STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1983

MONTH

January	- 0	July	-27
February	- 0	August	-22
March	- 0	September	- 6
April	- 3	October	- 2
May	-14	November	- 0
June	-23	December	- 0
		Total	97

DAYS OF WEEK

Unknown	- 1
Monday	-10
Tuesday	- 8
Wednesday	- 8
Thursday	- 6
Friday	- 5
Saturday	-19
Sunday	-40

BODY OF WATER AND COUNTY

Apple Canyon Lake-JoDaviess	- 2
Bangs Lake-Lake	- 1
Calumet River-Cook	- 2
Carlyle Lake-Clinton	- 1
Channel Lake-Lake	- 1
Clinton Lake-DeWitt	- 5
Estates View Lake-St. Clair	- 1
Farm Pond-Knox	- 1
Fox Lake-Lake	- 1
Fox River-Kane	- 3
Fox River-Lake	- 2
Fox River-McHenry	- 5
Frank Holton State Park-St. Clair	- 1
Grass Lake-Lake	- 1
Illinois River-Calhoun	- 1
Illinois River-Greene	- 1
Illinois River-LaSalle	- 2
Illinois River-Peoria	- 1
Iroquois River-Kankakee	- 1
Kaskaskia River-St. Clair	- 1
Kankakee River-Kankakee	- 2
Kankakee River-Will	- 2
Lake Decatur-Macon	- 1
Lake Evergreen-McLean	- 1
Lake Marie-Lake	- 2
Lake Michigan-Cook	-19
Lake Michigan-Lake	- 1
Lake Sara-Effingham	- 1
Lake Thunderbird-Putnam	- 1
Lake Vermilion-Vermilion	- 1
Mississippi River-Adams	- 1
Mississippi River-Alexander	- 1
Mississippi River-Calhoun	- 1
Mississippi River-Carroll	- 1
Mississippi River-Henderson	- 2
Mississippi River-JoDaviess	- 2
Mississippi River-Madison	- 1
Mississippi River-Mercer	- 1
Mississippi River-Pike	- 1
Mississippi River-Rock Island	- 1
Monroe Harbor-Cook	- 2

COUNTY

Adams	-1	LaSalle	-2
Alexander	-1	Lee	-2
Calhoun	-2	McHenry	-5
Carroll	-1	McLean	-1
Champaign	-1	Macon	-1
Clinton	-1	Madison	-1
Cook	-24	Mason	-1
DeWitt	-5	Mercer	-1
Edwards	-1	Ogle	-1
Effingham	-1	Peoria	-1
Greene	-1	Pike	-1
Henderson	-2	Putnam	-1
Jasper	-1	Rock Island	-4
Jo Daviess	-4	Saint Clair	-3
Kane	-3	Vermilion	-1
Kankakee	-3	Will	-3
Knox	-1	Winnebago	-1
Lake	-13	Unknown	-1

TIME OF DAY

Midnight to 6:00 a.m.	5
6:01 a.m.-12:00 noon	12
12:01 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	41
6:01 p.m.-Midnight	31
Unknown	8

OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE

Under 20 hours	6
20-100 hours	23
100-500 hours	46
Over 500 hours	33
Unknown	21

FORMAL INSTRUCTION

None	45
U.S. Coast Guard Aux.	11
U.S. Power Squadron	10
American Red Cross	4
State	10
Other	23

BODY OF WATER AND COUNTY (cont'd)

Newton Lake-Jasper	- 1
Ogle's Gravel Pit-Champaign	- 1
Pistakee Bay-Cook	- 1
Pistakee Lake-Lake	- 2
Plainfield Fishing Resort-Will	- 1
Rock River-Lee	- 2
Rock River-Ogle	- 1
Rock River-Rock Island	- 3
Rock River-Winnebago	- 1
Rock River-Unknown	- 1
St. Catherine Lake-Lake	- 1
Snicarte Slough-Mason	- 1
Sylvan Lake-Lake	- 1
Wabash River-Edwards	- 1

WATER CONDITIONS

Calm	48
Choppy	18
Rough	12
Very Rough	5
Strong Current	3
Unknown	11

WEATHER ENCOUNTERED

Was as forecasted	76
Not as forecasted	2
No forecast obtained	23
Unknown	38

VISIBILITY

Good	71
Fair	13
Poor	3
Unknown	10

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

Cruising	63
Approaching dock	5
Water Skiing	6
Racing	5
Towing	-
Being Towed	-
Drifting	11
At Anchor	5
Tied to dock	8
Fueling	-
Fishing	5
Hunting	-
Skin Diving or Swimming	-
Other	14
Unknown	17

TYPE OF BOAT

Open Motorboat	67
Cabin Motorboat	20
Auxiliary Sail	15
Sail (only)	7
Rowboat	-
Other	11
Unknown	19

WEATHER

Clear	69
Cloudy	15
Fog	-
Rain	2
Snow	-
Hazy	-
Unknown	11

WIND

None	11
Light	38
Moderate	20
Strong	12
Storm	2
Unknown	14

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Grounding	3
Capsizing	11
Flooding	2
Sinking	1
Fire or Explosion(fuel)	2
Fire or Explosion(nonfuel)	-
Collision with fixed object	10
Collision with vessel	43
Collision with floating object	6
Falls overboard	6
Falls in boat	1
Burns	-
Hit by boat or propeller	7
Other	5

OPERATOR'S OPINION /CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Weather Conditions	11
Excessive Speed	4
No Proper Lookout	13
Overloading	1
Improper Loading	1
Hazardous Waters	8
Fault of Other Person	42
Fault of Hull	2
Fault of Machinery	2
Fault of Equipment	2
Other	20
Unknown	33

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USED

Yes	2
No	66
Not Applic.	37
Unknown	34

INJURY	FATAL
51	17

BOAT EQUIPPED WITH COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD'S

Yes	108
No	3
Unknown	28

NON-APPROVED PFD'S

Yes	14
No	78
Unknown	47

ACCESSIBLE

Yes	104
No	4
Unknown	31

ACCESSIBLE

Yes	13
No	77
Unknown	49

USED

Yes	37
No	69
Unknown	33

USED

Yes	1
No	90
Unknown	48

PROPERTY DAMAGE (total of all vessels involved)

$0-100	1
$101-200	4
$201-300	6
$301-400	4
$401-500	5
$501-600	–
$601-700	2
$701-800	5
$801-900	–
$901-1,000	6
$1,001-2,000	19
$2,001-3,000	4
$3,001-4,000	3
$4,001-5,000	4
$5,001-6,000	2
$6,001 & over	6
None	12
Unknown	14