



Accident Database

Report ID# 801

Help

2003-04-25

Date

Jennifer Lohnert

Victim

12

Victim Age

Potomac

River

6. Little Falls

Section

Chain Bridge United States Maryland, US

Location

Gage

Water Level

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River Difficulty



Cause Code(s)

- PFD Not Worn or Present

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Cold Water
- One Boat Trip

Private

Trip Type

Open Canoe

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

On April 25th a family from Germany paddling a borrowed canoe capsized in the vicinity of Chain Bridge on the Potomac River in Washington, DC. According to the Channel 9 News website, the canoe carried a 43 year-old man and three 12-13 year-old children. No one was wearing a PFD. The boat was probably overloaded, and because the area is at the bottom of Class IV Little Falls Rapid tricky currents may have contributed to the boat's capsizing. Two of the paddlers swam to shore while a third was plucked from a rocky mid-river outcrop by the DC Harbor Patrol. The fourth, Jennifer Lohnert, could not be found.

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