Bass Boat Operator Ejected Underway in Open Water — PropellerSafety.com — 10 September 2015

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Year	BARD ID	Accident Date	State	Location	Boat Builder	Boat Year	Length	Outboard Manufacturer	Horsepower	Struck by Prop	Struck by Boat or Prop	Drowned	Accident Description	During a Fishing Tourney	# of people onboard	Operator Ejected	# of people ejected	# of Injuries / Fatalities	Hit Wave or Wake	During a Turn	Steering System Failure	Boat Had a Kill Switch	Kill Cord was attached	Kill Cord worked properly	Boat Circled	Boat eventually crashed	Injured Parties	Reference	Legal Case
1965/67		?	NE	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Yes	No	Hit wave, boat circled, struck by boat or prop, killed		?	Yes	?	1 Fatality	Wave	No	No	Yes	No	not used	Yes	?	Operator (d.)	Safety Vital to Bass Boaters. Rome News-Tribune. 24 Apr. 1967.	
1972		30 Mar 1972	SC	?	Tide Craft (stick steer)	1972	16 ft	?	?	No	?	Yes	Body found moments later hanging on to side of boat w/a foot tangled in trolling motor lines		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	?	Alleged	No	No switch	no switch	Yes	No	Novel Young (operator) (d.)	Young v. Tidecraft	Young v. Tidecraft
1973		27 May 1973	TX	Lake Livingston	stick steer	?	16 ft	?	?	Yes	by Prop	No	Struck submerged stump, ejected, boat circled, struck by prop and killed.		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	No	No	No	No	no switch	no switch	Yes	No	Samuel Bailey (d.)	Boatland of Houston v. Valerie Bailey. (one of the earliest kill switch legal cases)	Boatland of Houston v. Bailey
		Oct 1973	SC	Clark Hill Reservoir	?	?	?	?	125 HP	Yes	by Prop	No	bass fishing tournament, steering failure, competitive angler and a Tulsa sportswriter ejected, angler struck and killed by propeller	Yes	2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	No	Yes	No	no switch	no switch	Yes	No	Vernon Fowlkes (d.) (operator) of Tulsa	Powerful Fishing Rigs Can Be Deadly. Oklahoman. 24 January 1974.	
1974		13 Aug 1974	LA	Lake Bistineau	?	?	?	?	50 HP	Yes	by Prop	No	Insect hit operator in face, boat swerved, pedestal mounted seat failed, operator ejected, struck by prop of circling boat		1 or more	Yes	1	1 Injured	No	auto turn	No	Yes	?	?	Yes	No	John Henrey Harris	John Henry Harris v. Bardwell Marina	John Henry Harris v. Bardwell Marina
1975		3 Sep 1975	KS	Cheney Lake	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	Yes	Operator reached for a bait bucket that fell out while underway and turned boat in process, both ejected, boat circled, operator drowned	No	2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	Yes	No	?	prob not	?	Yes	ran aground or stopped	Virgil L. Solomon, 70 (operator) of Wichita dead	Rescue to Late for Wichita Man. Hutchinson News. 4 September 1975.	
1978		1 Jun 1978	OK	Lake Eufaula	?	?	?	?	175 HP	Yes	by Prop	No	Prefishing bass tournament, steering failed at 55 mph, passenger ejected, then operator ejected, boat circled, operator's arm nearly severed	prefishing	2	Yes	2	1 Injured	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Tommy Thompson, 38 of Texas (operator)	It Could Happen to You. The Oklahoman. 24 June 1978. Pg.20.	
1979		21 Feb 1979	AL	Logan Martin Lake	?	?	?	?	175 HP	No	No	Yes	Prefishing a tournament, boat made sudden sharp turn, both ejected, one drowned. Not sure which man was the operator.	prefishing	2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	?	maybe auto turn	No	?	?	?	?	No	Bill Brantley minor injury, other man dead	Search Continues for Drowning Victim. Gadsen Times. 26 February 1979.	
		Sep 1979	NC	Badin	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	No	Steering suddenly veered shortly after launch, both ejected. Operator jerked outboard to neutral on his way overboard.	Yes	2	Yes	2	none	No	auto turn	Yes	Yes	No	not used	No	No	Jerry Lohr - not injured	Kill Switch Important. The Dispatch. 18 Oct. 1979.	
