

Recreational Boating Statistics by Accident Cause for VA 2005-2011				
Accident Cause	Accidents	Vessels	Injuries	Deaths
Alcohol use	43	60	44	12
Carbon Monoxide	1	2	1	0
Careless/reckless Operation	61	91	64	4
Congested waters	11	15	7	0
dam/lock	2	2	3	1
Equipment Failure	32	36	9	6
Excessive Speed	47	67	38	7
Failure to Ventilate	3	5	3	0
Force of Wave/wake	39	41	38	0
Hazardous Waters	44	45	30	16
Heavy weather	4	4	3	0
Hull failure	16	16	1	3
Ignition of fuel or vapor	2	2	2	0
Ignition of Spilled Fuel or Vapor	18	25	16	0
Improper Anchoring	10	10	5	0
Improper Loading	13	13	6	9
Improper Lookout	75	119	47	5
Inadequate Onboard Navigation Lights	4	9	2	0
Machinery Failure	41	46	14	1

Missing or Inadequate Navigation Aids	4	5	2	1
Navigation rules violation	41	73	40	4
Operator Inattention	125	173	98	4
Operator Inexperience	79	106	65	6
Other	112	121	81	18
Overloading	11	11	3	10
Passenger/skier Behavior	45	46	41	4
People on Gunwale, Bow or Transom	9	9	3	7
Restricted Vision	15	22	7	0
Sharp Turn	18	21	17	1
Sudden medical condition	1	1	0	1
Unknown	43	53	12	22
Weather	48	55	18	12