

Boating Injuries



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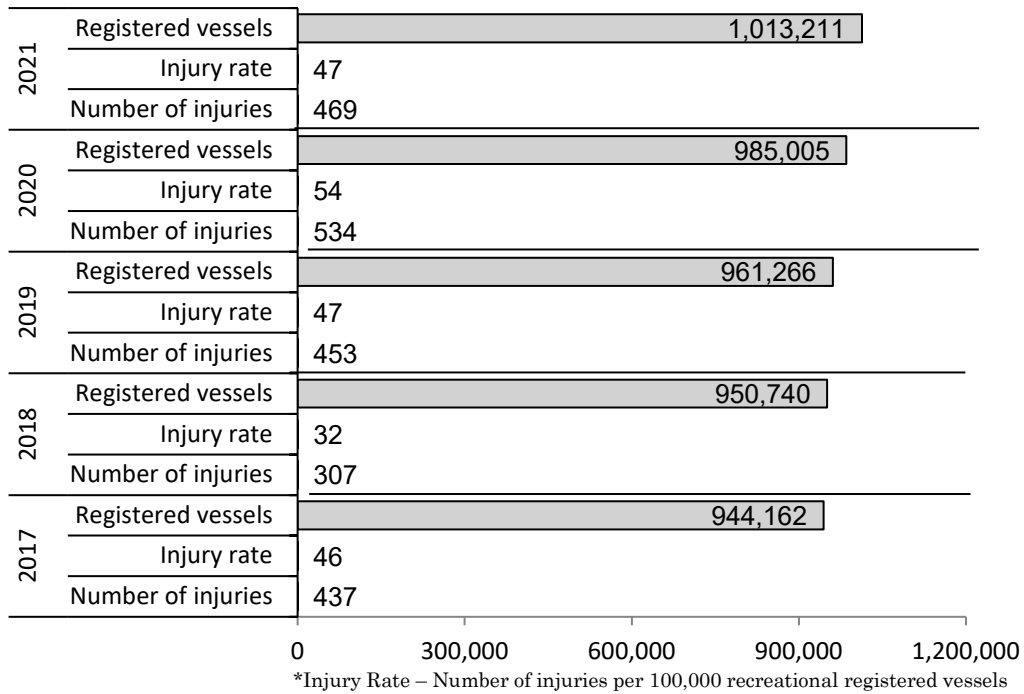
Boating Injuries photo detail

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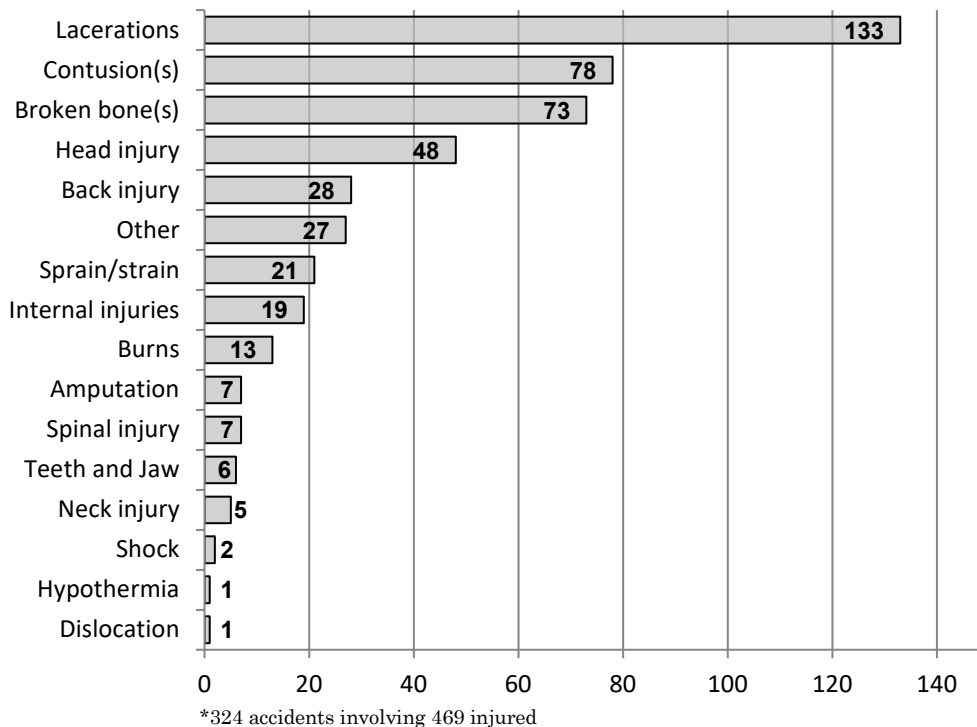
A 27-foot vessel with two occupants crashed into the mangroves near Blackwater Sound. The 60-year-old operator said he was watching his GPS instead of using his spotlight to see where he was heading. He said he was going about 20-30 knots when they hit the mangroves. He said he did not realize where they were until it was too late. Throughout the interview, the investigating officer observed the odor of an alcoholic beverage, his speech was slurred, and his eyes were bloodshot and glassy. When asked if he had anything to drink during the night. He stated that he had a few beers before the crash and then stated, "A bunch after because I thought we were going to be there awhile."

