

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1980

During the calendar year of 1980, there were 95 reportable accidents to this office. Property damage amounted to approximately \$175,605.00. Sixty (60) accidents occurred in which 72 were personal injuries and 30 were fatalities.

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>COUNTY</u>	
April - 2	August - 16	Adams - 2	Logan - 1
May - 19	September - 8		Macon - 1
June - 25	October - 1	Carroll - 1	Macoupin - 1
July - 23	November - 1	Clinton - 3	Madison - 3
		Coles - 1	McHenry - 3
		Cook - 28	Montgomery - 1
		DeWitt - 2	Moultrie - 2
		Ford - 1	Peoria - 1
		Franklin - 1	Randolph - 1
		Grundy - 1	Rock Island - 2
		Henderson - 2	Sangamon - 2
		Jackson - 3	Scott - 1
		Jersey - 3	Shelby - 1
		Jo Daviess - 2	St. Clair - 4
		Johnson - 1	Tazewell - 2
		Kane - 1	Vermillion - 1
		Kankakee - 3	Whiteside - 1
		Lake - 3	Williamson - 1
		LaSalle - 4	Winnebago - 1
		Lee - 3	

BODY OF WATER

Illinois River - 11	Lake Shelbyville - 3
Rend Lake - 1	Lincoln Lake - 1
Mississippi River - 11	Frentriss Slough - 1
Kankakee River - 2	Lake Carlyle - 3
Wonder Lake - 1	Rock River - 3
Calumet River - 3	Lake Holiday - 2
Lake Michigan - 20	Bird Park Quarry - 1
Clinton Lake - 3	Crab Orchard Lake - 1
Fox River - 3	Kaskaskia River - 2
Wolf Lake - 1	Yeuger Lake - 1
Wooster Lake - 1	Chicago River - 3
Bode Lake - 1	Decatur Lake - 1
Lake of Egypt - 1	New Mt. Olive Res. - 1
Cal-Sag Channel - 1	Meadow Lake - 1
Squawchute - 1	Piasa Creek - 1
Ski Lake - 1	Waukegan Harbor - 1
West Okaw River - 1	Lake Springfield - 1
Vermillion River - 1	Gravel Pit - 1
Kincaid Lake - 2	Lake Marie - 1

BOATING CODE REPORT

TYPE OF BOAT

1. Open Motorboat - 53
2. Cabin Motorboat - 15
3. Auxiliary Sail - 3
4. Sail (Only) - 5
5. Rowboat - 5
6. Other - 10
7. Unknown - 4

WATER CONDITIONS

1. Calm - 60
2. Choppy - 17
3. Rough - 4
4. Very Rough - 1
5. Strong Current - 6
6. Unknown - 7

VISIBILITY

1. Good - 70
2. Fair - 9
3. Poor - 5
4. Unknown - 11

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

- Grounding - 1  
Capsizing - 14  
Flooding - 1  
Sinking - 7  
Fire or Explosion - 3  
Fire or Explosion (other than fuel) - 2  
Collision w/vessel - 20  
Collision w/fixed object - 11  
Collision w/floating object - 5  
Falls Overboard - 13  
Falls in Boat - 1  
Burns - 0  
Hit by Boat or Prop. - 6  
Other - 10  
Unknown - 1

WEATHER

1. Clear - 66
2. Cloudy - 10
3. Fog - 3
4. Rain - 6
5. Snow - 3
6. Hazy - 2
7. Unknown - 5

WIND

1. None - 17
2. Light - 44
3. Moderate - 17
4. Strong - 5
5. Stormy - 2
6. Unknown - 10

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

1. Cruising - 31
2. Approaching Dock - 4
3. Water Skiing - 8
4. Racing - 1
5. Towing - 0
6. Being Towed - 0
7. Drifting - 14
8. At Anchor - 3
9. Tied to Dock - 1
10. Fueling - 2
11. Fishing - 10
12. Hunting - 0
13. Skin Diving or Swimming - 0
14. Other - 15
15. Unknown - 6

AGE AND HOURS EXPERIENCE OF OPERATORS

Age	Less Than 20 Hours	20-100 Hours	100-500 Hours	Over 500 Hours	Unknown	Total
Teenage	1	0	1	0	0	2
20-29	5	6	16	2	3	32
30-39	1	3	9	3	2	18
40-49	0	2	5	12	1	20
50-59	0	2	1	2	1	6
60-Over	0	0	1	2	0	3
Unknown	0	0	0	0	14	14