

Boat Propeller Accidents Similar to John McGarrigle's by Propeller Guard Information Center, PropellerSafety.com

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BARD #	Accident Date	State	Outboard	Mercury Outboard	Tiller	Horse-power	Boat Length	Boat Builder	Boat Build Year	Kill Switch Present but Not Used	Operator Ejected by Wake / Wave	Boat Circled	Tried to Re-board Circling Boat	Propeller Injury	Prop Strike Was Not Immediate	Inflatable Boat	Comments	Reference
952401	Jul 10, 1995	MD	X	?	probably	25	14 ft	Sisler	1984		repositioned hand on throttle, sharp turn	X		X	X		Balls Creek	BARD report
9559075	Jul 16, 1995	WI	X	?	probably	10	12 ft	unknown	unknown		started in gear	X		X	X		Soma Lake ejected parent afraid boat would capsize told 9 yr old girl to jump out, circling boat struck her	BARD report listed as prop strike in injury table
9523077	Aug 12, 1995	ME	X	MERCURY	X	15	14 ft	Grumman	1986		extended tiller broke	?		X	?	No	Timothy Egan injured on Big Lake in Washington County entrapped on propeller	BARD report and Bangor Daily News. August 14, 1995.
9526038	Aug 13, 1995	MA	X	?	probably	25	12 ft	Mitsui	1993		hit wave	X		X	X	Yes	Saquissh Beacg	BARD report
9639311	Oct 6, 1996	NY	X	?	X	10	10 ft	Starcraft	1969		started in gear	X		X	X	No	Seneca River	BARD report
9726012	Jun 28, 1997	MA	X	?	probably	10	11 ft	Boston Whaler	1988		started in gear	X	X	struck by boat	boat strike not immediate	No	Lake Assawompsett	BARD report
9736122	Jul 14, 1997	NJ	X	?	probably	25	12 ft	Achilles	1984		sharp turn	X		X	X	Yes	Delaware River	BARD report
9724308	Aug 17, 1997	MD	X	?	probably	not reported	13 ft	Alumina CR	unknown		started in gear	X		X	X	no	Patuxent River - circling boat ejected operator and struck person in water that helped launch boat	BARD report
9822001	Jan 1, 1998	LA	X	?	probably	not reported	14 ft	Duracraft	1973		boat seen circling	X		drowned	drowned	No	Boggy Bayou - witnesses heard boat start, then saw it circling empty, body recovered later	BARD report
9805182	Jan 25, 1998	CA	X	?	X	9	12 ft	Sears	1982		sharp turn	X		drowned, revived, died	drowned, revived, died	No	Lake	Bard report
9841029	Mar 7, 1998	NC	X	?	X	25	14 ft	BCF	1993		boat seen circling	X		drowned	drowned		Chowan River - this tiller OB was known to start in gear	BARD report
9805706	Apr 28, 1998	CA	X	?	probably	not reported	12 ft	Dingy	not reported		fell overboard	X		drowned	drowned		Bay	BARD report
9821011	Jun 1, 1998	KY	X	?	X	20	14 ft	Delhi	not reported		hit floating debris, shook tiller from his hand	X		X	X	No	Beaver Cr and Licking River	BARD report
9802023	Jun 1, 1998	AK	X	?	probably	15	12 ft	Zodiak	not reported		had been jumping waves, boat found circling	X		drowned	drowned	Yes	Tracey Hardwick on Wasilla Lake	BARD report
98460084	Jul 26, 1998	PA	X	?	probably	9	14 ft	Starcraft	1973		stood up, lurched right	X		struck by Boat	struck in head by boat	No	Crooked Creek Reservoir - stuck in head by boat	BARD report
9827398	Sep 20, 1998	MI	X	?	X	25	17 ft	Sylvan	1995		sharp turn	X	X	X	X	No	Lake Michigan - "lacerated armpit to hip"	BARD report
