

Accident Database

Report ID# 826

Help

2003-07-16
Date
Unidentified Man
Victim
0
Victim Age
Olentangy River
River
Delaware Recycling Plant to Chapman Rd. pull-off
Section
Winter Street Dam United States Ohio, US
Location
1700 cfs
Gage
High
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

– High Water

– One Boat Trip

Private

Trip Type

Open Canoe

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

An unidentified man drowned on July 16th after his canoe flipped upstream of the 4’ high Winter Street Dam on the Olentangy River about 20 miles north of Columbus, Ohio. He apparently washed over the dam into the backwash; a second man swam ashore and survived. According to the Outdoor Adventure Club’s Mark Steinmetz, the flow was 1700 cfs, which he calls “high and pushy.” Neither man was wearing a PFD. The victim’s body was found two days later.

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