

Accident Database

Report ID# 809

Help

2003-06-20
Date
Kevin Lodder
Victim
24
Victim Age
Great Miami
River
Section
dam off of Neilan Boulevard, Hamilton, OH United States Ohio, US
Location
Gage
Water Level
N/A
River Difficulty
Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic
Cause

– PFD Not worn or Present

Injury Type(s)

– Does not Apply

Factors

– One Boat Trip

Private

Trip Type

Other

Boat Type

Group Info

Danny Brodnick

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

Two men were presumed dead after a motorboat they were test-driving washed over a dam on the Great Miami River near Hamilton, Ohio. Kevin Lodder, 24, and Danny Brodnick, 49, were in the boat when the motor on a 26-foot cabin cruiser stalled out above the dam. Lodder was an employee of the company that was offering the boat for sale to Brodnick; **neither was wearing a PFD** for this test run.

A bystander saw the boat turn sideways in the hydraulic and flip. People were seen clinging to the boat as it bounced and twisted, then bodies were spotted floating in the river later. The bodies were found two days later. Rescuers had their hands full getting the very large craft to shore. This dam is only 3 feet high, which is testimony to the effect of even small "drowning machines." It is not known whether PFDs would have helped either of these two.

<http://www.cintinow.com/news/2003/local/06/22/bodyfound.html>



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