		27 Oct 1979	SC	Flagg Creek	Eldocraft stick steer	?	?	Evinrude	55 HP	by drive	by drive	No	Struck submerged object, boat went into sharp right turn, both occupants ejected, passenger struck by prop or skeg		2	Yes	2	1 Injured	No	Yes	maybe	No	no switch	no switch	Yes	No	Mary Sally (Davis) Tisdale	Tisdale v. Telflex	Tisdale v. Teleflex
about 1981		about 1981	TX	Lake Whitney	Ebbtide	?	?	?	?	operator	both men	No	Boat suddenly turned violently to the right, part of steering wheel broke off in operator's hands, both ejected, one struck by prop		2	Yes	2	2 Injured	No	auto turn	maybe	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	John LeUnes, Ted Russell	Fitzgeral Marine Sales v. John LeUnes	Fitzgeral Marine Sales v. John LeUnes
1982		21 Feb 1982	OK	Lake Texoma	?	?	15 ft	?	?	Dad	Dad & Son	No	Lost control of boat, father and 5 year old son ejected. Son struck repeatedly, body found quickly, dad's body a few days later		2	Yes	2	2 Fatalities	?	?	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Jim Evans (d.), Jimmy Evans (d.)	Man's Body Recovered From Lake. Daily Oklahoman. 24 February 1982.	
1983		Mar 1983	FL	Everglades	Terry stick steer	1977	15 ft	Johnson	50 HP	operator	by Prop	No	Swerved to miss an alligator in the Everglades, operator ejected, boat circled, struck by prop in face		2	Yes	1	1 Injured	No	Yes	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Errol Egner	Gruesome Tale of Horror May Eventually Save Lives. Miami Herald. 25 March 1983.	
1984		Jul 1984	CA	Lake Mead	?	?	?	?	?	passenger	by Prop	No	Lost control of boat during fishing tournament, both ejected, passenger (a lady) had both arms severly cut by propeller.	Yes	2	Yes	2	1 Injured	?	?	?	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Dorothy Hendricks	Bassers Gambling on Mead Next. San Diego Evening-Tribune (CA). 2 August 1984.	
1986		1986	MO	Table Rock Lake	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	No	Came around a point at high speed, encountered large waves, boat tossed sideways, both ejected	maybe	2	Yes	2	1 Injured	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Ed Coburn (passenger) leg injury	Operate Those Powerboats With Great Care. Salina Journal. 14 May 1993.	
		1 Sep 1986	AL	Bear Lake Creek	?	?	?	?	?	passenger	by Prop	One	Steering system failed, boat began swapping ends, all 3 ejected, boat began to circle, one pass. drowned, one pass. decapitated		3	Yes	3	2 Fatalities	No	No	Yes	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	James Stidham (d.), Randy Veal (d.)	Veal v. Teleflex	Veal v. Teleflex
1987		1 Jun 1987	GA	Brushy Branch Lake	?	?	?	?	?	operator	passenger	One	During a sharp turn, all three men were ejected, boat began to circle at full throttle		3	Yes	3	1 Fatality	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	not used	Yes	No	Gary Wimpee (d), William McDonald	Boat Victim Still Sought. Rome News-Tribune. 2 June 1987.	
1989		Jul 1989	VA	Lake Anna	?	?	?	?	150 HP	three	by prop	No	Four thrown from boat, boat circled, three struck by prop, one killed and found the next day, one died later, one lost a leg		4	Yes	4	2 Fatalities, 1 Injured	?	?	?	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	A father (d.) and son (d.), one amputee	Careless Boaters Take Toll at Lake. 21 July 1990. The Free Lance-Star.	
1990		Nov? 1990	TX	Lake Fork	?	?	?	?	150 HP	No	No	No	Running over 60mph, outboard hit stump, torque caused boat outboard to swing over and boat take a hard right, operator ejected, kill switch worked	No	1	Yes	1	None	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Bill Kelts	Kill Switches and Life Jackets Can be a Boater's Best Friend. Watertown Daily Times (NY). 9 Dec 1990.	
