

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. Coast Guard  
**RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use "Report required because" section below to determine if a report is required for your accident. If required, please have each vessel owner or operator involved in the accident submit a report to their state reporting authority. Each boat operator/owner involved in an accident should submit a separate report. For each question below, please provide answers if applicable and if known; otherwise leave blank.

**Privacy Act Notice**

**Authority:** 46 U.S.C. 6102 and 33 CFR 173 & 174 authorize the collection of information on boating accidents.

**Purpose:** The Coast Guard uses this information for statistical purposes, chiefly to inform the public, to measure the Program's efforts, and to regulate issues relating to boating safety.

**Routine Uses:** The Coast Guard shares this information within the agency, and if state and federal law permit it, to the public.

**REPORT SUBMISSION**

**Report required because** (select all that apply):

At least one person in this accident *died*: If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

At least one injured person in this accident *required or was in need of treatment beyond first aid*: If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

At least one person in this accident *disappeared* and has not yet been recovered: If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

All boat and other property *damage* (e.g., fishing/hunting gear) caused by this accident *totaled* (or *likely totaled*) \$2,000 or more:

Approximate value of damage to *your* boat: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate value of damage to *your* other property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your or another *boat* in this accident was (or *likely was*) a *total loss*

**Report submitted by** (select all that apply):

Boat Operator (required if possible)

Boat Owner (if operator unable, or same as operator)

Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**To be submitted within:**

48 hours (if injury, disappearance or death)

10 days (if boat/property damage only)

To be submitted to: (Local State Reporting Authority)

**Phone:**

You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of the burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Commandant (CG-BSX-21), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1625-0003), Washington, DC 20503. Questions relating to the collection of this data should be sent to the Coast Guard.

**For State Agency Use Only**

First Name

Last Name

Phone:

First Name	Last Name	Phone	Primary Cause of Accident
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**ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

<p><b>WHEN</b></p> <p>Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm (mm/dd/yyyy) (select one)</p> <p><b>WHERE</b></p> <p>Body of Water Name _____</p> <p>Location (on water) description _____</p> <p>Nearest city/town _____</p> <p>County: _____ State: _____</p> <p><b>YOUR BOAT – PEOPLE</b></p> <p># people on board (including operator): _____</p> <p># people being towed (e.g., on tubes, skis): _____</p> <p># people wearing lifejackets (on board or towed): _____</p> <p><b>OTHER BOATS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT</b></p> <p># of other boats involved: _____</p>	<p><b>ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION:</b> Briefly describe this accident (attach extra pages if necessary)</p> <p><b>DAMAGE TO YOUR BOAT:</b> Briefly summarize any damage to your boat</p> <p><b>DAMAGE TO YOUR OTHER PROPERTY: (NOT BOAT)</b> Briefly summarize any damage to your other property (not boat)</p>
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For each question below, please provide answers IF APPLICABLE AND IF KNOWN, otherwise leave blank.

## YOUR BOAT

### BOAT IDENTIFICATION

Your Boat Name:	Manufacturer:
Model Name:	Model Year:
Registration #:	Documentation #:
Hull Identification # (HIN)	Rented:            Yes            No

### SIZE ESTIMATES

Length:            ft.	Depth from transom ( <i>stern</i> ) to keel ( <i>bottommost point</i> ):            ft.	Beam width at widest point:            ft.
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### HULL MATERIAL

#### Type of Hull Material (select one)

Fiberglass	Wood	Rubber/vinyl/canvas	Other ( <i>describe</i> ):
Aluminum	Steel	Plastic	

### BOAT TYPE

#### Boat Type (select one)

#### Available Propulsion (select all that apply)

Cabin motorboat	Inflatable boat	Personal watercraft (PWC) (e.g., Wave Runner™, Jet Ski™, Sea-Doo™)	Paddlecraft:	Propeller	Air thrust
Open motorboat	Houseboat		Canoe	Sail	Other ( <i>describe</i> ):
Auxiliary sail	Sail ( <i>only</i> )	Air boat	Standup Paddleboard	Manual	
Pontoon boat	Rowboat	Other ( <i>describe</i> )		Water jet	

### ENGINE

#### # Engines

#### Engine type and horsepower (select one)

#### Fuel type (select all that apply)

Manufacturer	Outboard	Sterndrive	Inboard	Pod drive	Gas	Electric
Total horsepower:            hp	No engine	Other:	Diesel	Other:		

### SAFETY MEASURES

Organizations that have conducted a vessel safety check (VSC) on board your boat within the past year (*including carriage of safety equipment, e.g., lifejackets, anchor and line, fire extinguishers*):

