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Delaware fisherman dies after boat capsizes near Susquehanna River dam

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SHAMOKIN DAM -- A fisherman from Delaware is dead after the small boat he was in capsized in the Susquehanna River at Shamokin Dam Tuesday afternoon.

The boat apparently got too close to a dam and got caught in its boil, causing it to capsize about 2 p.m., Eric Levis, communications director for the Fish and Boat Commission, said.

Nathan Zahn, 71, of Wilmington, Del., died. Another man in the boat, William Whittaker, 60, no address available, was not injured.

Rescuers pulled both men from the water.

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The dam dates to when Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. operated a coal-burning generating plant in Shamokin Dam. Panda Power is converting the facility into natural gas generating plant.

The dam is downstream from a Fabridam that has been deflated for the season.

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