1991		7 Apr 1991	AL	Alabama River	?	?	?	?	?	?	Yes	No	Dip net blew up from front of boat into operator's face, he released steering wheel, boat turned sharply to right, he was ejected to left, and struck	No	?	Yes	1	1 Injury	No	auto turn	No	?	?	?	Yes	No	David Frantz (operator)	Frantz v. Brunswick.	Frantz v. Brunswick
		Jun 1991	AZ	Lake Havasu	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	almost	About 35 mph, hit large wave, boat cut sharply to right, both ejected, boat circled, operator cannot swim	No	2	Yes	2	1 Injury	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	Yes	No	Jim (injured) & JoAnn Slack	3 Officers, Wives Save Couple. Long Beach Press-Telegram (CA). 19 June 1991.	
		1992	OH?	Ohio River	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	No	While moving to another spot in a fishing tournament, operator tried to catch passengers worm box that was blowing out, let go of wheel, boat spun	Yes	2	Yes	2	None	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Robert Bir (not injured)	Huber Heights Fisherman Hits Jackpot. Dayton Daily News (OH). 8 October 1992.	
1992		16 Mar 1992	MO	Pomme de Terre Res.	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	hypotherm	Marina mechanic working on steering cable, test ride, boat swerved to right, him ejected to left, kill switch attached to life jacket that stayed in boat		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	No	No	auto turn?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Arthur Shaw (d.), 58 (operator)	Cold Water is Potential Danger for Area Anglers in Early Spring. St. Louis Post Dispatch. 3 April 1992.	
		20 Mar 1992	NC	Lake Hartwell	?	newer	?	?	?	?	?	Yes	Pro angler prefishing a tournament, ejected when struck a wave or something in the water, drowned	prefishing	1	Yes	1	1Fatality	maybe	?	?	?	?	?	?	No	Bill Hendrix pro angler	Angler Bill Hendrix's Drowning is Ruled and Accident. Charlotte Observer (NC). 24 Mar 1992.	
		6 Apr 1992	VA	Gordon Creek	?	?	18 ft	?	?	?	?	?	Dropped uncle off at dock, went for final spin, oberservers saw big spray of water, boat in a quick spin, motor quit, nobody on board		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	?	?	maybe	maybe	maybe	once	No	Allen Hicks Jr., (d.), 39 (operator)	Hampton Fisherman May Have Drowned. Daily Press. 8 April 1992.	
1993		8 May 1993	VA	Smith Mountain Lake	?	?	18 ft	?	?	?	Yes	No	Boat made a quick turn, both ejected, boat ran over one man killing him in the water, then hit a pontoon boat and two docks.		2?	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	Yes or auto	?	Yes	No	not used	Yes	Yes	Alan Kerns (d)	Boat Outing on Lake Turns Deadly. The Free-Lance-Star. 10 May 1993.	
		Jun 1993	IL	Illinois River	Ranger	?	?	?	150	No	No	No	Struck submerged object at high speed during fishing tournament, outboard ripped off, only attached by cables, both ejected	Yes	2	Yes	2	None	No	No	No	?	?	?	No	No	Bo Dowden 52 (fishing pro), and partner	Safety Equipment, Self-Control Required for Modern Bass Riggs. Alton Telegraph. (IL). 20 June 1993.	
1994		11 Jun 1994	MO	Table Rock Lake	?	?	18 ft		200 HP	three	three	No	Couple hired a guide, a seat popped out, everybody reached for it, boat turned hard, all three ejected, boat circled		3	Yes	3	2 Fatalities	No	auto turn	No	Yes	No	not used	Yes	No	No	Bob (d.) & Phyllis Kopytko, Paul Brundridge (d.)	Out of a Tragedy, a Fight to Make Safer Motorboats. Baltimore Sun. 5 July 2001.	Kopytko vs. Champion Boats
		18 Jun 1994	MN	Leech Lake	Champion bass boat	1988	18 ft	?	200 HP	No	No	Three	Boat was found circling, uncertain how they were ejected, fast idle lever of shift control and steering wheel slightly bent, acc pedal sticking		3	Yes	3	3 Fatalities	?	No	No	Yes	prob not	boat circled	Yes	No	31,37,37 year old males (all d.)	Safety Recommendation. Oct. 19, 1995. National Transportation Safety Board. M-95-35.	
