



2022 Wisconsin Boating Fatal Accident Summary As of October 25, 2022



#	Date	County/Waterbody	Boat Type	Age / Gender / Residency	Accident Type	Safety Education Certified?	Life Jacket Worn?	Alcohol or Drugs Involved
#1	1/12/2022	Grant/Mississippi River	Hovercraft	77 / Male / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object	Unknown	No	Pending
Synopsis		<i>Operator traveled across the frozen Mississippi River and struck a tree which was located on an island.</i>						
#2	4/21/2022	Dodge/Fox Lake	Canoe	36 / Male / WI	Capsized	Unknown	No	No
Synopsis		<i>Two adults were in a canoe on Fox Lake when the boat capsized. Both adults were not wearing life jackets and they did not have any on board. One subject was rescued from the water, the victim was later recovered.</i>						
#3	5/7/2022	Barron/Prairie Lake	Pontoon	39 / Male / WI	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	No
Synopsis		<i>While fishing from boat, victim suffered from medical issue and fell overboard. Passenger was unable to pull victim back into boat. No life jacket was worn.</i>						
#4	5/12/2022	Racine/Lake Michigan	Sailboat with motor	61 / Male / IL	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	No
Synopsis		<i>Sailboat with motor running washed up on shore with nobody onboard. Victim was later found approximately two miles offshore.</i>						
#5	5/16/2022	Waushara/Silver Lake	Open Motorboat	61 / Male / WI	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	No
Synopsis		<i>A witness heard calls for help and observed the victim in the water approximately 40 feet away from his boat. The witness was able to pull the victim onto the boat and bring him to the launch. First responders could not revive the victim.</i>						
#6	6/14/2022	La Crosse/Mississippi River	PWC	14 / Female / WI	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	No
Synopsis		<i>Victim was fatally injured in a personal watercraft incident.</i>						
#7	6/20/2022	Barron/Red Cedar Lake	Open Motorboat	56 / Male / WI	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	Yes
Synopsis		<i>Boat was located against shoreline with nobody onboard. Victim was later found in the water.</i>						
#8	7/9/2022	Walworth/Lake Beulah	PWC	35 / Male	Collision with Vessel	Unknown	Pending	Pending
Synopsis		<i>Victim was the operator of a PWC being followed by second PWC. Victim operator made a sudden turn and was struck by the following PWC causing fatal injuries.</i>						

#9	7/11/2022	Walworth/Whitewater Lake	Open Motorboat	72 / Male	Fall Overboard	No	No	Pending
Synopsis		<i>Victim was heard calling for help alongside his drifting motorboat. Good Samaritans attempted to assist the victim who was found face down in the water. He was transported to a local hospital and later pronounced dead due to the injuries sustained from the incident.</i>						
#10	7/16/2022	Waushara/Fish Lake	Open Motorboat	13 / Male	Fall Overboard	Unknown	Pending	Pending
Synopsis		<i>Victim fell from the front deck of the boat during operation and was struck by the motor.</i>						
#11	7/21/2022	Waukesha/Lake Lac La Belle	Pontoon	32 / Male / WI	Left Boat	Unknown	No	Yes
Synopsis		<i>Victim was on a pontoon boat with a group of people, the boat was adrift near the middle of the lake when the victim jumped into the water. The victim was not wearing a PFD and did not resurface.</i>						
#12	7/22/2022	Walworth/Geneva Lake	Paddleboard	81 / Male / IL	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	No
Synopsis		<i>Victim was knocked off his paddleboard from the wake of a passing boat. The victim was not wearing a PFD.</i>						
#13	7/23/2022	Dane/Lake Monona	Open Motorboat	74 / Male / WI	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	No
Synopsis		<i>Victim fell from motorboat due to a sharp turn. The victim was not wearing a PFD and did not resurface.</i>						
#14	7/24/2022	Waukesha/Lake Lac La Belle	Pontoon	35 / Male / WI	Left Boat	Unknown	No	Yes
Synopsis		<i>Victim was on a pontoon boat with a group of people, the boat was adrift near the middle of the lake when the victim jumped into the water to assist another person. The victim was not wearing a PFD and did not resurface.</i>						
#15	7/31/2022	Grant/Wisconsin River	Open Motorboat	69 / Male / WI	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	No
Synopsis		<i>Victim was overdue from fishing trip and boat was found unoccupied. Search crew found victim in the water not wearing a PFD.</i>						
#16	08/02/2022	Milwaukee/Lake Michigan	Pontoon	32 / Male	Left Boat	Unknown	No	Pending
Synopsis		<i>Victim voluntarily left an unanchored boat to swim in a lagoon. The victim was not wearing a PFD, went underwater and did not resurface.</i>						
#17	08/06/2022	Oneida/Minocqua Lake	Open Motorboat	34 / Male / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object	Yes	No	Yes
Synopsis		<i>The boat was traveling under a bridge on Minocqua Lake when it struck one of the bridge pillars. It is believed that the operator/victim struck his head on the cement piling. Investigation pending.</i>						
#18	08/07/2022	Ashland/Lake Superior	Open Motorboat	60 / Male / WI	Fall Overboard	Unknown	No	Pending

<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Boat washed up on shore with nobody onboard. Search crew found victim in the water not wearing a PFD.</i>						
#19	08/25/2022	Iron/Lake Superior	Open Motorboat	64 / Male	Capsized	Unknown	No	Pending
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Subjects were in route to go fishing when they encountered significant waves. A wave caused the boat to capsize where both subjects ended up in the water. Victim was able to hang onto the boat but became unresponsive before it came to shore. The victim was not wearing a PFD.</i>						
#20	10/01/2022	Langlade/Rolling Stone Lake	Paddle boat	58 / Male	Left Boat	Unknown	Pending	Pending
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>On 10/1/2022 an unoccupied paddle boat was found floating on lake and victim was reported missing. Victim was located and recovered on 10/24/2022.</i>						