS FLOWAGE	TWIN BRIDGE	8-Sep-09	1	2	1	0	N
MARINETTE	MONTANA LAKE	TOWN OF POUND	30-May-09	1	2	0	1	Y
MARINETTE	PESHTIGO RIVER	PESHTIGO	24-Jul-09	2	2	0	0	N
MARINETTE	PESHTIGO RIVER	PESHTIGO	24-Jul-09	2	3	0	0	N
MENOMINEE	LEGEND LAKE	KESHENA	4-Jul-09	2	6	0	0	N
MENOMINEE	LEGEND LAKE	KESHENA	4-Jul-09	2	1	0	0	N
MILWAUKEE	LAKE MICHIGAN	MILWAUKEE	26-Jul-09	1	5	4	0	N
OCONTO	CHAIN LAKE	LAKWOOD	4-Jul-09	2	2	0	0	N
OCONTO	CHAIN LAKE	LAKWOOD	4-Jul-09	2	2	1	0	N
OCONTO	WHEELER LAKE	TOWN OF LAKEWOOD	20-Jul-09	1	3	1	0	N

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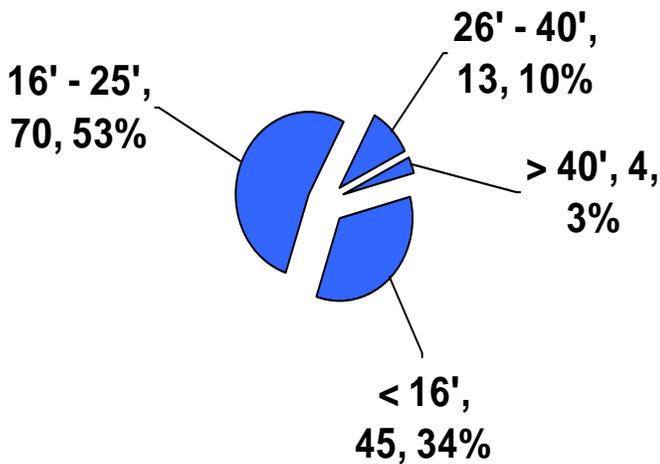
		NEAREST CITY	DATE OF	# BOATS	# PERSONS			OPER
COUNTY	BODY OF WATER	OR TOWN	ACCIDENT	INVOLVED	ABOARD	INJURED	DIED	DIE ?
ONEIDA	BOOM LAKE	RHINELANDER	18-Jun-09	1	2	0	0	N
ONEIDA	ISLAND LAKE	THREE LAKES	9-Aug-09	1	2	1	0	N
ONEIDA	LAKE MINOCQUA	WOODRUFF	17-May-09	1	2	1	0	N
ONEIDA	LAKE MINOCQUA	MINOCQUA	23-Jul-09	2	1	1	0	N
ONEIDA	LAKE MINOCQUA	MINOCQUA	23-Jul-09	2	1	1	0	N
ONEIDA	MALBY LAKE	MINOCQUA	21-Jun-09	1	2	0	1	Y
ONEIDA	SQUIRREL LAKE	MINOCQUA	16-Jul-09	2	4	1	0	N
ONEIDA	SQUIRREL LAKE	MINOCQUA	16-Jul-09	2	3	1	0	N
POLK	BONE LAKE	MILLTOWN	11-Jul-09	2	1	0	0	N
POLK	BONE LAKE	MILLTOWN	11-Jul-09	2	4	0	0	N
POLK	LAKE WAPOGASSET	TOWN OF GARFIELD	7-May-09	1	3	0	2	Y
POLK	LOTUS LAKE	OSCEOLA	4-Jul-09	2	3	0	0	N
POLK	LOTUS LAKE	OSCEOLA	4-Jul-09	2	1	1	0	N
PORTAGE	LAKE DUBAY	JUNCTION CITY	30-May-09	2	4	0	0	N
PORTAGE	LAKE DUBAY	JUNCTION CITY	30-May-09	2	6	0	0	N
PORTAGE	LAKE DUBAY	STEVENS POINT	11-Jul-09	1	1	1	0	N
PORTAGE	WISCONSIN RIVER	TOWN OF HULL	1-Aug-09	2	2	0	0	N
PORTAGE	WISCONSIN RIVER	TOWN OF HULL	1-Aug-09	2	3	0	0	N
RACINE	BOHNER'S LAKE	BURLINGTON	12-Jul-09	1	9	1	0	N
RACINE	BROWN'S LAKE	TOWN OF BURLINGTON	14-Jul-09	1	6	0	1	N
RACINE	EAGLE LAKE	TOWN OF DOVER	2-May-09	1	1	0	1	Y
RACINE	LAKE MICHIGAN	RACINE	6-Jun-09	1	1	0	0	N
SAWYER	CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE	COUERAY	18-Aug-09	1	4	1	0	N
SAWYER	LAC COURT OREILLES LAKE	TOWN OF BASS LAKE	18-Apr-09	1	3	2	1	Y
SAWYER	LAC COURT OREILLES LAKE	HAYWARD	13-Aug-09	1	5	0	0	N
SHAWANO	WOLF RIVER	SHAWANO	23-Jun-09	2	4	0	0	N
SHAWANO	WOLF RIVER	SHAWANO	23-Jun-09	2		0	0	N
SHEBOYGAN	BIG ELKART LAKE	ELKHART LAKE	10-Jul-09	2	4	0	0	N
SHEBOYGAN	BIG ELKART LAKE	ELKHART LAKE	10-Jul-09	2		1	0	N
SHEBOYGAN	SHEBOYGAN RIVER	SHEBOYGAN	24-Jul-09	2	6	0	0	N
SHEBOYGAN	SHEBOYGAN RIVER	SHEBOYGAN	24-Jul-09	2		0	0	N
ST CROIX	ST CROIX RIVER	BAYPORT MN	28-Jun-09	2	2	0	0	N
ST CROIX	ST CROIX RIVER	BAYPORT MN	28-Jun-09	2	2	0	0	N
ST CROIX	ST CROIX RIVER	HOULTON	13-Sep-09	1	5	0	1	N

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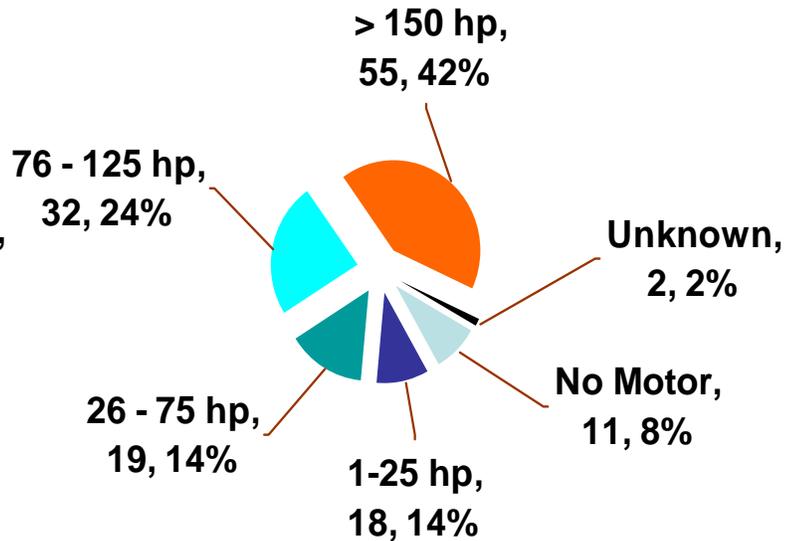
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		OR TOWN	ACCIDENT	INVOLVED	ABOARD	INJURED	DIED	DIE ?
VILAS	CRANBERRY LAKE	EAGLE RIVER	8-Aug-09	1	3	1	0	N
VILAS	FOUND LAKE	ST GERMAIN	23-Jun-09	1	2	0	1	N
VILAS	PRESQUE ISLE	PRESQUE ISLE	24-Jun-09	2	2	0	0	N
VILAS	PRESQUE ISLE	PRESQUE ISLE	24-Jun-09	2	2	0	0	N
VILAS	SUGAR MAPLE LAKE	PHELPS	10-Jul-09	1	1	1	0	N
WALWORTH	DELAVAN LAKE	DELAVAN	26-Jul-09	1	1	1	0	N
WALWORTH	LAKE GENEVA	LINN TOWNSHIP	26-Jun-09	1	3	1	0	N
WALWORTH	LAKE GENEVA	TOWN OF LINN	12-Aug-09	1	2	1	0	N
WASHBURN	LONG LAKE	TOWN OF LONG LAKE	4-Jul-09	2	1	0	0	N
WASHBURN	LONG LAKE	TOWN OF LONG LAKE	4-Jul-09	2	3	0	0	N
WASHBURN	NAMEKAGON RIVER	TOWN OF STINNETT	8-Apr-09	1	1	0	1	Y
WASHINGTON	BIG CEDAR LAKE	WEST BEND	11-Jun-09	1	4	1	0	N
WAUKESHA	LAC LABELLE	OCONOMOWOC	6-Sep-09	1	5	1	0	N
WAUKESHA	LAKE DENOON	MUSKEGO	7-Sep-09	2	2	2	0	N
WAUKESHA	LAKE DENOON	MUSKEGO	7-Sep-09	2	1	0	0	N
WAUKESHA	OKAUCHEE LAKE	TOWN OF MERTON	28-Jun-09	1	3	1	0	N
WAUKESHA	UPPER NEMAHBIN LAKE	TOWN OF SUMMIT	25-Jun-09	1	3	1	0	N
WAUPACA	WOLF RIVER	NEW LONDON	25-Apr-09	2	3	1	0	N
WAUPACA	WOLF RIVER	NEW LONDON	25-Apr-09	2	2	2	0	N
WAUPACA	WOLF RIVER	NEW LONDON	7-Jul-09	1	2	1	0	N
WAUPACA	WOLF RIVER	WEYAWEGA	13-Aug-09	2	1	0	0	N
WAUPACA	WOLF RIVER	WEYAWEGA	13-Aug-09	2	1	1	0	N
WAUSHARA	LAKE POYGAN	TUSTIN	18-Sep-09	1	2	0	0	N
WINNEBAGO	LAKE WINNEBAGO	OSHKOSH	14-Jun-09	1	4	0	0	N
WINNEBAGO	LAKE WINNEBAGO	OSHKOSH	27-Jun-09	1	9	0	0	N
WINNEBAGO	LAKE WINNEBAGO	OSHKOSH	18-Sep-09	1	1	1	0	N
WINNEBAGO	LAKE WINNECONNE	WINNECONNE	7-Sep-09	2	1	1	0	N
WINNEBAGO	LAKE WINNECONNE	WINNECONNE	7-Sep-09	2	1	0	0	N
WINNEBAGO	WOLF RIVER	WINNECONNE	2-May-09	2	3	1	0	N
WINNEBAGO	WOLF RIVER	WINNECONNE	2-May-09	2	60	0	0	N
WINNEBAGO	WOLF RIVER	ORIHULA	24-Sep-09	1	3	1	0	N
WOOD	WISCONSIN RIVER	PORT EDWARDS	19-Jul-09	1	1	1	0	N
TOTALS				132	133	21	2	