1995	9512820	14 Apr 1995	FL	Lake Tarpon	Hydra Sports	1986	16/19 ft	?	200 HP	?	?	Yes	Struck submerged object, operator pitched over bow, boat continued on		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	No	No	No	?	?	?	?	No	John Meeks (d.)	Rescuers Scour Lake Tarpon for Overboard Boater. St. Petersburg Times. 15 Apr. 1995.	
	9531272	25 Oct 1995	MO	Clearwater Lake	Viper	not listed	not listed	?	175-200 HP	?	Yes	No	Boat sharply turned to right, passenger ejected, turned to left, operator ejected, circled		2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	No	auto turn	?	?	?	?	Yes	No	Stacy Maples (d.), Bryan Chilton	This Fishing Story Produces a Genuine Hero. St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 6 Apr. 1997.	
	9512844	28-Oct-1995	FL	Lake Butler	Bass Tracker Tournament	1994	16 / 18 ft	?	75 HP	?	?	Yes	Headed home, boat struck something maybe an alligator or operator made sharp turn, both ejected, one man's body found three days later		2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	Yes	No	?	?	?	?		No	John Rainhdan (d.), 20 (operator)	Man Overboard. Boating. October 1996. Pgs.112-119.	
1996	9612812	23 Apr 1996	FL	Little Lake Harris	Bass Tracker Pro 17	1993	17 ft	?	60 HP	?	?	Yes	Cruising, unmanned bass boat found circling		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	?	?	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Joel Steele (d.)	Pasco Man Missing; His Boat Found at Lake. St. Petersburg Times. 26 Apr. 1996.	
	9631021	23 Apr 1996	MO	Lake of the Ozarks	VIP	1996	19 ft	?	150 HP	?	?	Yes	Swivel pin worked out of motor, turned sharply, ejected operator who drowned, kill switch not attached in B.A.S.S. tourney practice	prefishing	1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	No	auto turn	Yes	Yes	No	not attached	Yes	No	Robert Bruner pro angler (d.)	Coroner: Boating Accident Death by Drowning.	
	no injuries	14 Jul 1996	VA	Smith Mountain Lake	?	?	?	?	200 HP	?	?		Boat hit choppy water, operator ejected, boat circled, after repeated efforts to stop the circling boat, a game warden shot the engine multiple times		1	Yes	1	none	choppy	No	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No, it was shot	David Phillips (operator)	Shotgun Finally Halts Motorboat. Free Lance-Star. 16 July 1996.	
	9618072	27 Jul 1996	IN	Patoka Reservoir	Arrow Glass bass boat	1988	16 ft	?	115 HP	maybe	Two	Two	30 to 35mph, went over a larger wake, both ejected, boat circled, struck both of them, both drowned in part because rescuers could not get to them		2	Yes	2	2 Fatalities	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	Yes	No	Rev. Phillip McElvaney, 57, Paul Smith, 69	Two Men Drown. Times-Mail (Bedford IN). 29 July 1996.	
1997	not in BARD	8 Jun 1997	GA	Thurmond Lake	?	?	?	?	?	Yes	by prop	No	Stuck wave, ejected, boat circled, struck by prop		1	Yes	1	1 Injured	Yes	No	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Rick Smith	Fisherman Catches Man in Nick of Time. Atlanta Journal Constitution. 11 June 1997.	
	9714063	21 Jun 1997	GA	Lake Russell	not listed	1995	16 ft	?	115 HP	No	No	Yes	Unmanned boat found circling, body found over a week later		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	?	?	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Fred Binaco (d.), 55 (operator)	Divers Find Body of Missing Man in Lake Russell. AP. 1 July 1997.	
1998	9812946	18 Jun 1998	FL	Lake Walk-in-the-Water	Pro Craft 1950V	1986	19 1/2 ft	Mercury	175 HP	Two	Yes	No	Operator let go of steering wheel to reach for hat blowing off, boat swung hard to right, all four ejected, boy killed by prop, wife struck by prop		4	Yes	4	1 Fatality, 1 Injury	No	No	No	Yes	No	not attached	Yes	No	Cory Chestnut, 8 killed, Judy Chestnut injured	Kill Switches Save Lives by Cutting Ignition Off. Fishing. The Ledger (Lakeland Florida). 25 June 1998.	
