STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT - 1984

MONTH

January	- 1	July	- 48
February	- 0	August	- 30
March	- 0	September	- 7
April	- 4	October	- 1
May	- 3	November	- 0
June	- 24	December	- 0
		TOTAL	118

DAYS OF WEEK

Monday	- 3	Friday	- 5
Tuesday	- 5	Saturday	- 38
Wednesday	- 9	Sunday	- 45
Thursday	- 13		
		TOTAL	118

BODY OF WATER AND COUNTY

Bangs Lake-Lake	- 3	Lake Marie-Lake	- 1
Bluff Lake-Lake	- 2	Lake Michigan-Cook	- 30
Burnham Harbor-Cook	- 1	Lake Sara-Effingham	- 1
Calumet River-Cook	- 1	Lake Shelbyville-Moultrie	- 2
Carlyle Lake-Clinton	- 3	Lake Shelbyville-Shelby	- 1
Channel Wil Harbour-Cook	- 1	Lake Springfield-Sangamon	- 1
Chautauqua Lake-Mason	- 1	Lake Taylorville-Christian	- 1
Clinton Lake-DeWitt	- 1	Little Grassy Lake-Williamson	- 1
Collins Lake-Grundy	- 1	Mill Creek Res.-Clark	- 1
East Fork Lake-Richland	- 2	Mississippi River-Adams	- 1
Fox Lake-Lake	- 5	Mississippi River-Carroll	- 2
Fox River-McHenry	- 7	Mississippi River-Jo Daviess	- 1
Gages Lake-Lake	- 1	Mississippi River-Pike	- 1
Gillespie Lake-Macoupin	- 1	Mississippi River-Rock Island	- 2
Grass Lake-Lake	- 10	Nippersink Lake-Lake	- 1
Highland Silver Lake-Madison	- 1	Piasa Creek-Jersey	- 1
Illinois River-Cass	- 1	Pistakee Lake-Lake	- 5
Illinois River-Grundy	- 1	Quincy Bay-Adams	- 1
Illinois River-LaSalle	- 1	Rock River-Lee	- 4
Illinois River-Peoria	- 1	Rock River-Rock Island	- 1
Kankakee River-Kankakee	- 5	Rock River-Winnebago	- 1
Kaskaskia River-Monroe	- 1	Round Lake-Lake	- 1
Kaskaskia River-Randolph	- 2	Sangchris Lake-Christian	- 1
Lake Decatur-Macon	- 1	Wilburn Creek-Moultrie	- 1
Lake of Eygpt-Johnson	- 1	TOTAL	118

Adams	- 2	McHenry	- 6
Carroll	- 2	Macon	- 1
Cass	- 1	Macoupin	- 1
Christian	- 2	Madison	- 1
Clark	- 1	Mason	- 1
Clinton	- 3	Monroe	- 1
Cook	- 33	Moultrie	- 3
DeWitt	- 1	Peoria	- 1
Effingham	- 1	Pike	- 1
Grundy	- 2	Randolph	- 2
Jersey	- 1	Richland	- 2
Jo Daviess	- 1	Rock Island	- 3
Johnson	- 1	Sangamon	- 1
Kankakee	- 5	Shelby	- 1
Lake	- 30	Williamson	- 1
LaSalle	- 1	Winnebago	- 1
Lee	- 4	TOTAL	118

TIME OF DAY

Midnight - 6:00 a.m.	- 7
6:01 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	- 5
12:01 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	- 61
6:01 p.m. - Midnight	- 37
Unknown	- 8
TOTAL	118

FORMAL INSTRUCTION

None	- 67
U.S. Coast Guard Aux	- 28
U.S. Power Squadron	- 12
American Red Cross	- 9
State	- 4
Other	- 12
Unknown	- 18
TOTAL	150