Boat Length & Motor Size of All Boats Involved in 2009 Accidents

Boat Length

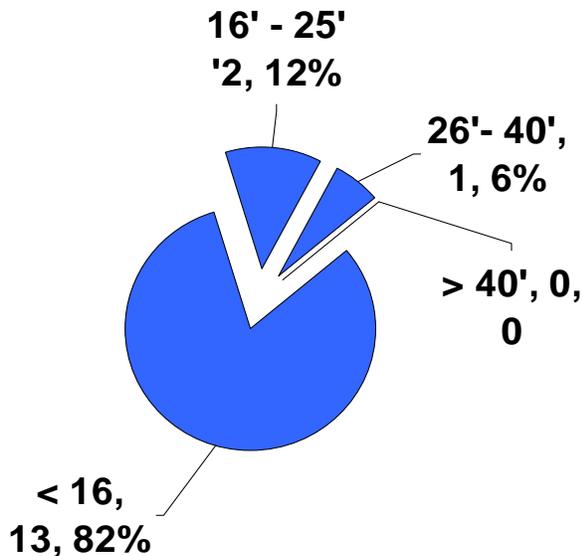


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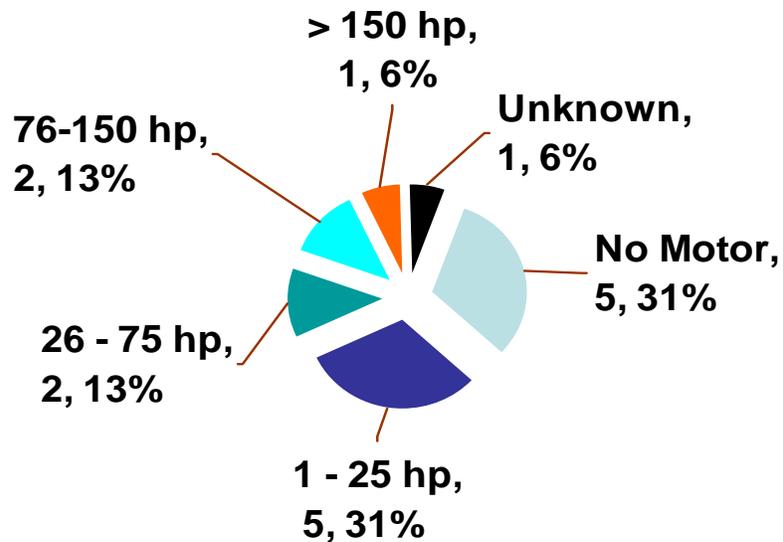


Boat Length & Motor Size of Boats Involved in the 16 Fatalities in 2009

Boat Length

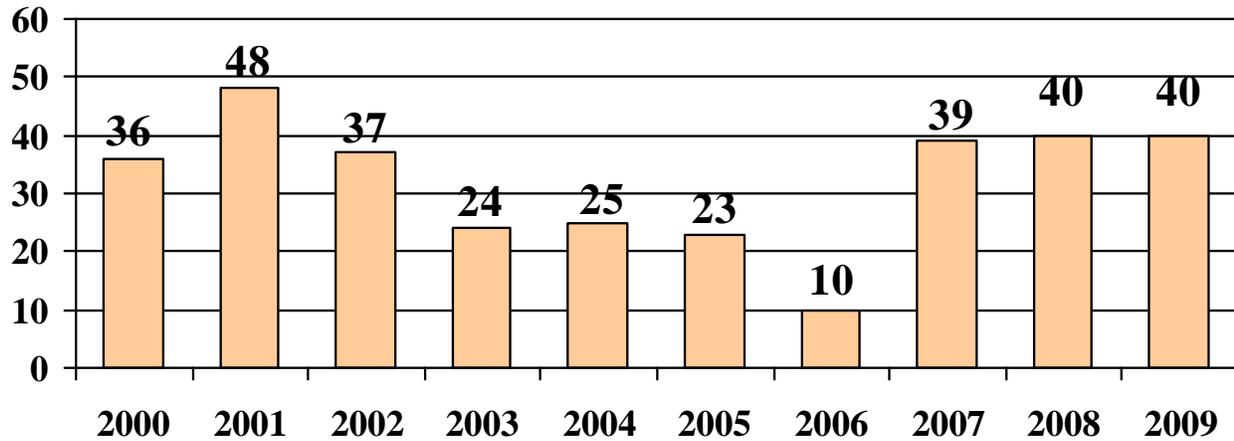


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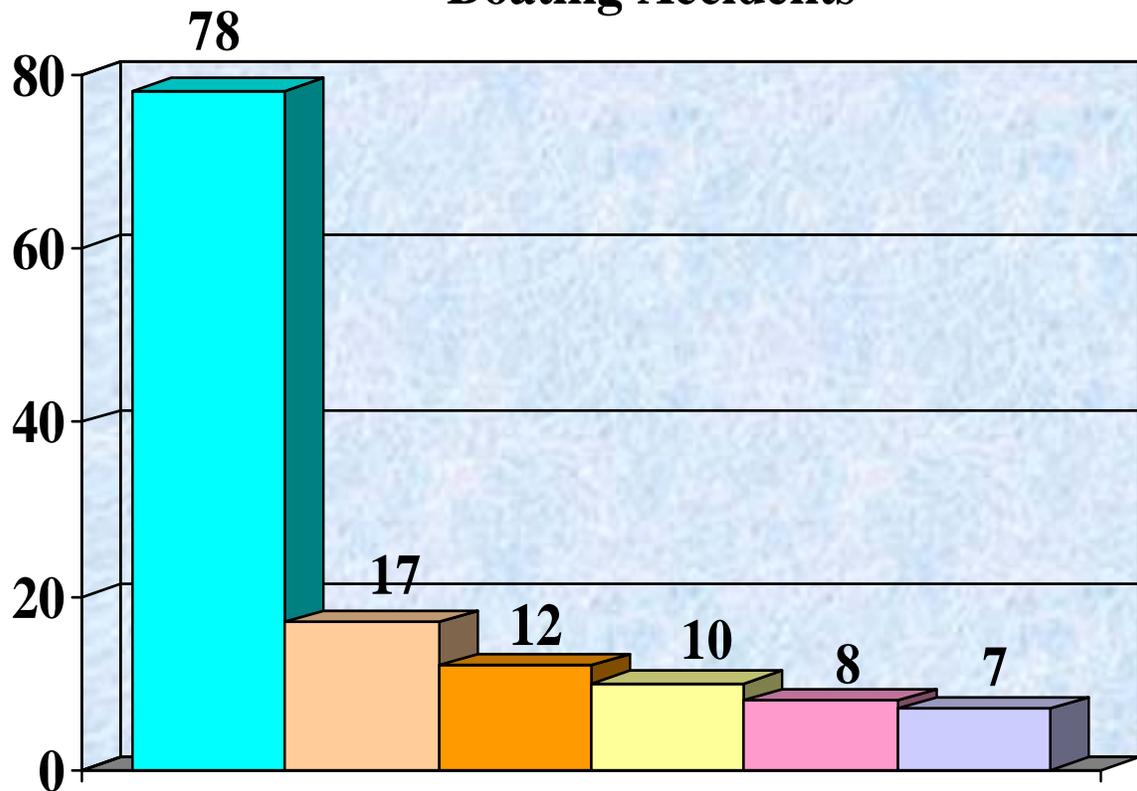


Two-Thirds (10 of 15) of the boats involved in the fatal boating accidents in 2009, had no boat motor or had a boat motor of 25 hp or smaller. This is a much higher percentage than the 50% that occurred in 2008.

Percent % of Fatal Accidents Each Year That involved Non-Motorized Boats from 2000 through 2009



Type of Boat Involved in 2009 Boating Accidents



Type of Boat Involved

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|--|---|--|
| ■ Open Motorboats | ■ PWC's | ■ Cabin Motorboats |
| ■ Pontoon-Houseboats | ■ Non Motorized | ■ All Other Boats |

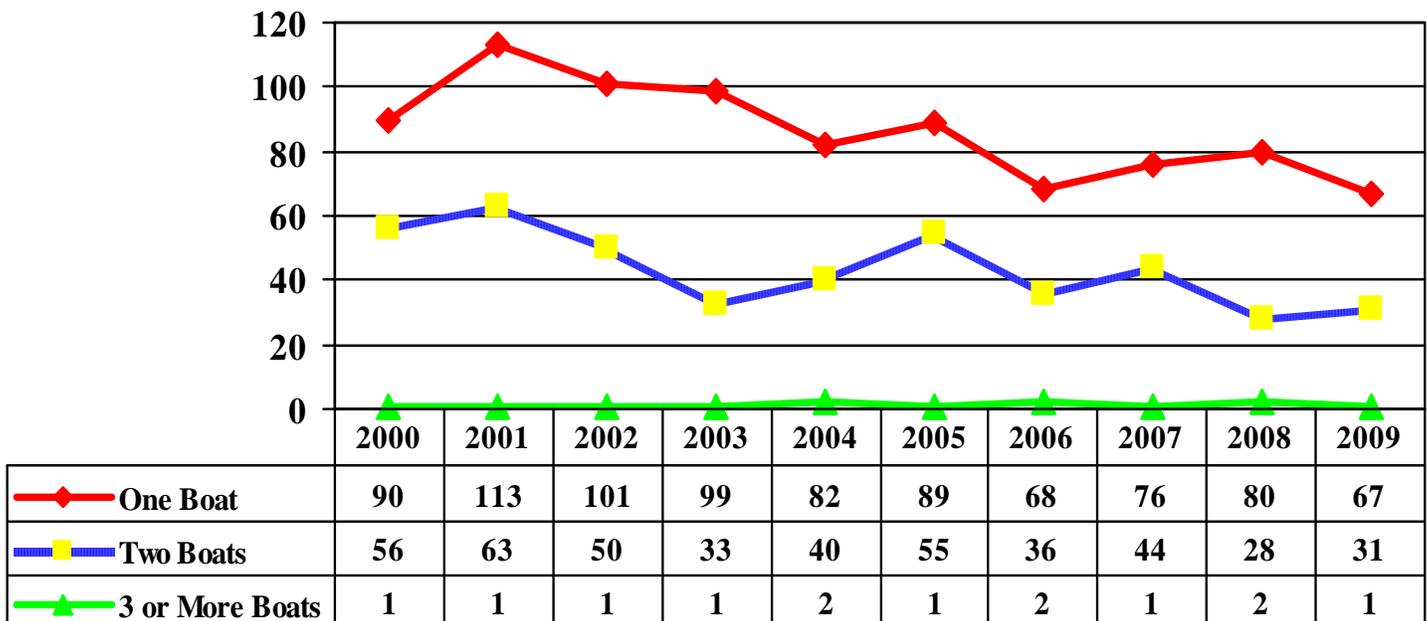
2009 Boat Accidents By Type of Boat Involved