1999	no injury	25 March 1999	AZ	Lake Havasu	Ranger	1989	?	?	?	No	No	No	Fell overboard, boat circled, rescued by Good Samaritan, patrol boat towed it to shore after it ran out of fuel		1	Yes	1	none	?	?	?	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Fred Henry Krause - not injured	Circling Boat Finally Caught. Today's News-Herald. 30 March 1999.	
	no injury	4 Dec 1999	OH	Ohio River	?	?	?	?	150 HP	No	No	No	Tournament fisherman hit submerged tree, ejected, boat circled, he was not in a tournament at time of accident	No	1	Yes	1	none	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Carl Vaughn	Boat Wreck Nearly Took Man's Life. Cincinnati Enquirer. 25 December 1999.	
2000	not in BARD	abt 19 MAY 2000	TNMSAR	Mississippi River	?	near new	?	?	?	No	No	No	Tournament pro and passenger ejected when outboard broke off at speed 12 miles south of Memphis.	yes	2	Yes	2	none	No	No	No	yes	probably	?	?	No	Tommy Biffle and Gary Dickey	Bump and run. FLW Fishing Leaguire Worldwide. 31 May 2000.	
	2000-LA-0189	6 Jun 2000	LA	Amite River	Pro Craft	1996	18 ft	?	150 HP	Yes	Yes	Two	Struck underwater obstruction, boat spun out of control, both men ejected, one swam toward shore and drowned, the other repeatedly struck by boat		2	Yes	2	2 Fatalities	?	spinning	?	?	?	?	Yes	No	Terry Guilfreau (54), Joseph Guilfreau (48)	Two Boaters Drown Near Port Vincent. Baton Rouge Advocate. 8 June 2000. Page 6BS.	
	2000-LA-0215	28 Oct 2000	LA	Red River	Skeeter ZX 202C	1998	20 ft	?	200 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Auto generated turn, operator thrown all the way to left with kill cord attached, pass. ejected, boat circled, passenger struck by prop		2	**NO**	1	1 quadraplegic	No	auto turn	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Michael Davis	Boat Accident Lawsuit. Alexandria Daily Town Talk (LA). 6 September 2003.	Michael Davis v. Yamaha, Skeeter Boats, Teleflex
	2000-KY-0014	15 Apr 2000	KY	Yatesville Lake	BassCat Sabre	1999	17 ft	?	150 HP	operator	Two	passenger	Hit submerged log, spun violently, ejected both on board, both struck by boat, passenger drowned, operator struck by prop, runaway boat		2	Yes	2	1 Fatality, 1 Injured	No	after log strike	No	Yes	No	not attached	Yes	No	pass drowned, op struck by prop	A Boater's Life Line: Tying to Kill Switch Lanyard Can Save Lives. Lexington Herald-Leader (KY). 28 May 2000. Pg.C12.	
2002	2002-SD-0002	15 May 2002	SD	Lake Poinsett	Lund 16.5	2001	16 ft	?	50 HP	No	No	operator	Practice fishing for tourney w/3 yr old son, operator standing in rough water at speed, lost control, ejected, boat continued for miles	practicing	2	Yes	1	1 Fatality	rough water	No	No	?	?	boat straight	No	Yes	30 yr old male (d.)	BARD	
	no injury	24 Oct 2002	MO	Table Rock Lake	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	No	Ski cap fell from boat, he reached for it, released steering wheel, boat swerved, ejected, boat circled, almost drowned		1	Yes	1	none	No	No	auto turn	No	Yes	No	not attached	Yes	No	John Keeley	Boater's Options: Scream or Swim. News-Leader. 29 November 2002.	
2003	12941	3 Jul 2003	FL	Doctors Lake	Stratos 278	1995	18 ft	?	150 HP	Yes	Yes	No	Fishing tourney returing to weigh in, hit turbulent water from wakes, boat spun, both ejected, passenger's arm amputated by propeller	Yes	2	Yes	2	1 Injured	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	David Tagliarini	Fishing Accident Costs Arm. Florida Times-Union. 3 August 2003.	