WEATHER

Clear	-100
Cloudy	- 7
Fog	- 1
Rain	- 2
Snow	- 0
Hazy	- 5
Unknown	- 3
TOTAL	118

WIND

None	- 19
Light	- 52
Moderate	- 29
Strong	- 12
Storm	- 1
Unknown	- 5
TOTAL	118

OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE

Under 20 hours	- 9
20-100 hours	- 18
100-500 hours	- 45
Over 500 hours	- 52
Unknown	- 15
TOTAL	139

TYPE OF BOAT

Open Motorboat	- 80
Cabin Motorboat	- 25
Auxiliary Sail	- 16
Sail (only)	- 3
Rowboat	- 1
Other	- 5
Unknown	- 4
TOTAL	138

WATER CONDITIONS

Calm	- 66
Choppy	- 36
Rough	- 7
Very Rough	- 3
Strong Current	- 1
Unknown	- 5
TOTAL	118

VISIBILITY

Good	-100
Fair	- 8
Poor	- 3
Unknown	- 7
TOTAL	118

WEATHER ENCOUNTERED

Was as forecasted	- 87
Not as forecasted	- 3
No forecast obtained	- 25
Unknown	- 23
TOTAL	138

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Grounding	- 1
Capsizing	- 7
Flooding	- 3
Sinking	- 7
Fire or Explosion (Fuel)	- 4
Fire or Explosion (Non-Fuel)	- 3
Collision with vessel	- 53
Collision with fixed object	- 4
Collision with floating object	- 5
Falls overboard	- 2
Falls in boat	- 2
Hit by boat or propeller	- 11
Other	- 14
Unknown	- 2
TOTAL	118

Operation at Time of Accident

Cruising	- 68
Approaching dock	- 7
Water skiing	- 7
Racing	- 3
Drifting	- 10
At Anchor	- 7
Tied to dock	- 11
Fueling	- 1
Fishing	- 4
Other	- 17
Unknown	- 5
TOTAL	140

OPERATOR'S OPINION/CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Weather conditions	- 7
Excessive speed	- 9
No proper lookout	- 18
Overloading	- 1
Hazardous waters	- 3
Fault of other person	- 57
Fault of hull	- 1
Fault of machinery	- 3
Fault of equipment	- 8
Other	- 22
Unknown	- 23
TOTAL	152

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USED

Yes	- 14
No	- 74
Not applicable	- 27
Unknown	- 26
TOTAL	141

INJURY	FATAL
62	39

BOATS EQUIPPED WITH COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD'S

Yes	-114
No	- 4
Unknown	- 20
Not Applicable	- 1
TOTAL	139

NON-APPROVED PFD'S

Yes	- 11
No	- 77
Unknown	- 44
Not Applicable	- 1
TOTAL	133

ACCESSIBLE

Yes	- 99
No	- 1
Unknown	- 37
Not Applicable	- 1
TOTAL	138

ACCESSIBLE

Yes	- 12
No	- 42
Unknown	- 68
Not Applicable	- 1
TOTAL	123

USED

Yes	- 32
No	- 72
Unknown	- 33
Not Applicable	- 2
TOTAL	139

USED

Yes	- 3
No	- 51
Unknown	- 68
Not Applicable	- 1
TOTAL	123

Age	Less Than 20 Hours	20 to 100 Hours	100 to 500 Hours	Over 500 Hours	Unknown
Teenage	4	1	1		1
20-29	1	5	8	15	4
30-39		5	15	15	1
40-49	2	3	17	13	1
50-59		2	3	5	1
60-69	2			3	
70-79				1	1
80-89					
Unknown		2	1		6

PROPERTY DAMAGE (TOTAL OF ALL VESSELS INVOLVED)

$0-100	- 3	$1,001-2,000	- 11
$101-200	- 6	$2,001-3,000	- 14
$201-300	- 4	$3,001-4,000	- 5
$301-400	- 2	$4,001-5,000	- 1
$401-500	- 4	$5,001-6,000	- 3
$501-600	- 2	$6,001 & over	- 4
$601-700	- 1	None	- 14
$701-800	- 2	Unknown	29
$801-900	- 2	Totaled	- 2
$901-1,000	- 7	TOTAL	116