US Coast Guard Auxiliary:	VSC Decal?	Yes	No	Federal Agency (Name)
US Power Squadrons:	VSC Decal?	Yes	No	State Agency (Name)
				Other Agency (Name)
# Life jackets on board:	# Fire extinguishers on board:	Type of fire extinguishers (e.g., ABC):		
	# Fire extinguishers used:			

## ACCIDENT DETAILS – EXTERNAL CONDITIONS

### WEATHER

Overall weather was (select one)	It was (select one)	Visibility was (select one)	Wind was (select one)
Clear	Day	Good	0 mph ( <i>none</i> )
Cloudy	Night	Fair	Over 0, up to 12 mph ( <i>light</i> )
Foggy		Poor	Over 12, up to 25 mph ( <i>moderate</i> )
Other ( <i>describe</i> ):	Approximate air temperature:            °F		Over 25, up to 55 mph ( <i>strong</i> )
			Over 55 mph ( <i>stormy</i> )

### WATER

Overall water conditions (select one):	Other water conditions:
Up to 6 in. waves ( <i>calm</i> )	Approximate water temperature:            °F
Over 6 in., up to 2 ft. waves ( <i>choppy</i> )	Strong current?            Yes            No
Over 2 ft., up to 6 ft. waves ( <i>rough</i> )	Hazardous waters? (e.g., rapid tidal flow, currents)            Yes            No
Over 6 ft. waves ( <i>very rough</i> )	Congested waters?            Yes            No

For each question below, please provide answers IF APPLICABLE AND IF KNOWN, otherwise leave blank.

## ACCIDENT DETAILS – ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS ON YOUR BOAT

### OPERATOR/PASSENGER ACTIVITIES

Operator/passenger activities on *your* boat at time of accident:

Activities were (select one)                      Operator/Passenger activities (select all that apply)

Recreational	Fishing	Tubing	Starting engine
Commercial	Hunting	Water Skiing	Making repairs
	White water activity (e.g., rafting)	Relaxing	Other (list):

### BOAT OPERATIONS

Your boat operations at time of accident (select all that apply)

Cruising (underway under power)	Drifting	Racing	Towing another vessel
Changing direction	At anchor	Rowing/paddling	Launching
Changing speed	Being towed	Docking/undocking	Tied to dock/mooring
Sailing	Other (list)		

## ACCIDENT DETAILS – CONTRIBUTING FACTORS ON YOUR BOAT

### CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Indicate factors on *your* boat which may have contributed to this accident (select all that apply)

Alcohol use	Improper lookout	Dam/lock	Starting in gear
Drug use	Operator inattention	Force of wake/wave	Sharp turn
Excessive speed	Operator inexperience	Hazardous waters	Restricted vision (e.g., fog)
Improper anchoring	Language barrier	Heavy weather	Mission/inadequate aids to navigation (e.g., buoy, daymarker)
Improper loading	Navigation rules violation	Ignition of fuel or vapor	Inadequate on-board navigation lights
Overloading	Failure to vent	Hull failure	People on gunwale, bow or transom
Other (describe):			

## ACCIDENT DETAILS – YOUR BOAT

### MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT FAILURE

Failure of the following machinery/equipment on *your* boat contributed to this accident (select all that apply)

Engine	Onboard lights	Shift	Sound equipment (e.g., horn, whistle)
Electrical system	Seats	Radio	Auxiliary equipment
Fuel system	Steering	Fire extinguisher	Other (list):
Sail/mast	Throttle	Ventilation	
Onboard navigation aids (e.g., GPS)			

## ACCIDENT DETAILS – EVENTS ON YOUR BOAT

### ACCIDENT EVENTS

Types of events occurring to/on *your* boat during accident (select all that apply)

Collision with recreational boat	Flooding/swamping	Person fell overboard
Collision with commercial boat (e.g., tug, barge)	Fire/explosion – fuel	Person fell on/within boat
Collision with fixed object (e.g., dock, bridge)	Fire/explosion – non-fuel	Sudden medical condition
Collision with submerged object (e.g., stump, cable)	Carbon monoxide exposure	Person struck by boat
Collision with floating object (e.g., log, buoy)	Mishap of skier, tuber, wake boarder, etc.	Person struck by propeller or propulsion unit
Capsizing	Person left boat voluntarily	Person electrocuted
Grounding	Person ejected from boat (caused by collision or maneuver)	
Sinking	Other (describe)	

For each question below, please provide answers IF APPLICABLE AND IF KNOWN, otherwise leave blank.