9805731	Oct 3, 1998	CA	X	?	probably	9	12 ft	Western	1988		fell overboard, boat found circling, victim not found	X		drowned	drowned		Lake near launch ramp	BARD report
12053	Apr 10, 1999	FL	X	?	probably	25	unknown	homemade	1996		operator overboard	?		X	?	No	Chipola Cut Off	BARD report
9939012	May 15, 1999	NY	X	?	probably	10	14 ft	Wolverine	1956		operator overboard	?		X	?		Whitney Point Reservoir	BARD report
9939016	May 27, 1999	NY	X	?	probably	25	14 ft	homemade	1983		operator overboard	?		X	?	No	Strongs Creek	BARD report
9955170	Sep 5, 1999	VA	X	?	probably	15	15 ft	Zodiac	1999		operator overboard	?		X	?	Yes	near Lorton VA	BARD report
2001-MI-0132	Jun 19, 2001	MI	X	?	probably	25	14 ft	Sea Nymph	1975		operator overboard	?		X	?	No	Mio Pond - struck fixed object, ejected	BARD report
2002-12201	Feb 9, 2002	FL	X	?	X	9 or 11	11 ft	Carolina Skiff	2000		tiller slipped from grip	X		X	X	No	Atlantic Ocean 200 yards off Islamorada FL	SAGE/ BARD report
2004-NV-0105	Jun 22, 2004	NV	X	?	probably	8	8 ft	not listed	not listed		by sharp turn	X		X	X	Yes	Lake Mead	SAGE /BARD report
2004-NC-0169	Nov 22, 2004	NC	X	?	X	9.9	14 ft	Eldo Craft	1981		released tiller	X		X	X	No	Shearon Harris Lake, Apex NC was a new motor per accident description	SAGE/ BARD report
2005-MO-0036	May 18, 2005	MO	X	?	X	25	13 ft	Boston Whaler	1972		let go of handle	X	X	X	X	No	Derek Tune injured on Clearwater Lake, child remained on board, two adults ejected	BARD report and Daily American Republic. 20 May 2005.
2005-WA-0070	Jul 18, 2005	WA	X	?	probably	10	10 ft	Caribe	not listed		sharp turn	?		X	?	Yes	Lake Washington	BARD report
2005-CT-0058	Aug 12, 2005	CT	X	?	probably	8	12 ft	Starcraft	1989		lost control	X		struck by boat	struck in head by boat	No	Pachaug Pond near Griswold -SAGE said kill switch preventable accident	SAGE/ BARD report
2007-NJ-0047	Jul 21, 2007	NJ	X	Mercury (McGarrigle)	X	15	12 ft	Sea Nymph	1988		pitched overboard	X	X	X	X	No	McGarrigle accident - Delaware Bay	BARD report
2008-LA-0021	Mar 29, 2008	LA	X	?	X	15	14 ft	Carolina Skiff	2007	X	right turn	X		X	X	No	East Pearl River, rented boat, girlfriend was operator	BARD report
2008-MI-0026	Jun 21, 2008	MI	X	?	probably	15	11 ft	Nautical	1995	X	knocked the engine?	X		X	X	Yes	Round Lake struck in face and shoulder	BARD report
2008-NY-0103	Aug 3, 2008	NY	X	?	probably	10	10 ft	Zodiac	2007		started in gear	X		X	X	Yes	struck in head at Long Island Sound	BARD report, Newsday August 4, 2008
2008-WI-0105	Aug 26, 2008	WI	X	?	probably	15	14 ft	Smoker Craft	1995		bow rose	X		X	X	No	St. Croix River	BARD report
non-recreation	Sep 9, 2008	NC	X	?	X	?	?	?	?	X	dodging debris	X		X	?		Erick Rozler injured on Jordan Lake in Durham NC fire department training exercise	Herald-Sun (Durham NC), September 19, 2008.
2009-NH-0009	Jun 14, 2009	NH	X	MERCURY	X	9.9	12 or 14 ft	Sea Nymph	1989		hit wave	X		hypothermia fatality	hypothermia fatality	No	wave ejected passenger, operator ejected later, passenger Barry Arnold died	BARD report. USCG June 16, 2009 First District News.
2009-WI-0061	Aug 5, 2009	WI	X	no mfg listed	probably	18	14 ft	Alumacraft	1955		pull started in gear	X		X	X	No	Sean Laffin injured on Lake Menomin. Pull started the motor in gear	BARD report, August 6, 2009 WQOW 18 TV Eau Claire WI