Type of Boat	# Boats	# Fatalities	# Injuries
Open Motorboat	78	8	45
Personal Watercraft (PWC)	17	0	13
Cabin Motorboat	12	1	5
Pontoon / Houseboat	10	1	0
Canoe – Kayaks	6	4	2
Auxiliary Sailboat & Sailboat Only	4	0	1
Tubes, other boat types, etc	3	0	3
Row boats	2	2	0
TOTALS	132	16	69

The chart above shows the type of watercraft involved in each recreational boating incident that involved an injured person or a fatality. The table also identifies the type of water craft involved in those incidents where there was only property damage.

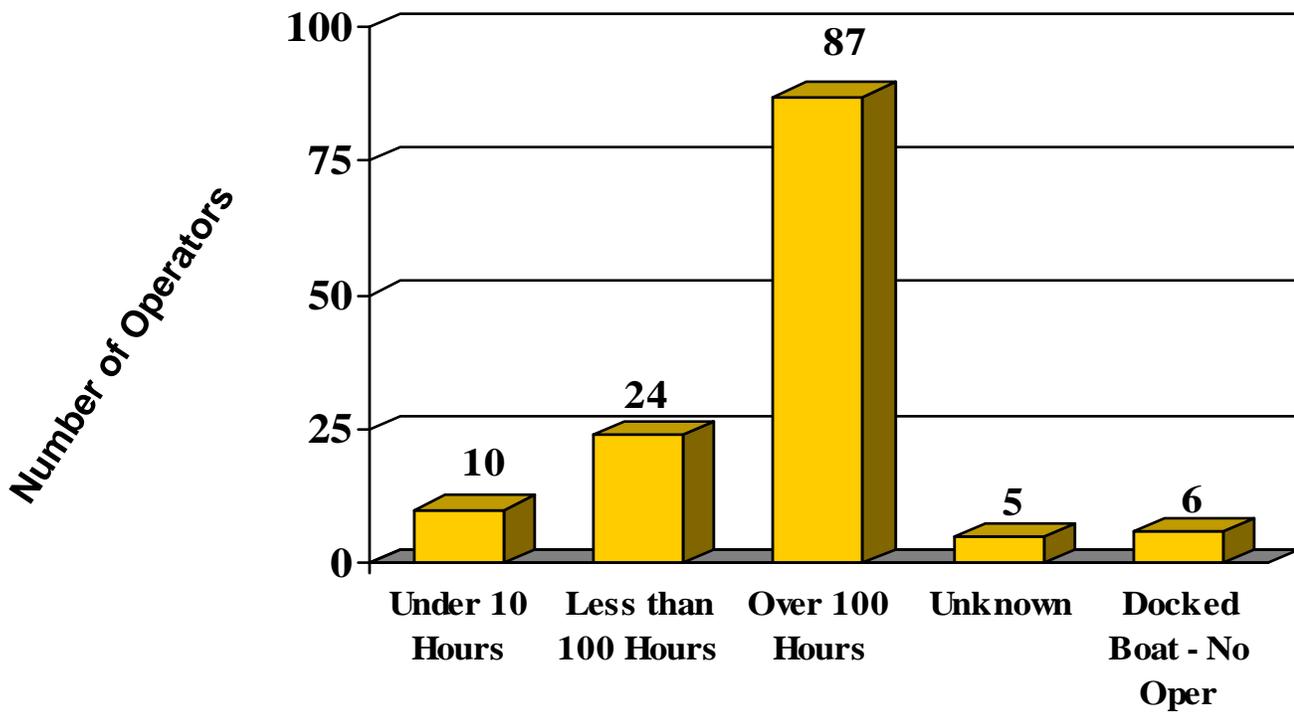
There were 132 boats involved in the 102 ‘reportable’ boating incidents. 32 of the incidents involved multiple watercraft with the remaining 67 incidents involved only one watercraft.

Number of Accidents Involving One or Multiple Boats from 2000 through 2009

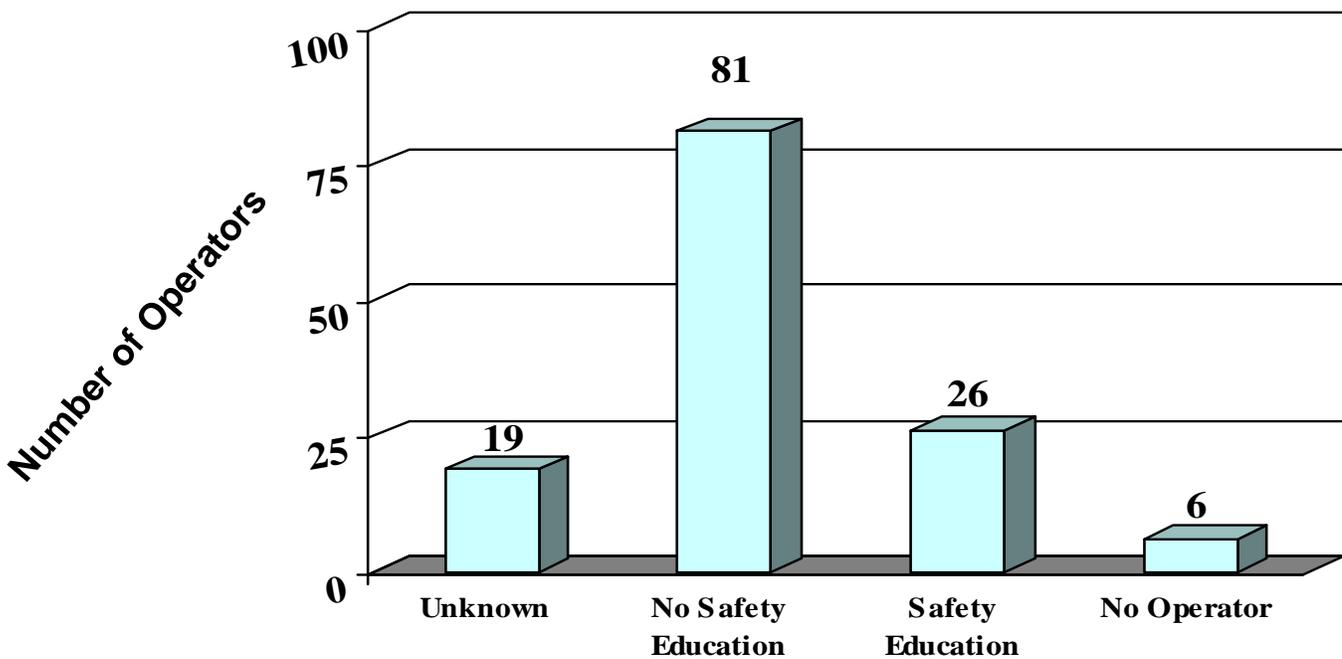


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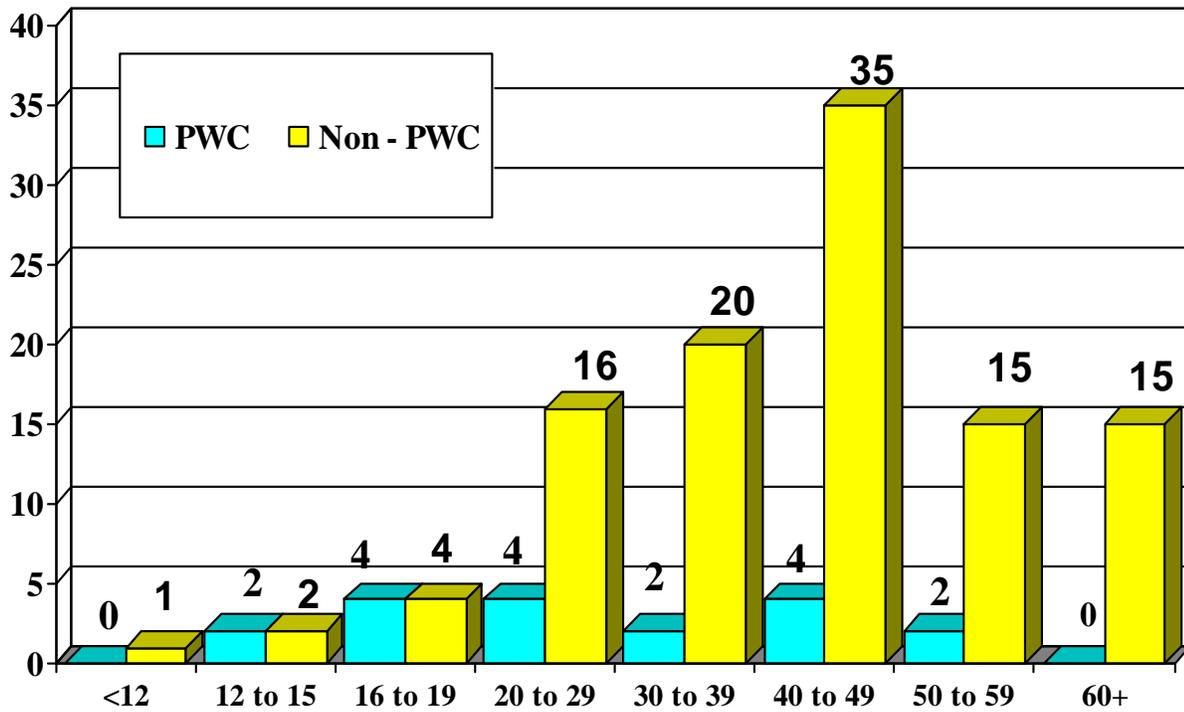
- Boat Operator Experience -