	2003-AL-0092	10 Aug 2003	AL	Warrior River	Legend Dominator	2002	20 ft	?	150 HP	?	?	missing	boat began chine walking, then spun, ejected both on board, boat circled, pass rescued,still searching for operator		2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	chine walking	No	Yes	No	not attached	Yes	No	Barry Pierce operator 41 (deceased), Willie Short	Search for Missing Boater Continues. Daily Mountain Eagle. Jasper Alabama. 11 August 2003.	
2004	12491	28 Feb 2004	FL	Lake Eustis	Triton	2001	21 ft	Mercury	225 HP	No	No	No	During fishing tourney, boat stuck wave, boat damaged by wave, both ejected, operator later died of hypothermia	Yes	2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	wave	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Tony Strickland (d.), Rikk Stout	FLW Outdoors Mourns Loss of Tony Strickland. 2 March 2004.	
	no injuries	6 Mar 2004	GA/KY	unknown	Ranger 392			20 ft	Evinrude	200 HP	No	No	Ejected during tournament blast off, thinks broadsided by a wake, boat partially rolled and took on water	Yes	2	Yes	1 or 2	none	wake	No	No	Yes	?	?	No	full of water	none	Well Elmo. Georgia Outdoor News. 2 January 2005. Post by Skipper.	
	not sure of the # 2004-LA-0030	13 Mar 2004	AL	Guntersville Lake	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	prob 2	Boat made hard turn at high speed, both ejected, one drowned, still searching for other body		2	Yes		1, prob 2	?	?	?	Yes	No	not attached	?	No	James "Barn" Formby 52, Jimmy Hindman 44	Staff and Wire Reports. Huntsville Times (AL). 16 March 2004.	
	12726	1/3 May 2004	FL	Lake Tarpon	Hydra Sports	1986	19 ft	?	200 HP	passenger	by prop	operator	Momentarily let go of steering wheel, hard right turn, both ejected, boat circled, operator drowned, passenger struck by prop		2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	No	auto turn	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Isaac Henry (d.), Chai Dyer	As Boat Circles in Lake Tarpon, Few Stop to Help. St. Petersburg Times. 4 May 2004.	
	2004-LA-0227	9 Aug 2004	LA	Vernon Lake	Xpress	2002	16 ft	?	60 HP	No	No	Yes	Witnesses heard boat rev up, saw it going in circles, tried to rescue fisherman but he submerged before they could get to him.		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	not attached	Yes	No	46 yr old operator (d.)	BARD	
2005	2005-MO-0007	4 Apr 2005	MO	Bull Shoals Lake	Champion	1979	16 ft	?	140 HP	No	No	Two	Boat had steering problems, took a hard left turn, all three ejected, boat circled. Operator (Lelan Purdom) survived.		3	Yes	3	2 Fatalities	No	Yes	problem	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Jason Merrimen (d.), Ernest Stiffler (d.)	Two Fisherman Drown After Being Thrown into Bull Shoals Lake. AP. 5 April 2005.	
	not in BARD	12 Mar 2005	AL	Smith Lake	Pro Craft	?	17 ft	Mercury	150 HP	No	No	Yes	Launched in fishing tournament, shortly later steering cable broke, boat turned 90 degrees, both ejected	Yes	2	Yes	2	1 Fatality, 1 Injury	No	No	Yes	?	?	?	?	No	Ricky Dee Lewis, 50 drowned, Shawn Lewis injured	Father Drowns, Son Saved in Boating Accident. Daily Mountain Eagle. Jasper AL. 12 March 2005.	
	2005-MO-0036	18 May 2005	MO	Clearwater Lake	Boston Whaler	1972	13 ft	?	25 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Operator took hand off tiller, motor kicked to one side, all three ejected, boat circled		3	Yes	3	none	No	auto turn	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Lori Trainer, Derek Tune, & 4 yr old girl	Man Cut by Prop After Being Thrown from Boat. Southeast Missourian. 21 May 2005.	
