

Boat goes over dam; two men die

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Two men drowned in the Yakima River yesterday morning after their boat went over Wapato Dam near Yakima.

Edward A. Baisa, 53, and Lionel G. Lopez, 55, both of Sunnyside, Yakima County, died in the accident.

A third Sunnyside man swam to safety. His name was not released.

The three men were fishing above the dam when the boat had motor problems around 6:05 a.m., according to the Yakima County Sheriff's Office.

The boat drifted downstream over the dam and began to fill with water after getting caught in turbulence, the Sheriff's Office said.

One body was found downstream, and the other was found beneath the boat.

Information from The Associated Press and the Yakima Herald- Republic is included in this report.
