STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1978

During the calendar year of 1978, there were 113 reportable accidents to this office. Property damage amounted to approximately $247,878.35. Ninety (90) accidents occurred in which fifty-four (54) were personal injuries and thirty-six (36) were fatals.

MONTH

January	- 1	August	- 24
April	- 2	September	- 13
May	- 15	October	- 12
June	- 25	November	- 1
July	- 21	December	- 1

COUNTY

Calhoun	- 2	Logan	- 1
Clinton	- 4	McHenry	- 7
Cook	- 30	Macon	- 2
DeKalb	- 1	Marshall	- 1
Franklin	- 2	Mercer	- 1
Grundy	- 2	Moultrie	- 2
Jackson	- 1	Peoria	- 4
Jersey	- 4	Randolph	- 4
JoDaviess	- 4	Richland	- 1
Kane	- 1	Rock Island	- 4
Kankakee	- 1	Sangamon	- 2
Lake	- 8	Shelby	- 1
LaSalle	- 4	Whiteside	- 1
Lee	- 2	Will	- 2
Livingston	- 1	Winnebago	- 3

BODY OF WATER

Mississippi River	- 12	Fox River	- 9
Kaskaskia River	- 4	Kincaid	- 1
Carlyle Lake	- 4	Calumet	- 5
Gravel Pit	- 1	Marina Channel (Miss.)	- 1
Pecatonica	- 1	Rock River	- 1
Elephant Road	- 1	Vermillion	- 1
Wolf Lake	- 1	Chicago	- 3
Lake Decatur	- 2	Springfield	- 2
Lake Michigan	- 21	Lake Barrington	- 1
Des Plaines	- 1	Kankakee	- 3
Illinois River	- 12	Lincoln Lakes	- 1
Shelbyville	- 3	Grass Lake	- 1
Rend Lake	- 2	Pistake Bay	- 1
Shabbona St. Park	- 1	Bluff Lake	- 1
Dramend Lake	- 1	Vermer Lake	- 1
Fyre Lake	- 1	Collins Lake	- 1
Channel Lake	- 1	Sangamon River	- 1

BOATING CODE REPORT

TYPE OF BOAT

1. Open Motorboat - 57
2. Cabin Motorboat - 28
3. Auxiliary Sail - 6
4. Sail (Only) - 6
5. Rowboat - 4
6. Other - 11
7. Unknown - 6

WATER CONDITIONS

1. Calm - 58
2. Choppy - 21
3. Rough - 7
4. Very Rough - 8
5. Strong Current - 6
6. Unknown - 10

VISIBILITY

1. Good - 79
2. Fair - 10
3. Poor - 5
4. Unknown - 14

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

1. Grounding - 3
2. Capsizing - 11
3. Flooding - 6
4. Sinking - 11
5. Fire or Explosion - 5
6. Fire or Explosion (Other than fuel) - 4
7. Collision with vessel - 33
8. Collision with fixed object - 13
9. Collision with floating object - 3
10. Falls overboard - 3
11. Falls in boat - 1
12. Burns - 0
13. Hit by boat or propeller - 8
14. Other - 6
15. Unknown - 1

WEATHER

1. Clear - 77
2. Cloudy - 12
3. Fog - 1
4. Rain - 6
5. Snow - 1
6. Hazy - 3
7. Unknown - 8

WIND

1. None - 11
2. Light - 52
3. Moderate - 26
4. Strong - 5
5. Stormy - 2
6. Unknown - 13

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

1. Cruising - 51
2. Approaching Dock - 4
3. Water Skiing - 12
4. Racing - 1
5. Towing - 0
6. Being Towed - 0
7. Drifting - 6
8. At anchor - 2
9. Tied to Dock - 5
10. Fueling - 3
11. Fishing - 3
12. Hunting - 1
13. Skin diving or Swimming - 0
14. Other - 7
15. Unknown - 3

AGE AND HOURS EXPERIENCE OF OPERATORS

Age	Less Than 20 Hours	20-100 Hours	100-500 Hours	Over 500 Hours	Unknown	Total
Teenage	2	5	4	0	1	12
20-29	4	7	10	7	1	29
30-39	0	3	10	8	1	22
40-49	2	5	15	6	0	28
50-59	2	1	1	4	1	9
60-Over	1	0	0	3	1	5
Unknown	0	3	0	5	33	41
					GRAND TOTAL	126