	2005-SC-0026	30 Jun 2005	NC	Lake Jocassee	Stratos	no listed	16 ft	?	110/150 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Fell overboard, struck on arm and leg by propeller.		1	Yes	1	1 Injured	?	?	No	?	?	?	?	No	Huey William "Bill" Harris	Boater Injured on Lake Jocassee. Carolina Chanel WYFF. 30 Jun 2005.	
	2005-AL-0063	2 Jul 2005	AL	Pickwick Lake	Sebring 16	1978	16 ft	?	90 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Collision with floating object, 2 people ejected, operator struck by propeller		2 or 3	Yes	2	1 Injured	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	boat circled	Yes	No	49 yr old operator	Marshall Assistant DA in Critical Condition. Gadsen Times. 5 July 2005.	
2006	2006-FL-0114	1 Apr 2006	FL	Gulf of Mexico	**Ranger Bay**	2006	23 ft	Mercury	275 HP	No	No	No	While turning, stern popped up, craft spun violently, two ejected, boat went on to hit a skiff and jump into a stilt house		2	Yes	2	no serious injuries	No	Yes	No	No	No	not used	?	Yes	Christopher Welker	Unused Kill Switch Sends Ranger Boat Flying. Redfish Country. 7 April 2006.	
	2006-KY-0001	18 Mar 2006	KY	Rough River Lake	Ranger Sport R82	1997	17 ft	?	150 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Bass tourney blast off, both ejected while trying to steer out of a wake, operator fatally struck in face by propeller	Yes	2	Yes	2	1 Fatality	Wake	No	No	Yes	No	boat circler	Yes	No	Chester Bruner (d.), William Ashabraner	Fisherman Killed After Fall From Bass Boat. Grayson County News Gazette. 23 Mar 2006.	
	2006-MD-0024	16 Jun 2006	MD	Potomac River	Quick Fire 17 SC	1989	17 ft	?	90 HP	No	No	Two	Unmanned boat seen circling, all three had been ejected. Raymond Molton (pass.) survived. Said struck submerged object.		3	Yes	3	2 Fatalities, 1 Injured	No	No	No	?	No	boat circled	Yes	No	William Heislup (op)(d.), John Walker (d.)	Boating Accident Claims 2 Lives. The Connection. 19 June 2006.	
	2006-NH-0006	17 Jun 2006	NH	Ossipee Lake	Stratos 294 Pro XL	2005	19 ft	?	200 HP	No	No	No	Hit a wake at 70 mph, boat turned sharply, both ejected, operator fractured a vertebra, $15,000 damage to boat		2	Yes	2	1 Injured	Wake	No	No	?	?	?	?	No	Bryan Provencher (operator)	In Brief. The Union Leader. 18 June 2006.	
2007	no injuries	9 Jun 2007	OH	Seneca Lake	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	No	Steering cable broke when underway, operator ejected		2	Yes	1	no injuries	No	No	Yes	?	?	?	?	No	man	Man Overboard on Seneca Lake. Daily Jeffersonian. 10 June 2007.	
	Canada	6 July 2007	Canada	Lake Despair	?	?	?	?	?	No	No	No	Ejected during bass tournament when boat caught a wave the wrong way	Yes	2	Yes	1	1 w/minor injuries	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	?	No	Trevor Zimack operator	Tournament Angler Thrown From Boat. Fort Frances Times Online. 6 July 2007.	
	no CA	22 Jul 2007	CA	Delta	?	?	17 ft	?	?	Yes	by prop	No	Steering failure, 3 people and a dog ejected, boat circled, passenger tried to protect operator's wife from oncoming boat and was killed by prop		3	Yes	3	1 Fatality, 1 Injured	No	No	Yes	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	Matthew Haworth (d.)	Boating Victim Died a Hero, Driver Says. Contra Costa Times. 26 July 2007.	
	2007-MO-0164	4 Aug 2007	MO	Lake of the Ozarks	Charger	1996	20 ft	?	200 HP	?	?	No	Hit a large wave, both ejected	No	2	Yes	2	2 Injured	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	?	No	Charles Bonnett, 49 & Laura Feller	Several Injured in Accidents at Lake. Jefferson City News-Tribune (MO). 6 August 2007.	