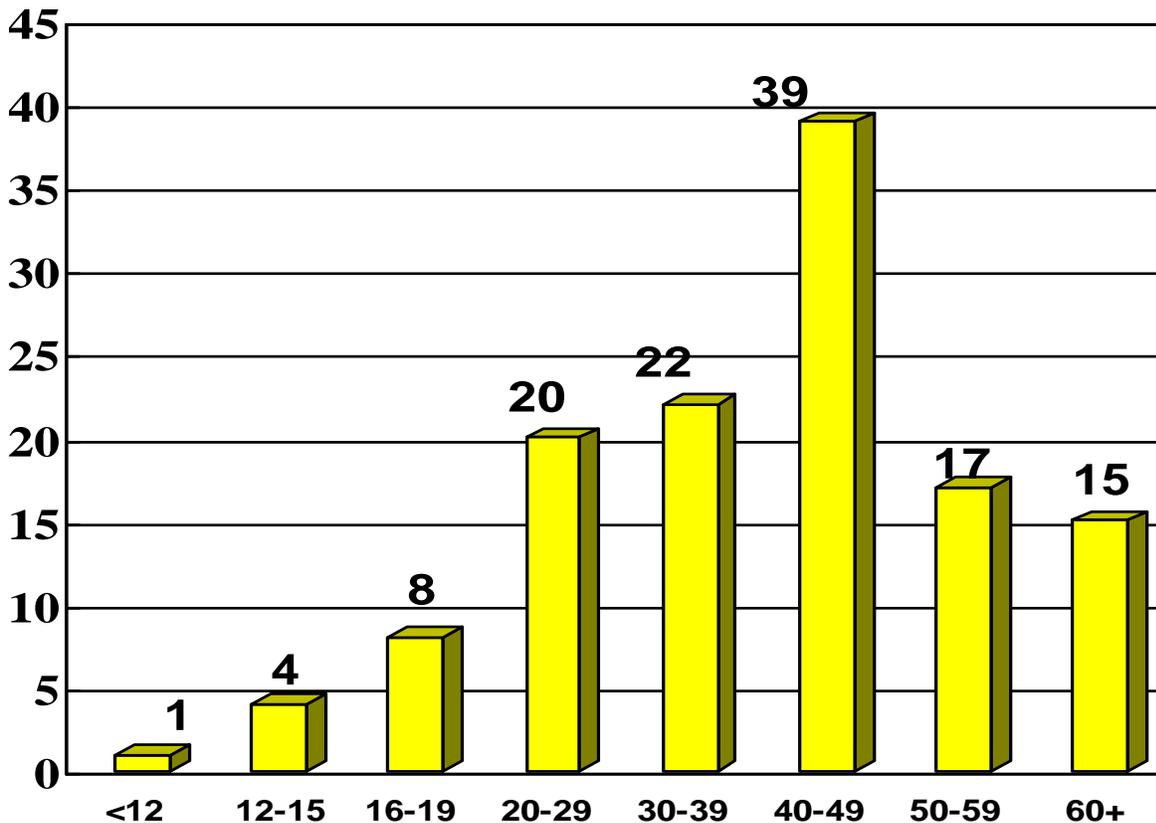
- Boat Operator Safety Education -



Operator Age in 2009 Accidents of PWC & Non-PWC Operators



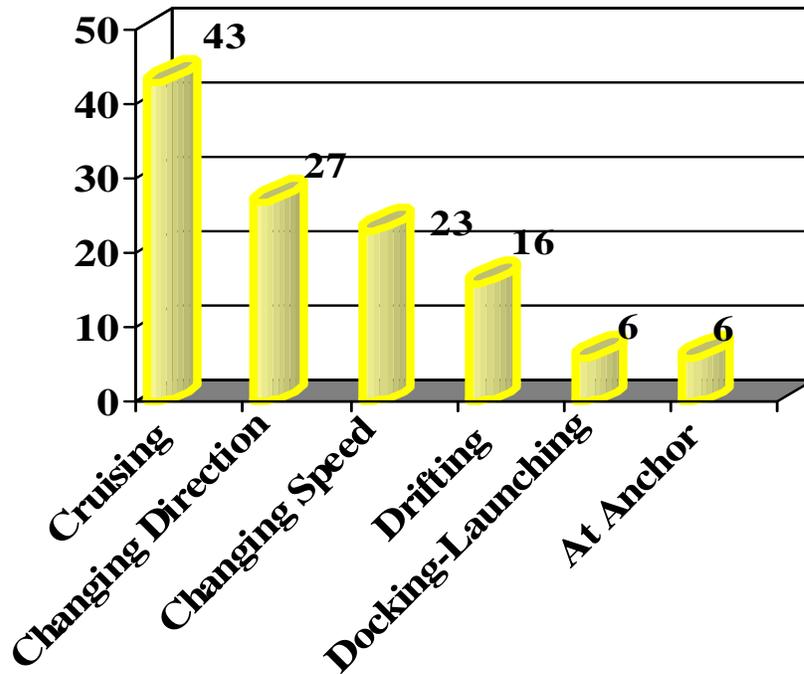
Age of All Boat Operators involved in 2009 Boating Accidents



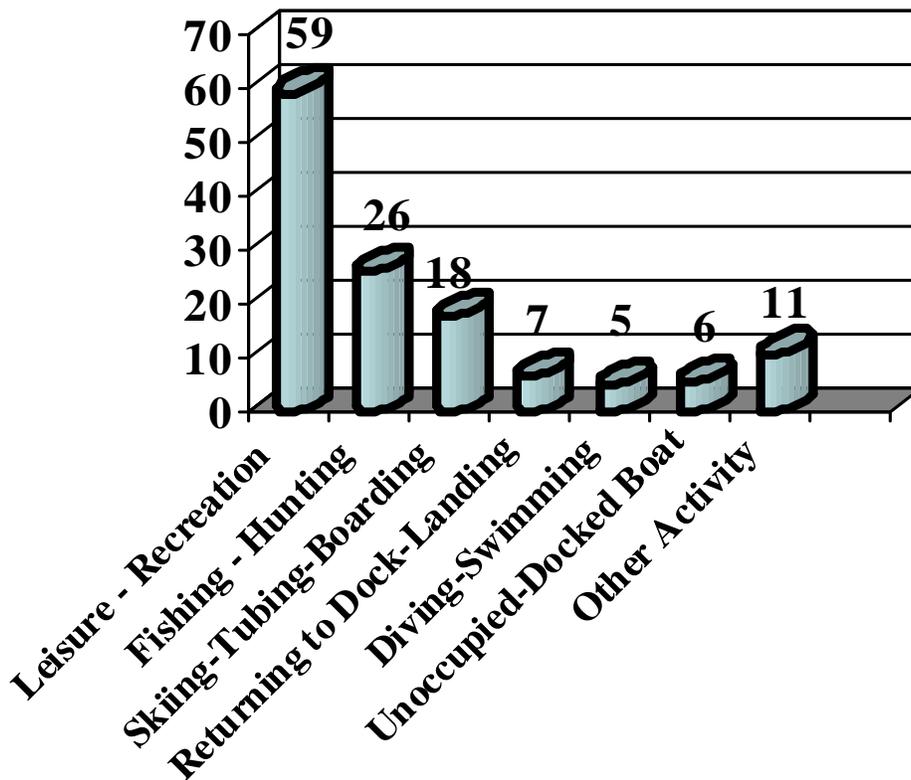
2009 Boating Accidents

Boat Operation When Accident Occurred

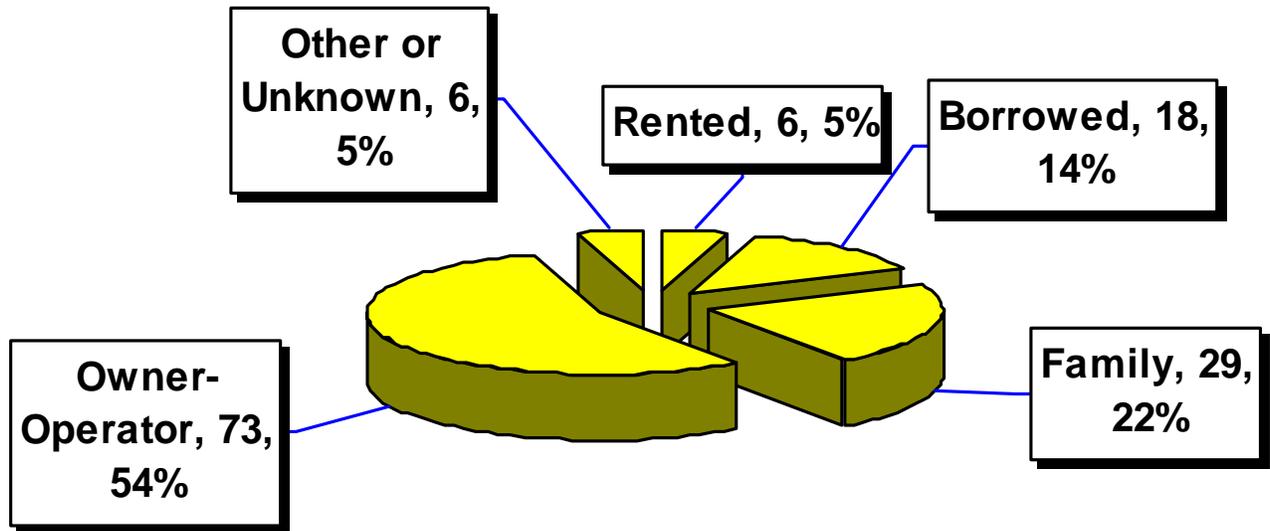
Only the Top Six Operations are identified.