2021 BOATING INJURIES

TOTAL INJURIES RECORDED 2017-2021

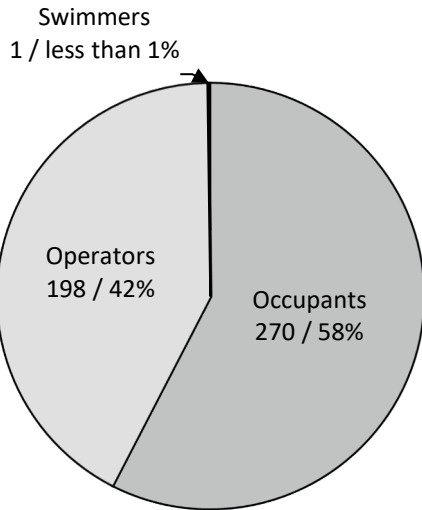


TYPES OF INJURY



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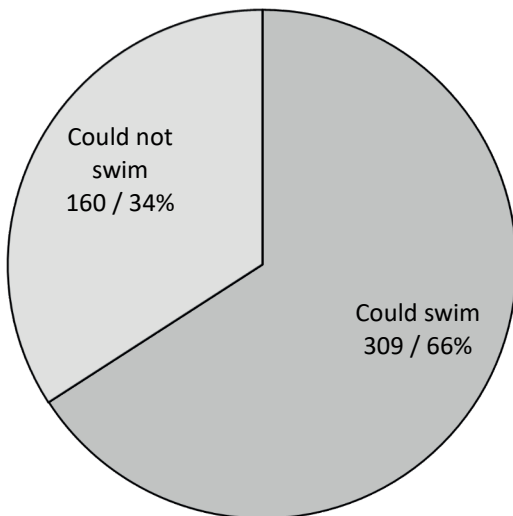
VICTIM STATISTICS (INJURED)



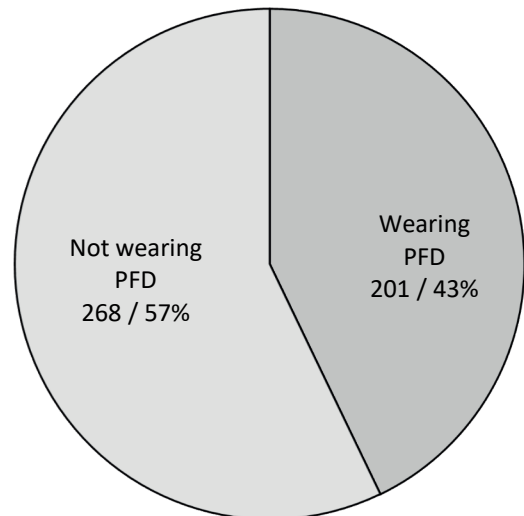
*324 accidents involving 469 injured
Towed skier includes all towed watersport participants (skiing, tubing, wake surfing, etc)

On October 26, a 20-year-old operator and a 30-year-old occupant were on a rented PWC in the area known as Beer Can Island. The operator changed course and was heading toward the shore at a high rate of speed. As he neared the shoreline, the operator attempted to turn away from the rocks, turning the handlebars and letting off the throttle. The PWC did not turn due to the off-throttle status, resulting in the PWC grounding on the rocks. The two people were ejected onto the rocks. The occupant ended up slightly underneath the PWC and the operator landed a few feet away. Both were transported to the hospital and treated for minor injuries.

VICTIM STATISTICS (SWIMMING ABILITY)

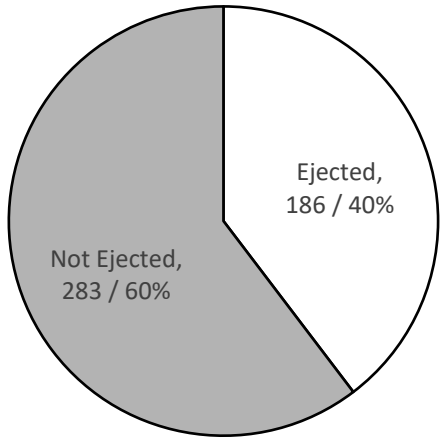


VICTIM STATISTICS (PFD USE)

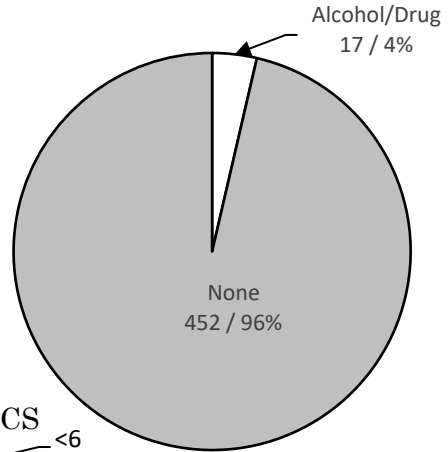


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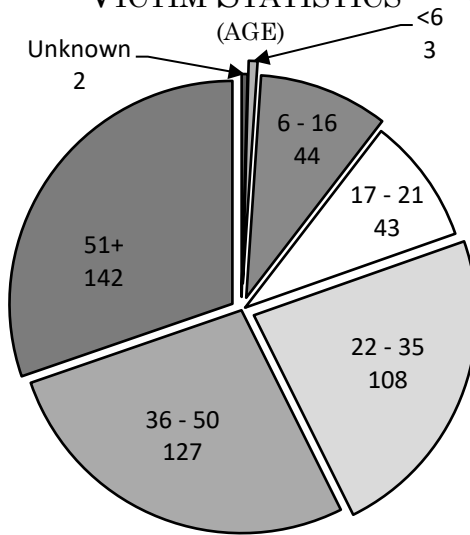
VICTIM STATISTICS
(EJECTED)



VICTIM STATISTICS
(ALCOHOL/DRUG USE)



VICTIM STATISTICS
(AGE)



INJURY ACTION