	2007-OK-0060	3 Sep 2007	OK	Kaw Lake	Bass Tracker 175 TX	2006	17 ft	?	60 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Operator was attempting to spin the boat by turning steering wheel sharply, was ejected, struck by propeller in head, arm, leg		2	Yes	1	1 Injured	No	Yes	No	?	?	?	?	No	Chris Rowe	Newkirk Man Injured After Boating Accident. Tulsa World. 4 September 2007.	
2008	no CA	9 Mar 2008	CA	California Delta	Ranger Z520			Evinrude		No	No	No	Crusing 70mph on calm water, boat made a 180 to the right, ejected in fishing tournament	practice day	1	Yes	1	1 injured	No	auto turn	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	stopped	No	Gary Dobyns	Dobyns Relives Dangerous Delta Accident. BassFan. 28 March 2008.	
	no CA	9 Mar 2008	CA	California Delta	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Hit unseen cruiser wake, ejected	Yes	?	Yes	?	?	Wake	?	No	?	?	?	?	?	? (listed in same report as accident above)	Dobyns Relives Dangerous Delta Accident. BassFan. 28 March 2008.	
	no CA	8 May 2008	CA	California Delta	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Yes	Boat went out of control, ejected operator, passenger able to regain control. Operator drowned.		2	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	No	Operator (d.)	Bass Boat Accident on Delta. Fish Sniffer. 11 May 2008 post by YZKEN250.	
	2008-PA-0006	21 May 2008	PA	Susquehanna River	Bass Tracker ProTeam 175	2006	17 ft	?	60 HP	No	No	No	Fell overboard, boat found w/key in on position and engine alarms sounding, dog on board. Body found later. Unknown cause of death.		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	No	Chris Johnson, 24 (d.)	Vet's Body Found. Intelligencer Journal. 29 May 2008.	
	2008-PA-0079	3 Aug 2008	PA	Allegheny River	Highwind Bass Boat	1989	16 ft	?	125 HP	Yes	by prop	No	Boat hit a wake, passenger ejected, operator thrown to passenger side, boat circled and ran over passenger before control regained		1	**NO**	1	1 Injured	Wake	No	No	No	?	?	boat circled	Yes	No	37 year old male	BARD	
2009	2009-TN-0018	20 May 2009	TN	Gallatin Stream	Ranger 491V	1994	20 ft	not listed	225 HP	No	No	No	55 mph on calm water, struck submerged object, ejected, lanyard loop broke, boat turned and ran up on shore. Operater water impact injury.		1	Yes	1	1 Injured	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	turned	Yes	43 yr old male operator	BARD	
	commercial	29 May 2009	KY	Taylorsville Lake	Bullet bass boat	?	?	?	300 HP	?	?	Yes	Mechanic test driving a client's boat, lost control, abrupt turn to right, ejected		1	Yes	1	1 Fatality	?	auto turn	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Anthony Reynolds (d.)	Drowning Victim Anthony Reynolds Still Not Recovered From Lake. Landmark News. 4 Jun 2009.	
	2009-MN-0044	30 May 2009	MN	Rainy Lake	Cajun Bassmaster	not listed	17 ft	Mercury	200 HP	No	No	No	Hit a wave, both ejected, boat ran ashore and hit a tree. Passenger broke an arm hitting the water.		2	Yes	2	1 Injured	Wave	No	No	?	?	boat continued	?	Yes	18 year old female	BARD	
	2009-LA-0051	20 Jun 2009	LA	Amerada Canal	Bass Tracker	1995	17 ft	Mercury	50 HP	No	No	No	Struck submerged 18 inch diameter cement pipe, both ejected, boat turned right, hit bank and trees		2	Yes	2	2 injured	No	No	No	Yes	No	not used	turned	Yes	43 & 60 year old males, impact injuries	BARD	
	2009-NE-0012	28 Jun 2009	NE	Branched Oak Lake	Vyper / Viper	1996	20 ft	not listed	225 HP	Both men	by prop	One	Operator tried to turn too quickly at speed, both men ejected. One man died from prop strike, one from drowning after struck by prop.		2	Yes	2	2 Fatalities	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	not used	Yes	No	Eric Jarecki (d.), Jason Hofsaas (d.)	Boating Deaths Preliminary Autopsy Results Released. 1011HD.