STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1976

During the calendar year 1976, there were 124 reportable accidents reported to this office. Property Damage amounted to approximately $235,723.98. ~~Thirty-Eight (38)~~ Nine accidents occurred in which ~~28~~ 30 were personal injuries and ~~15~~ 20 were fatals. 39

The following information pertains to those accidents reported to this office.

MONTH

February	1	August	31
March	5	September	13
April	1	October	7
May	12	November	2
June	15	Unknown	1
July	36	Total	124

COUNTY

Cook	40	Carroll	1
Lake	30	Cass	1
McHenry	6	Champaign	1
Adams	4	Clinton	1
Jersey	4	Du Page	1
Grundy	3	Franklin	1
Jackson	3	Henderson	1
Kane	3	Kankakee	1
Rock Island	3	Kendall	1
Effingham	2	Logan	1
Macon	2	Marion	1
Moultrie	2	Marshall	1
Putnam	2	Shelby	1
Out of State	2	Tazewell	1
Unknown	2	Will	1
		Winnebago	1
		Total	124

BODY OF WATER

Rivers	43	Lincoln Lake	1
Lake Michigan	33	Foot of Long Island	
Fox Lake	8	E. (White) Chute	1
Burnham Harbor	4	Waible Pond	1
Grass Lake	4	Carlyle Lake	1
Nippersink Lake	3	Stephen Forbes State Lake	1
Kinkaid Lake	3	Chain O'Lakes	1
Lake Shelby	3	Smoots Chute	1
Lake Decatur	2	Spring Lake	1
Lake Catherine	2	Chicago Sanitation	1
Lake Marie	2	Montrose Harbor	1
Lake Sara	2	Wonder Lake	1
Unknown	2	Monroe St. Harbor	1
		Rend Lake	1
		TOTAL	124

TYPE OF BOAT		WEATHER		WATER CONDITIONS	
Open Motorboat	87	Clear	103	Calm	59
Cabin Motorboat	42	Cloudy	9	Choppy	32
Auxiliary Sail	12	Fog	3	Rough	13
Sailboat	12	Rain	5	Very Rough	10
Other	16	Hazy	1	Strong Current	5
Unknown	5	Unknown	3	Unknown	5
TOTAL	174	TOTAL	124	TOTAL	124

WIND		VISIBILITY	
None	18	Good	99
Light	48	Fair	13
Moderate	32	Poor	8
Strong	20	Unknown	4
Storm	2	TOTAL	124
Unknown	4		
TOTAL	124		

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

Cruising	52	Fueling	1
Approaching Dock	6	Fishing	4
Water Skiing	10	Hunting	1
Racing	4	Other	18
Being Towed	1	Unknown	3
Drifting	11	TOTAL	124
At Anchor	3		
Tied To Dock	10		

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Grounding	4	Collision with vessel	91
Capsizing	6	Collision with fixed object	18
Flooding	1	Collision with floating object	7
Sinking	5	Falls Overboard	2
Fire or Explosion	5	Hit by Boat or Propeller	15
Fire or Explosion (Other than fuel)	2	Other	15
		Unknown	3
		TOTAL	174

AGE AND HOURS EXPERIENCE OF OPERATORS

Age	Less Than 20 Hours	20-100 Hours	100-500 Hours	Over 500 Hours	Unknown	Total
Teenage	2	6	6	1	2	17
20-29	1	12	20	11	3	47
30-39	3	3	11	26	5	48
40-49	0	7	4	24	1	36
50-59	0	0	6	7	1	14
60-Over	0	0	0	4	0	4
Unknown	0	0	2	2	4	8
					*GRAND TOTAL	174

* There were 124 reportable accidents involving 174 boats. Seventy-four (74) accidents involved one boat and fifty (50) accidents involved two boats.