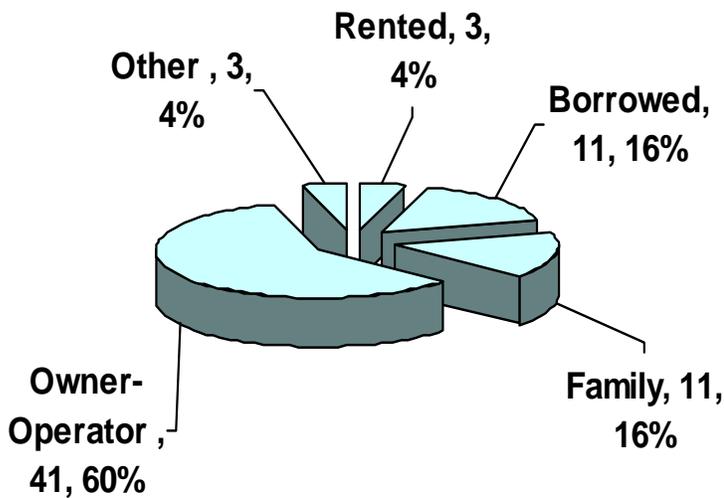
Type of Activity--Engaged in When Accident Occurred



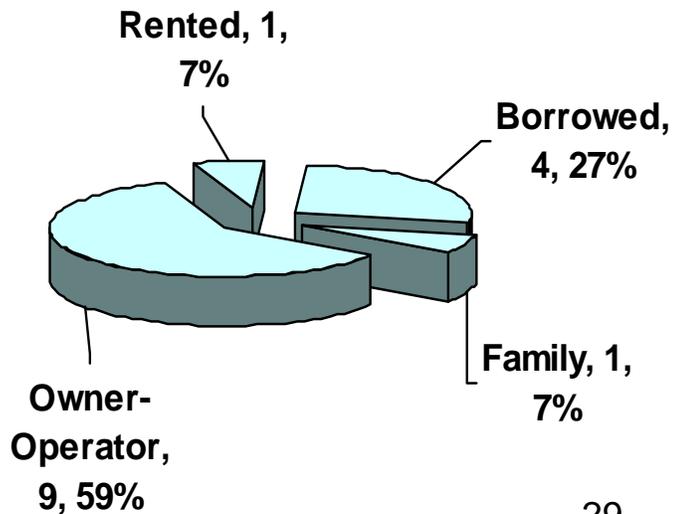
Ownership of All Boats involved in 2009 Boating Accidents



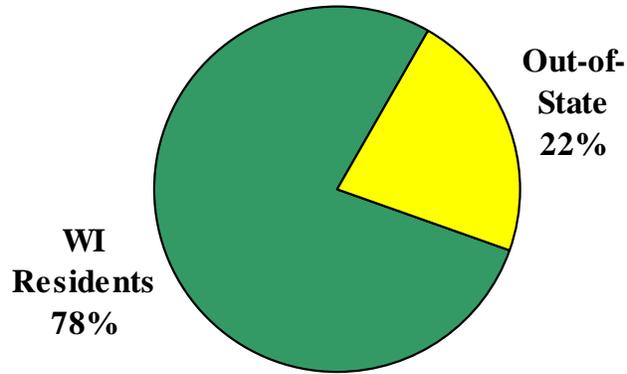
Involved in Injuries



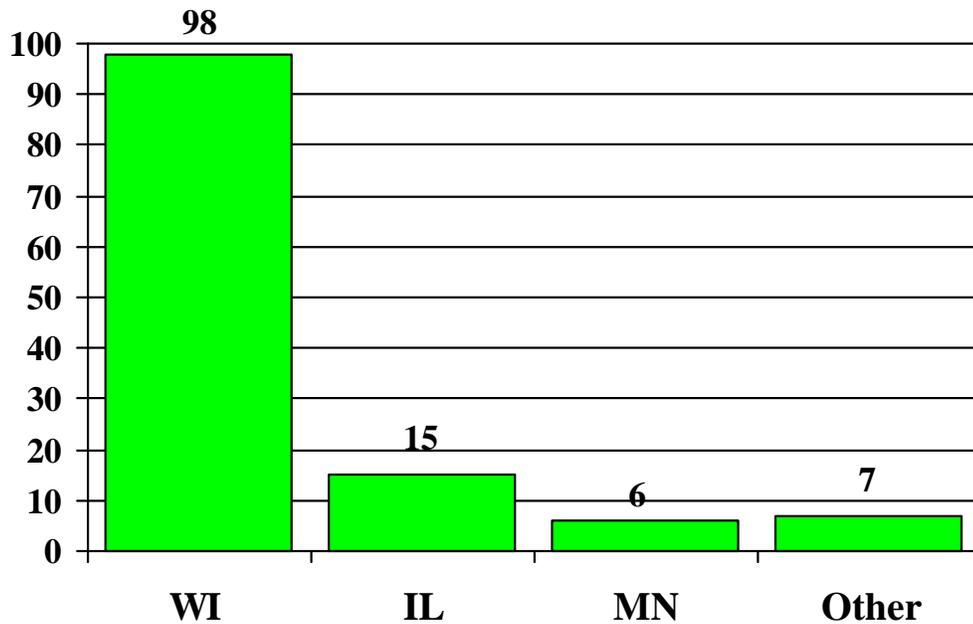
Involved in Fatalities



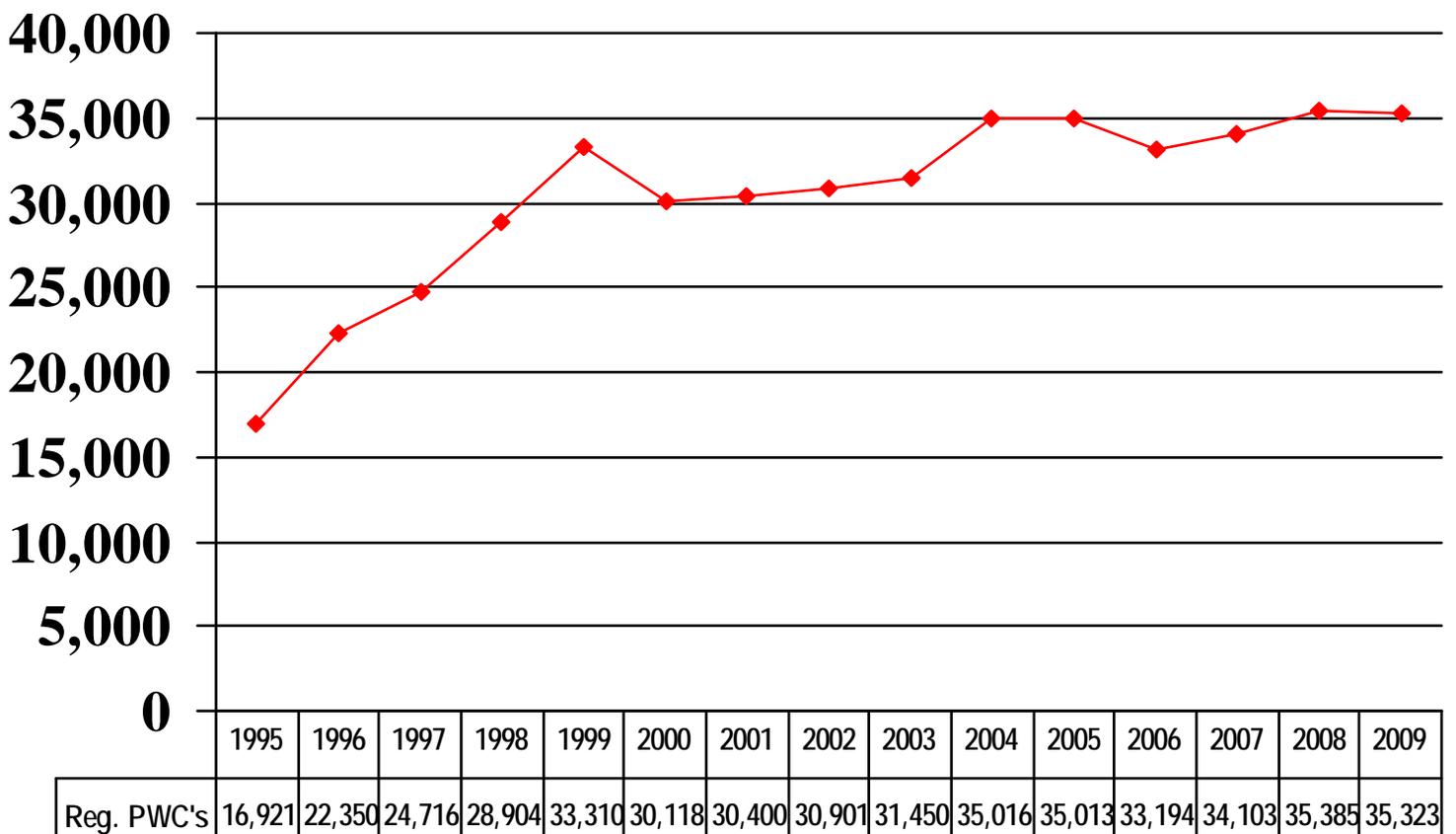
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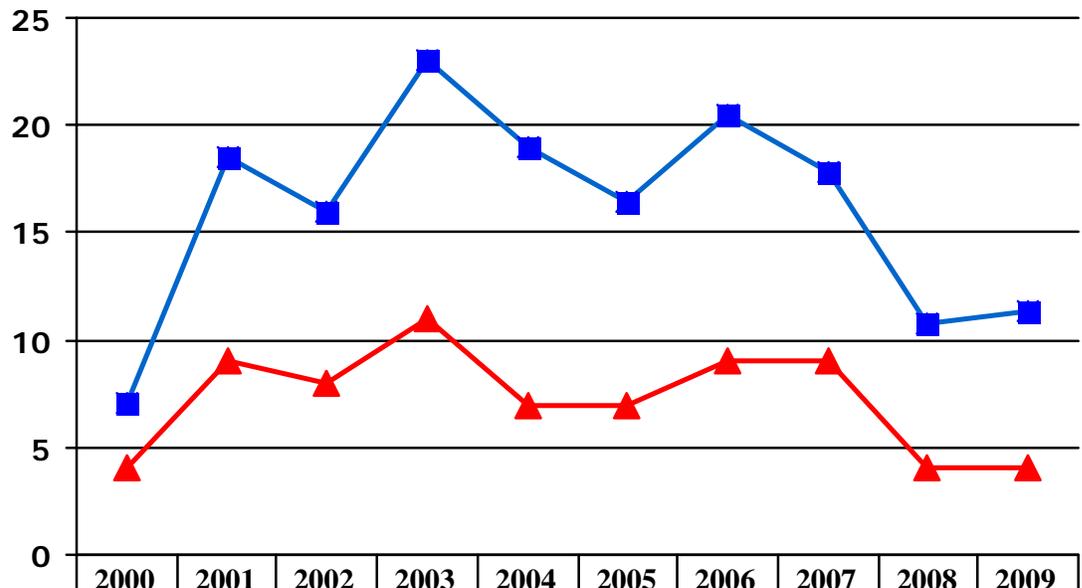
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Personal Water Crafts Registered In Wisconsin Over the Past 15 Years

