BOATING ACCIDENTS

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Number of accidents - 113
Number of boats involved - 146
Lives lost - 44
Persons injured - 73
Property damage - $108,863 (fire, one cabin cruiser $40,000)

Operators:		
	Teenage	14
	20's	31
	30's	39
	40's	17
	50's	19
	60's	1
	70's	1

Boats involved:	
Motorboats under 26'	94
Cruisers over 26'	11
Rowboats	6
Sailboats	4

Accidents occurred in:	
Rivers	54
Small lakes	28
Chain o' Lakes	20
Lake Michigan	11

Operators Experience:	
Less than 20 hours	12
20 to 100 hours	15
100 to 500 hours	47
Over 500 hours	36

Months	
March	2
April	7
May	8
June	21
July	36
August	24
September	11
October	1
November	1
December	2
	113

Counties:

Calhoun	2	Mercer	2
Carroll	1	Morgan	1
Cass	3	Montgomery	2
Clinton	1	Randolph	1
Cook	19	Rock Island	4
Fulton	3	Sangamon	3
Grundy	3	Schuyler	1
Jersey	5	Tazewell	1
Kane	1	Vermilion	3
Knox	1	White	1
Kankakee	2	Whiteside	3
Jackson	1	Will	4
Lake	21	Williamson	3
LaSalle	5		
Macon	1		
Madison	3		
Macoupin	1		
Marshall	1		
Mason	1		
McHenry	8		

Causes of Boating Accidents;

Carelessness and inattention 27
Striking submerged object, underwater rocks and floating debris 17
Explosions, fires 10
Skiing accidents 8 (Lost vision of skier - no cap)
(Skier wearing belt life preserver, drowned)
Mechanical failure 6
Overloaded 6
Wake from passing boats 5
Rough water, high winds, poor visibility 5
No lights on boats, or blinded by searchlight 5
Reckless operation 3
Too close to dam 3
Drinking 2
Struck swimming under water 1
Speed 2
Standing in boat 1
Capsized boat 1

Drownings - no life jackets worn 13

(2 parents drowned, not wearing life preservers. Their 2 children, wearing life preservers, stayed with boat and were saved.)

* Towing surf board, struck sand bar. 6 children thrown in lake. 1 drowned, not wearing life preserver
Struck submerged timber. "If 4 children had not had life preservers on, would have drowned. Boat sank rapidly."
Struck underwater object. "Saved by life jackets" 2 people

Changing seats, fell overboard. Husband not wearing life preserver, drowned. Wife wearing life preserver rescued.

Children under 10 lost

* One 5 yr. old (Towing surf board, struck sand bar, 6 children thrown in water, others rescued)
One 9 yr. old (Sitting on top of cabin, fell off, struck by propeller)