BOATING ACCIDENTS REPORT
1987

Total Accidents	- 70
Injuries	- 63
# of Drownings	- 12
# of Deaths from injuries	- 01

TIME & PLACE

MONTH

January - 00	April - 05	July - 13	October - 01
February - 01	May - 10	August - 11	November - 02
March - 01	June - 18	September - 08	December - 00
TOTAL - 70			

DAY

Monday - 01	Wednesday - 01	Friday - 09	Sunday - 20
Tuesday - 05	Thursday - 09	Saturday - 25	
TOTAL - 70			

COUNTY

Adams	- 01	Jefferson	- 01	Mercer	- 01
Bureau	- 01	Jersey	- 01	Montgomery	- 02
Clark	- 01	Kane	- 03	Ogle	- 02
Clinton	- 03	Knox	- 01	Pike	- 02
Cook	- 12	Lake	- 10	Randolph	- 01
DeWitt	- 01	LaSalle	- 09	Richland	- 01
Effingham	- 02	Lee	- 01	Rock Island	- 01
Fulton	- 01	McHenry	- 07	Sangamon	- 02
Grundy	- 01	Madison	- 03	Tazewell	- 02
Henderson	- 01	Marshall	- 01	Will	- 01
Jackson	- 01	Mason	- 02	Winnebago	- 01
				Woodford	- 02
TOTAL	- 82				

TIME

Midnight - 6:00 am	- 05
6:01 - 12 Noon	- 08
12:01 - 6:00 pm	- 34
6:01 - Midnight	- 23
TOTAL	- 70

OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE

Under 20 hrs	- 07
20 - 100 hrs	- 13
100 - 500 hrs	- 28
Over 500 hrs	- 29
Unknown	- 05
TOTAL	- 82

FORMAL INSTRUCTION

None	- 49
U.S. Coast Guard Aux	- 06
U.S. Power Squadron	- 10
American Red Cross	- 02
State	- 00
Other	- 06
Unknown	- 09
TOTAL	- 82

WATER CONDITIONS

Calm	- 45
Choppy	- 24
Rough	- 07
Very Rough	- 01
Strong Current	- 04
Unknown	- 01
TOTAL	- 82

WEATHER INFORMATION

Clear	- 70
Cloudy	- 06
Fog	- 01
Rain	- 04
Hazy	- 01
TOTAL	- 82

BOAT INFORMATION

Open Motorboat	- 52
Cabin Motorboat	- 09
Auxiliary Sail	- 04
Sail (only)	- 06
Rowboat	- 00
Canoe	- 01
Other	- 07
Unknown	- 03
TOTAL	- 82

WIND

None	- 08
Light	- 43
Moderate	- 19
Strong	- 10
Storm	- 01
Unknown	- 01
TOTAL	- 82

VISIBILITY

Good	- 67
Fair	- 09
Poor	- 05
Unknown	- 01
TOTAL	- 82

WEATHER ENCOUNTERED

Was as forecasted	- 64
Not as forecasted	- 03
No forecast obtained	- 14
Unknown	- 01
TOTAL	- 82

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

Cruising	- 42
Approaching Dock	- 05
Water Skiing	- 05
Towing	- 00
Drifting	- 11
At Anchor	- 05
Tied to Dock	- 04
Fishing	- 02
Diving/Swimming	- 00
Other	- 06
Racing	- 02
Being Towed	- 00
Fueling	- 00
TOTAL	- 82

OPERATOR'S OPINION/CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Fault of Other Person	- 28
Weather Conditions	- 04
Excessive Speed	- 10
No proper lookout	- 14
Hazardous waters	- 06
Fault of Hull	- 03
Fault of Machinery	- 04
Fault of Equipment	- 03
Other	- 35
Alcohol	- 06
Drug Use	- 02
Overloading	- 01
Improper loading	- 01
TOTAL	-117

TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Fire or Explosion (fuel)	- 01	Fire or Explosion (non-fuel)	- 01
Grounding	- 03	Collision w/floating object	- 12
Falls overboard	- 07	Flooding	- 00
Capsizing	- 08	Falls in boat	- 01
Sinking	- 03	Hit by boat or propeller	- 18
Collision w/fixed object	- 08	Burns	- 00
Coll. with vessel	- 13	Other	- 07
Total	- 82		

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DROWNING

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USED

Yes	- 08
No	- 52
Unknown	- 22
TOTAL	- 82

BODY OF WATER

Lake Lou Yeager	- 02	Clinton Lake	- 01
Illinois River	- 19	Kaskaskia River	- 01
Fox River	- 11	Lake Springfield	- 02
Carlyle Lake	- 03	Mississippi River	- 05
Rock River	- 04	Chain-O-Lakes	- 01
Crystal Lake	- 01	Mill Creek	- 01
Bangs Lake	- 01	Lake Kinkaid	- 01
Oak Run	- 01	Chicago River	- 02
Rend Lake	- 01	Spoon River	- 01
Lasalle Lake	- 01	Grass Lake	- 01
East Fork Lake	- 01	Fox Lake	- 01
Holiday Shores Lake	- 03	Pierce Lake	- 01
Lake Holiday	- 02	Lake Marie	- 02
Kankakee River	- 01	Lake Michigan	- 09
Lake Sara	- 02		

PROPERTY DAMAGE (total of all vessels involved)

Total $ Amount	186,720
Average $ Amount	3,395

AGE	less than 20 hours	20 - 100 hours	100 - 500 hours	Over 500 hours	Unknown
Teenage	03	00	03	00	01
20 - 29	03	04	09	06	02
30 - 39	01	06	06	09	00
40 - 49	00	01	06	08	00
50 - 59	00	02	04	04	00
60 - 69	00	00	00	02	02
70 - 79	00	00	00	00	00
Unknown	00	00	00	00	00
TOTAL	82				

How many 17 or younger	With Instruction	Without Instruction
04	04	00

OTHER REPORTED CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

unknown object not on chart
3rd boat surf wind type
had boat in neutral at half throttle, boat started in gear and took off.
unmarked solid object under water
inexperienced
rock jutting out past shore line
high wake from passing house boat
operator did not see unlit breakwater
crowded lake - too many boats
blindspot
inexperience of operator
stuck in reverse