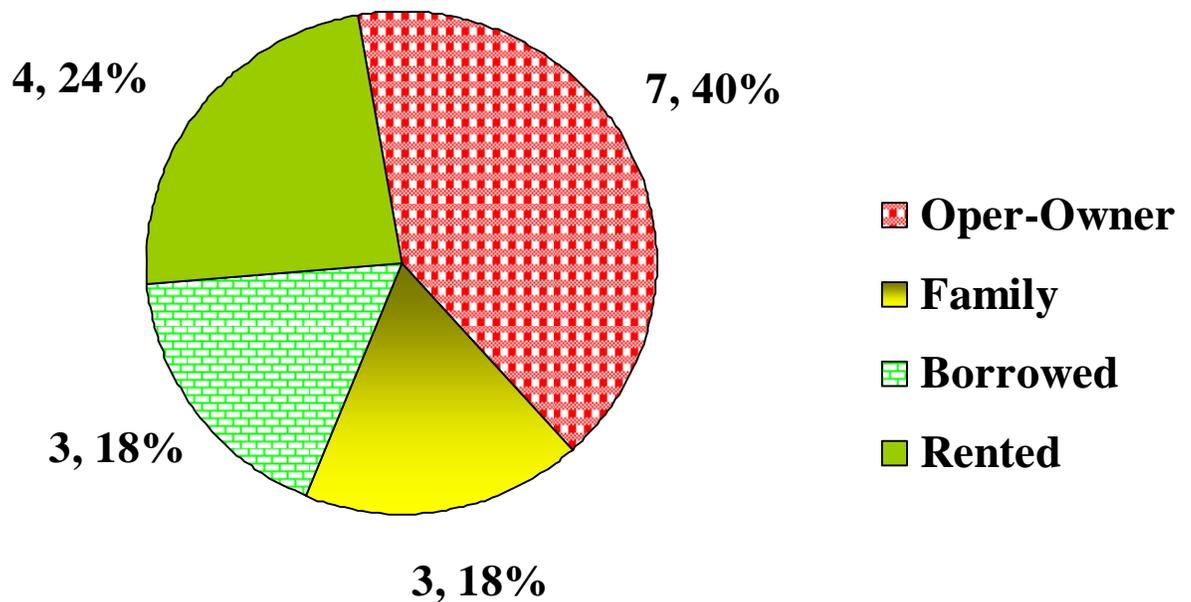


Rental PWC Accident Rates Per 1,000 Registered Rental PWC's

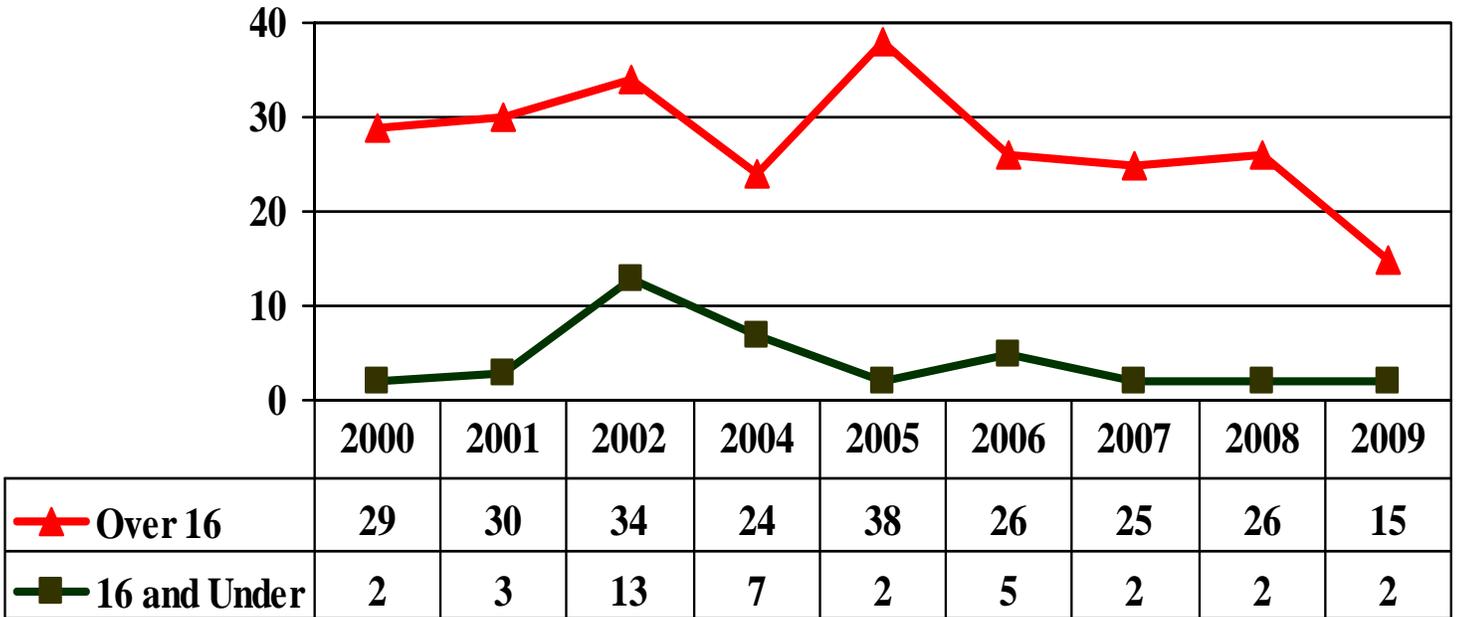


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
# Accidents	4	9	8	11	7	7	9	9	4	4
Rate per 1000 PWC's	7.1	18.5	16	23	19	16.4	20.5	17.8	10.8	11.4

