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 fatals.

MONTH

April - 2	August - 16
May - 19	September - 8
June - 25	October - 1
July - 23	November - 1

COUNTY

Adams	- 2	Logan	- 1
		Macon	- 1
Carroll	- 1	Macoupin	- 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