### ACCIDENT DETAILS – YOUR BOAT- INJURED PEOPLE RECEIVING OR IN NEED OF TREATMENT BEYOND FIRST AID

Report only injured people on, struck by, or being towed by *your boat*, receiving or in need of treatment beyond first aid. Do not report injured people on, struck by, or being towed by *another boat or no boat* (e.g., swimmers, people on a dock). If more than one injured person to report, attach additional copies of this page. If none, SKIP INJURED PEOPLE section.

#### INJURED PERSON

First Name	MI	Last Name
Street		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age

#### INJURY DETAILS

Injury caused when person (select all that apply)	Nature of most serious injury (select one)
Struck the (e.g., boat, water):	Scrape/bruise      Dislocation
Was struck by a (e.g., boat, propeller):	Cut      Internal organ injury
Was exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning	Sprain/strain      Amputation
Received an electric shock	Concussion/brain injury      Burn
Other (describe):	Spinal cord injury      Other (describe):
Person was wearing lifejacket?	Broken/fractured bone
Person received treatment beyond first aid?	Body part of most serious injury (e.g., head, trunk, leg):
Person was admitted to a hospital?	

### ACCIDENT DETAILS – YOUR BOAT – DEATHS/DISAPPEARANCES

Only report deaths/disappearances of people on, struck by, or being towed by *your boat*.  
If more than one death/disappearance to report, attach additional copies of this page.  
If none, SKIP DEATHS/DISAPPEARANCES section.

#### PERSON WHO DIED/DISAPPEARED

First Name	MI	Last Name
Street		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age

#### DETAILS OF DEATH/DISAPPEARANCE

Injury caused when person (select all that apply)	Nature of death/disappearance (select one)
Struck the (e.g., boat, water):	Death – by drowning
Was struck by a (e.g., boat, propeller):	Death – other likely cause (describe)
Was exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning	
Received an electric shock	Disappeared and not yet recovered
Other (describe):	Person was wearing lifejacket?
	Yes      No

For each question below, please provide answers IF APPLICABLE AND IF KNOWN, otherwise leave blank.

**ACCIDENT DETAILS – YOUR BOAT OPERATOR**

OPERATOR INSTRUCTION		OPERATOR SAFETY MEASURES				
Boating safety instruction completed <i>(select all that apply)</i>		On board, prior to accident, was operator wearing:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	None	A lifejacket?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	State course	An engine cut-off switch <i>(Lanyard or wireless device)</i> if equipped?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	USCG Auxiliary course	On board, prior to accident, was operator using:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	US Power Squadrons course	Alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internet <i>(name of sponsoring organization)</i>	Drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>(describe)</i>	Operator arrested for Boating Under the Influence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
		Weather reports consulted prior to accident?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**OPERATOR EXPERIENCE**

Experience operating this type of boat *(select one)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	0 to 10 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 10, up to 100 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 100, up to 500 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 500 hours
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**ACCIDENT DETAILS – OTHER KEY PEOPLE**

*Only report other key people not already documented as injured, died, disappeared or operator/owner of your boat. If more than two other key people to report, attach additional copies of this page.*

**NAME/ADDRESS**

This other key person was a(n) *(select all that apply)*

Other boat operator       Other boat owner       Owner of other damaged property       Passenger on your boat       Witness

First Name		MI	Last Name		
Street					
City		State	Zip	Phone	
Other boat name <i>(if any)</i>			Other boat registration # <i>(if any)</i>		

**NAME/ADDRESS**

This other key person was a(n) *(select all that apply)*

Other boat operator       Other boat owner       Owner of other damaged property       Passenger on your boat       Witness

First Name		MI	Last Name		
Street					
City		State	Zip	Phone	
Other boat name <i>(if any)</i>			Other boat registration # <i>(if any)</i>		

For each question below, please provide answers IF APPLICABLE AND IF KNOWN, otherwise leave blank.

### YOUR BOAT OPERATOR

#### NAME/ADDRESS

First Name	MI	Last Name
Street		
City	State	Zip

#### AGE/GENDER/PHONE

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age	Gender	Male	Female	Phone
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### YOUR BOAT OWNER

If same as *your boat operator* SKIP rest of YOUR BOAT OWNER section.

#### NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE

First Name	MI	Last Name	
Street			
City	State	Zip	Phone

### PERSON SUBMITTING THIS REPORT

If same as *your boat operator* OR *owner*, SKIP rest of PERSON SUBMITTING THIS REPORT section.

#### NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE/ROLE

First Name	MI	Last Name	
Street			
City	State	Zip	Phone

I was a(n) (select one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Other person on board <i>this</i> boat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accident witness <i>not</i> on board <i>this</i> boat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ( <i>describe</i> ):

### SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS REPORT

Your signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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