Whose PWC was Involved in Accidents in 2009

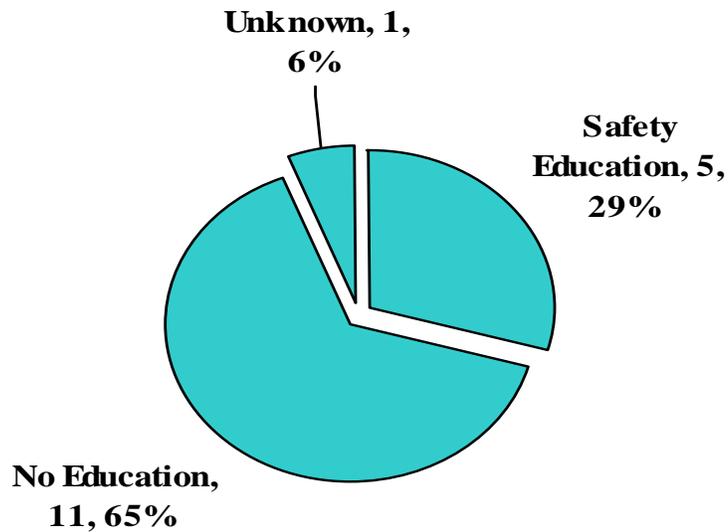


Age of the PWC Operators Involved in Accidents



Boat Safety Education of PWC Operators Involved in 2009 Accidents

Safety Education or NO Safety Education

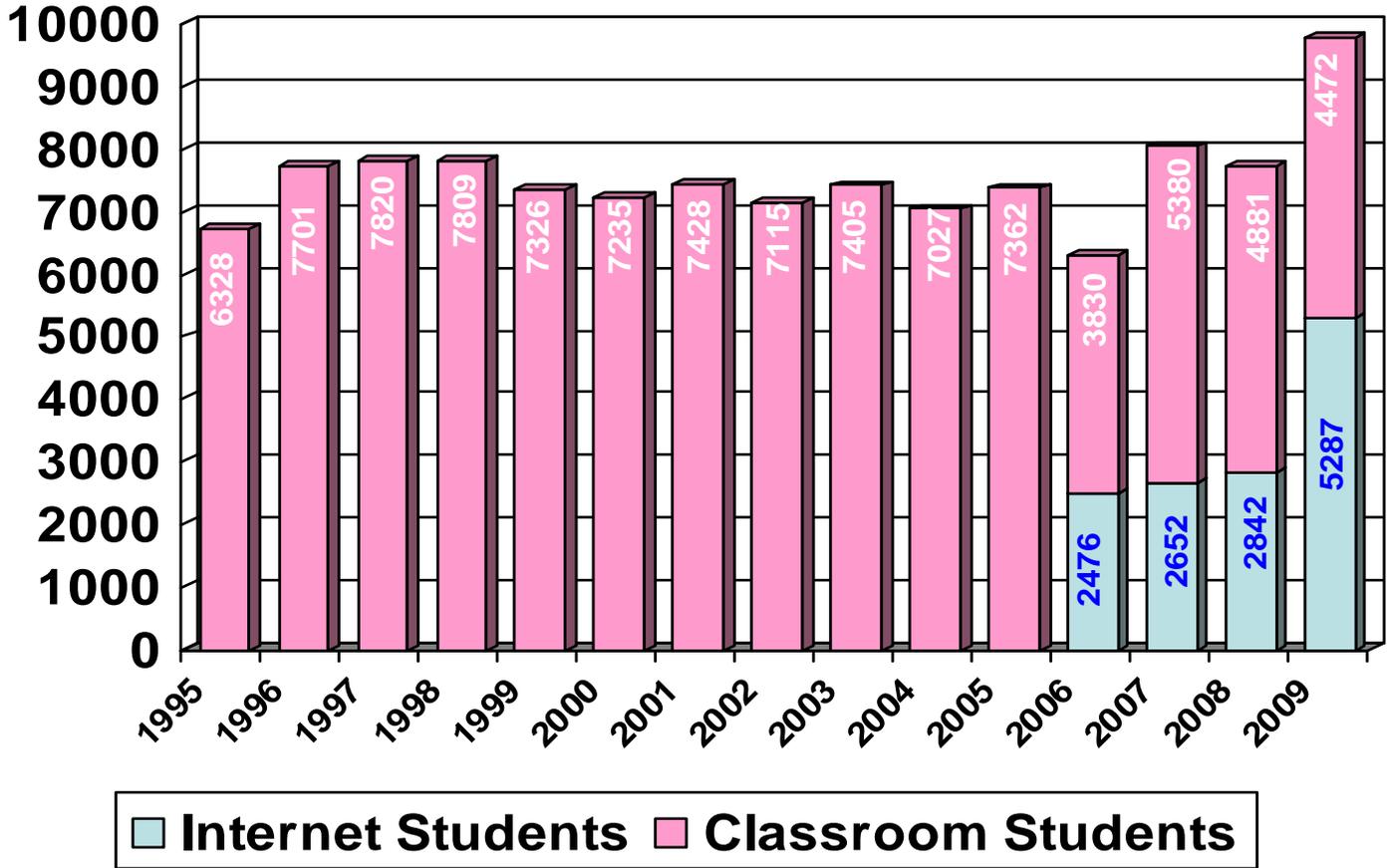


Boating Education in Wisconsin

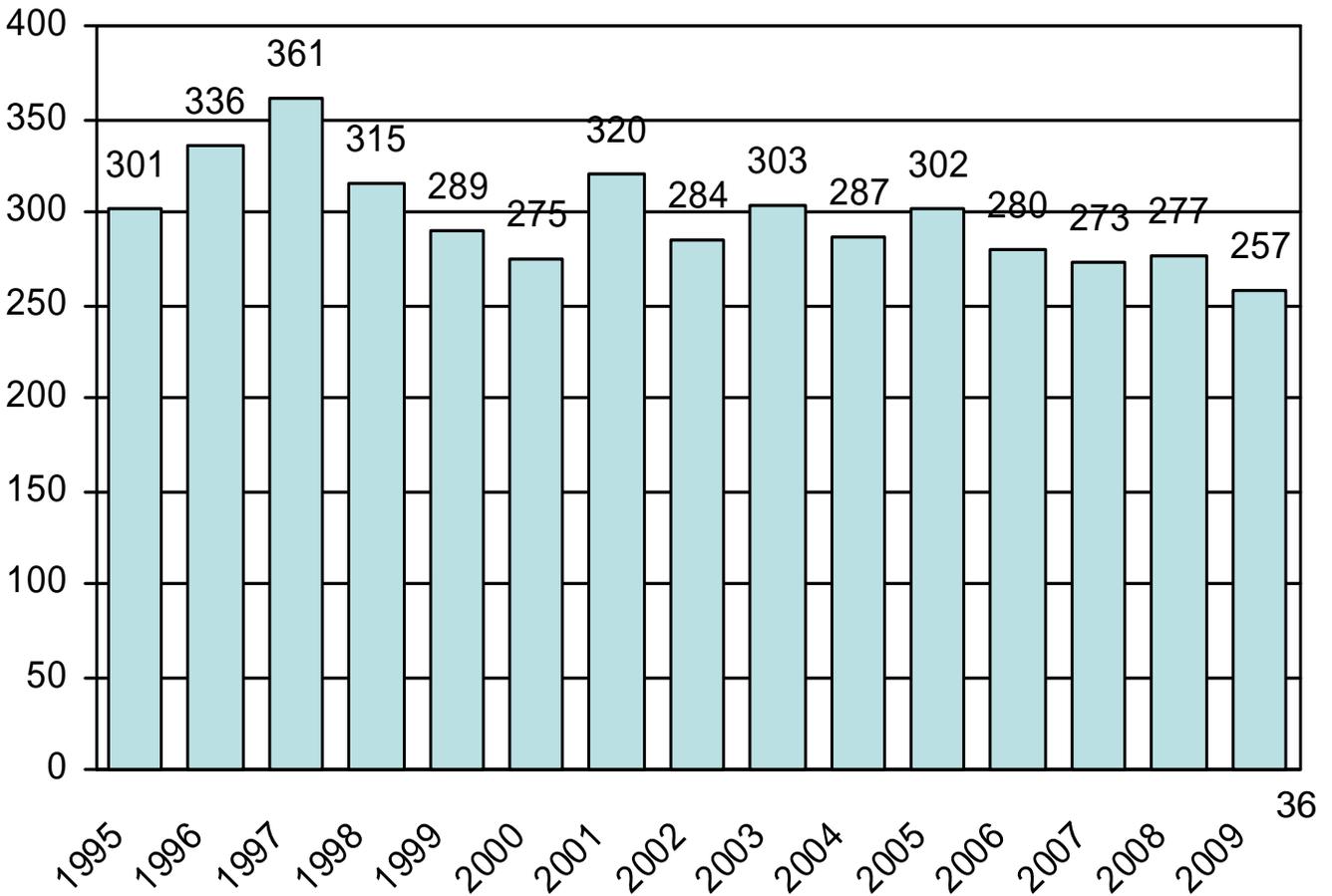


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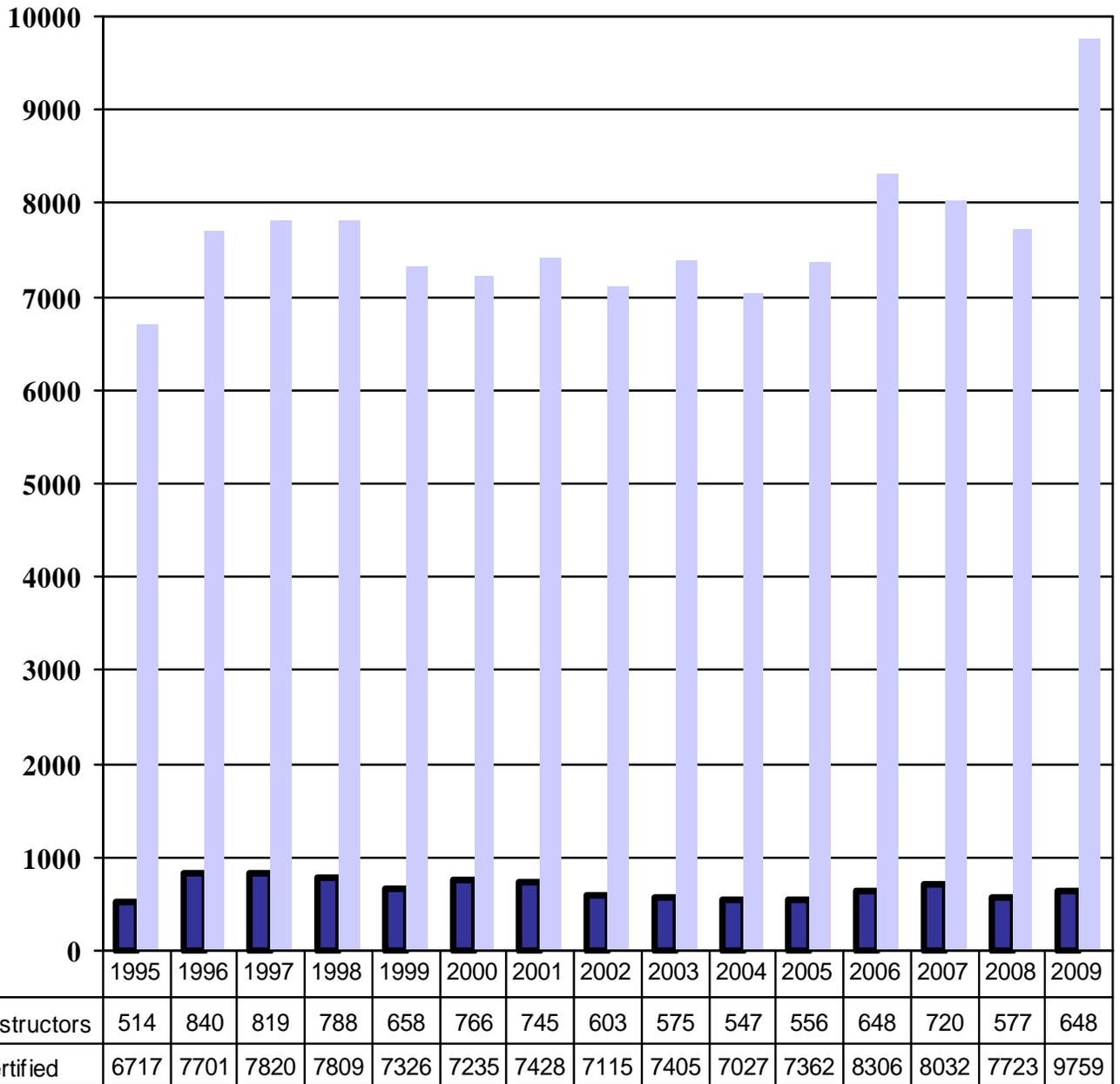
Number of Students Certified



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Boating Education (1995 – 2009)



Boating Citations Issued in Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009

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Fiscal Year 2009 = July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Sort is by Category with highest to lowest no. of citations issued in FY 2009

FY 2009	FY 2008	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION -- (Wisconsin Statute)	Offense Code
754	858	FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPER NO. OF PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES -- 30.62(3)	B01
604	691	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION VIOLATIONS -- 30.66	B59
383	397	OPERATE MOTORBOAT WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT -- 30.681(1)(a) & (b) & 30.681 (bn)	B10
336	328	OPERATE BOAT IN PROHIBITED AREA -- 30.68(7) OR IN EXCESS OF SPEED LIMIT -- 30.365	B09
318	368	LOCAL BOATING ORDINANCE -- 30.77	B50
254	359	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT VALID CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER -- 30.51(1)	B03
174	201	OPERATING BOAT AT NIGHT WITHOUT REQUIRED LIGHTS -- 30.61	B02
153	146	OPERATE BOAT TOWING WATER SKIER WITHOUT AN OBSERVER -- 30.69(1)(a)	B28
144	237	FAILURE TO DISPLAY REGISTRATION NUMBER OR DECAL ON BOAT - - 30.523(2) or (3)	B05
134	117	PERMIT UNDERAGE OPERATION OF MOTORBOAT OR W/O SAFETY CERT.-- 30.68(3)(b) or(c) or(d)	B29
128	131	FAIL TO SECURE OR COVER STORAGE BATTERY -- 30.62(8)	B56
101	111	FAIL TO HAVE REQUIRED FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT ABOARD -- 30.62(4)	B20
89	169	FAILURE TO HAVE CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER ON BOARD -- 30.523(1)	B06
89	96	RIDING ON GUNWALES OR BOW -- 30.68 (6)	B13
69	103	OPERATE BEYOND SLOW-NO-WAKE WHERE PROHIBITED -- 30.66(3) & NR 5.33	B25
55	51	GIVE PERMISSION TO OPERATE BOAT WITHOUT A VALID CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER -- 30.51(1)	B24
47	37	EXCEED BOAT CAPACITY BY WEIGHT -- 30.68(9) OR POWER -- 30.62 (2m)	B21
42	56	FAILURE TO TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER OR TITLE -- 30.549(1) or (2)	B04
38	41	OPERATE BOAT WITH UNREASONABLE OR IMPRUDENT SPEED -- 30.66(1); CREATE HAZARDOUS WAKE --30.68(4); OPERATE IN CIRCULAR COURSE WITHIN 200 FEET OF ANOTHER BOAT -- 30.68(5)	B08
32	35	OPERATE WITHIN 100 FEET OF DOCK, RAFT, PIER, Etc -- 30.66(3)	B27
24	30	REFUSE TEST, INTOXICATED MOTORBOAT OPERATION -- 30.684(5)	B36
18	24	WATER-SKIING AFTER SUNSET -- 30.69(1)(a)	B15
13	29	OPERATE MOTORBOATS EXCEEDING 86 DECIBEL NOISE LIMIT -- 30.62(2)(b)	B51
12	23	FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY --30.65(1)(a) thru (f)	B12