2009-LA-0117	Aug 22, 2009	LA	X	MERCURY	X	20	15 ft	Louisiana Traveler	1968	X	switching from reverse to fwd	X		X	?	No	outboard is probably newer than boat build year of 1968	BARD report
2009-FL-0567	Dec 14, 2009	FL	X	no mfg listed	X	25	13 ft	Carolina Skiff	2006		hit wake, tiller extension came off	X		X	X	No	Gulf at mouth of Anclote River, ejected, shirt pulled him into prop on 3rd circle	BARD report
2009-LA-0146	Dec 21, 2009	LA	X	Mariner (Merc)	X	25	15 ft	Weldcraft	2000		tiller handle broke off	X		X	?	No	3 year old boy hit by propeller, was ejected with his father	BARD report
2010-FL-0048	Mar 16, 2010	FL	X	no mfg listed	X	15	14 ft	Castello	1973		tiller extender slipped off	X		X	X	No	Indian River	BARD report
2010-MD-0140	Jul 27, 2010	MD	X	MERCURY	probably	15	13	Boston Whaler	1973	?	while turning	?		X	?	No	fell out while turning, OB probably newer than 1973	BARD report
2010-AR-0064	Sep 28, 2010	AR	X	no mfg listed	probably	25	15 ft	War Eagle	1993		hit submerged log	X	passenger reboarded	X	X	No	Current River	BARD report
MS not reporting	Oct 13, 2010	MS	X	?	probably	15		jon boat	30 years old	X	switched hands on tiller	X		X	X	No	Don Drane injured on Barnett Reservoir	Clarion-Ledger. Oct 24, 2010. Jackson MS
2011	May 24, 2011	NH	X	?	X	9	9 ft	?	?	was not wearing	hand slipped from motor	X		X	X		Benjamin Pascucci injured on Paugus Bay	Union Leader (Manchester NH) May 24, 2011
foreign	Mar 18, 2011	Australia	X	?	X	?	?	?	?		let go of tiller	X		X	?	Yes	Maurie of Kippa-Ring, injured at Pumicestone Passage, entrapped on propeller	Northern Times (Australia) May 6, 2011
foreign	Jan 19, 2012	Australia	X	video looks like a Merc	X	?	?	tinny	?		two men ejected	X	X	X	X	No	Nerang River on Gold Coast	"Man Slashed by Runaway Tinny Propeller" NineMSN (Australia) January 19, 2012

SAGE = Casualties Preventable by the Use of an Engine Cut-Off Switch. May 14, 2008. USCG Document, revised October 16, 2009. by SAGE System Technologies LLC and Advanced Technology Systems ,Inc.

NOTES

1. We did not triple check this data. We quickly captured it as an example of where to look further in the future. There may be a few errors in it.
2. We did not contact the individuals identified above and ask them which manufacturer's motor hit them
3. We primarily focused on 1995-1998 AND 2008-2010 BARD data plus the reports in the Sage study cited above. We are sure there are MANY other accidents in the intervening years that we did not pursue.
4. We identified many other tiller outboard propeller accidents while constructing the table above, but were able to eliminate them by verifying they involved by non-Mercury outboards. The accidents in this spreadsheet are either Mercury outboards OR outboards or unknown manufacture.
5. We indicated some of the fatalities. We suspect this chart includes some unlabeled fatalities.
6. We included some struck by boat, drowned, and hypothermia fatality accidents as we see little difference between them and prop strikes in terms of the ones we listed generally being preventable by the use of kill switches.