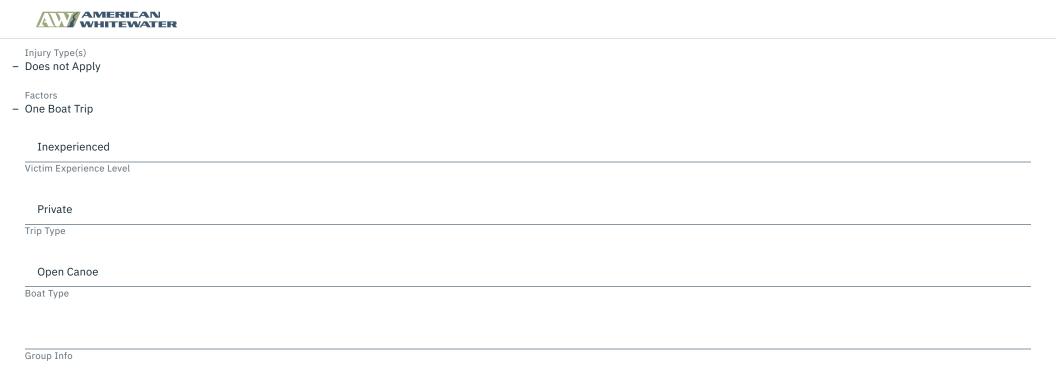


# Accident Database

### Report ID# 105

Cause

Help
1989-06-17
Date
Gary Kugler
Victim
23
Victim Age
Raritan, S. Branch
River
NIVE!
Town of High Bridge to confluence with North Branch of the Raritan
Section Section
Robert Street Dam in Bridgewater United States New Jersey, US
Location
Gage
Medium
Water Level
N/A
River Difficulty
Caught in a Natural Hydraulic



Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

## **Accident Description**

#### DAMS CLAIMS JERSEY PADDLER

June 17, 1989: South Branch of the Raritan River, N.J.: Gary Kugler, 23, drowned on an evening cruise at the Robert Street dam in Bridgewater. At about 11 PM the two attempted to land above the dam; he slipped into the water and was washed over the dam. His girlfriend heard him call for help and summoned rescue squads. His body was recovered three days later. Source: Appalachian Mountain Club (NJ) "Paddle Splashes" COMMENTS: These incidents further illustrates the danger of low-head dams.





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