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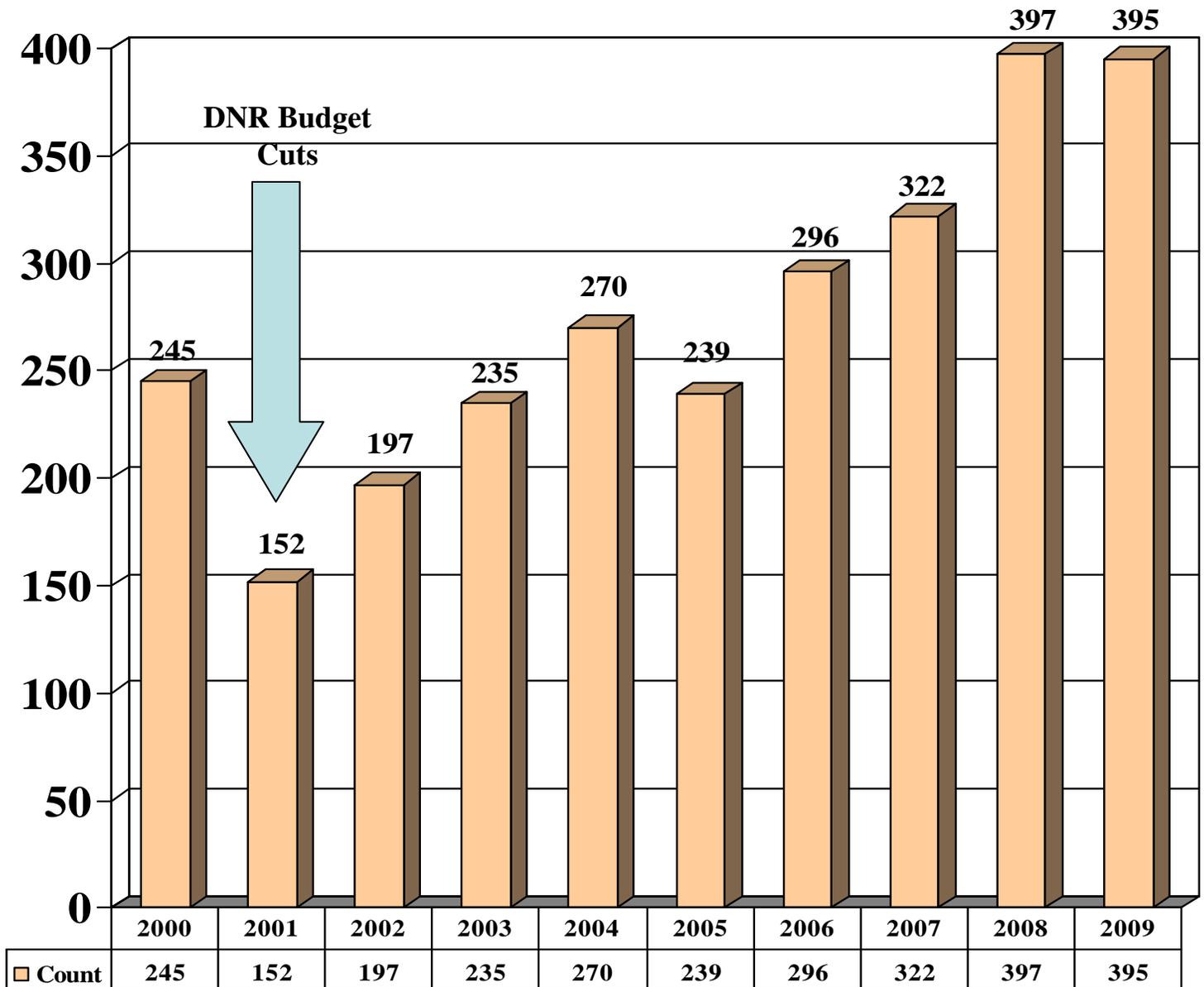
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FY 2009	FY 2008	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION -- (Wisconsin Statute)	Offense Code
8	6	FAILURE TO REPORT BOATING ACCIDENT -- 30.67 (2)	B11
7	7	MOORED BOATS & STRUCTURES BEYOND 200 FEET FROM SHORE WITHOUT LIGHTS -- 30.61(6)(a)	B26
7	6	ABSOLUTE SOBRIETY FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS -- 30.68(1)(bn)	B60
6	10	OPERATE A BOAT WITH A MUFFLER CUT OFF -- NR5.125 (4)	B39
6	5	IMPROPER DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON BOAT -- NR5.06	B07
5	2	CAPACITY PLATE VIOLATION -- 30.501	B30
4	5	ALLOW BOAT OPERATION BY INCAPACITATED PERSON -- 30.68(3)(a)	B57
4	5	WATER SKIING WITHIN 100 FT OF RESTRICTED AREA -- 30.69(3)	B33
2	7	NOT WATER SKIING IN A CAREFUL AND PRUDENT MANNER -- 30.69(2)	B32
2	6	OPERATE MOTORBOAT WITH DETECTABLE AMOUNT OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - 30.681(1)(b) 1m	B61
2	4	MOLEST WATER REGULATORY BUOYS -- 30.68(12); 30.17 Crime	B22
2	4	NO MUFFLERS ON BOAT MOTOR -- 30.62 (2)	B18
2	4	RENTING BOATS NOT LEGALLY EQUIPPED OR REGISTERED -- 30.62(1)	B14
2	3	MISCELLANEOUS	B19
2	0	FAIL TO RENDER AID TO DISPLAYED DISTRESS FLAG 30.675(1) or UNWARRANTED DISPLAY 30.675(2)	B31
1	4	FAILURE TO STOP FOR OFFICER -- 30.64(3)	B34
1	4	SELL MOTORBOAT EXCEEDING 86 DECIBEL NOISE LIMIT -- 30.62(2)(c)	B52
1	2	CAUSE INJURY BY INTOXICATED OPERATION OF MOTORBOAT -- 30.681(2)	B35
1	2	FAIL TO HAVE FLAME ARRESTORS ON INBOARD -- 30.62(5)	B54
1	2	UNNECESSARY SOUNDING OF WHISTLE OR HORN -- 30.68(11)	B58
1	0	OPERATE BOAT WITH IMPROPERLY SEALED TOILET -- 30.71	B17
0	2	WATERSKIING WHILE INTOXICATED --	B37
0	0	FAIL TO HAVE BILGE VENTILATORS -- 30.62(6)	B55
0	0	ILLEGAL MOORING BUOYS -- 30.68(8m)	B23
0	0	UNLAWFULLY ENGAGE IN SKINDIVING -- 30.70	B16
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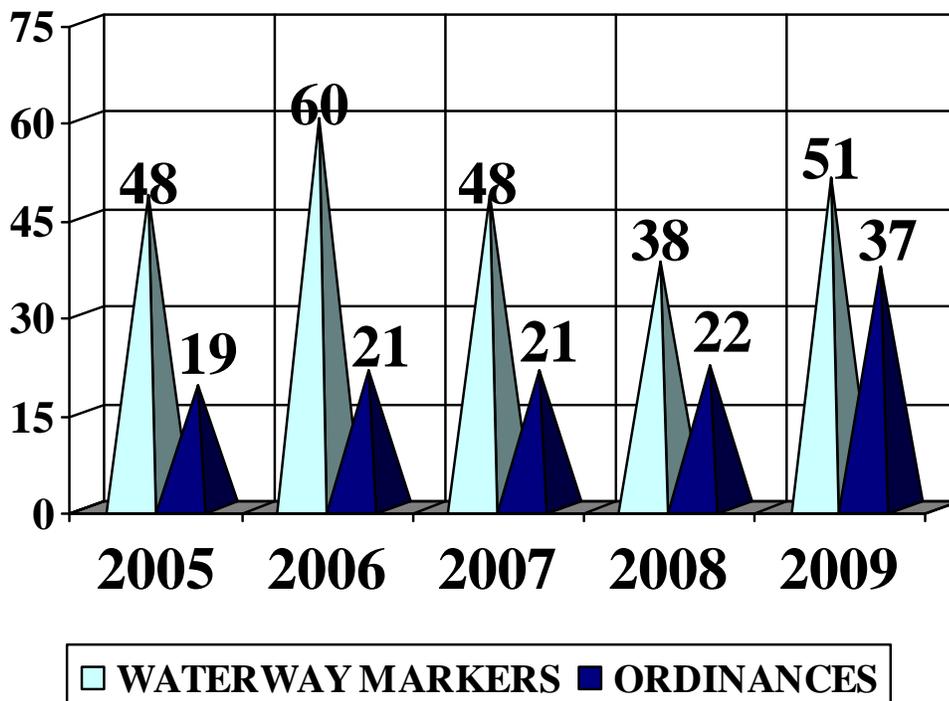
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Local Boating Ordinances and Waterway Markers in Wisconsin Waters

State law allows counties, towns, villages, cities, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and town sanitary districts to enact local regulations relative to boating in the interest of public health, safety or welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the state's natural resources. State boating law provides a general framework of regulation, but it is up to the towns, villages, cities, town sanitary districts, and public inland lake protection & rehabilitation districts, to provide regulations tailored to local conditions. The authority to enact local regulations is found in Chapter 30 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Number of Local Boating Ordinances Reviewed and Waterway Marker Permit Applications Received And Reviewed in the last five years



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