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1	Boat or Drive Struck Dredge Pipe			PropellerSafety.com	24 January 2024 update								
2	This is not a complete list. It is a partial compilation.												
3	These accidents were quickly logged and may include a few errors.												
4	Date	BARD ID	State	Water	Boat Manufacturer	Length	Drive Type	Drive Manufacturer	Horsepower	Accident Description	Injured Party	Damages	Reference
5	1973-1974	none	?	Mississippi River	canoe	?	paddles	none	none	canoe capsized after collision w/dredge pipe.	none	none	River Adventurers Finish 6,312-mile Canoe Odyssey. Simpson's Leader-Times. 16 Feb 1974. Pg.15.
6	19 Jul 1975	unknown	MN	Budd Lake	?	?	prob outboard	?	?	struck dredge pipe, two ejected, knocked unconscious and drowned. Third person injured in runaway boat, struck a dock	two teenage males drowned, one teenage female severely injured	?	Two drown following mishap. Daily Journal. (Fergus Falls MN). 11 July 1975. Page 3.
7	Sep 1980		Florida	Tampa Bay	?	?	prob outboard	?	?	small boat ferrying harbor pilots to shore struck a dredge pipe, tore 1 foot X 3 foot hole in hull and damaged both propellers	none	major	"Pipe Nearly Sinks Harbor Pilot's Boat". Evening Independent (now Tampa Bay Times). Sep 9, 1980.
8	May 1983	SEE OB FLIPPED IN LIST											
9	21-Sep-1983		Florida	St. Lucie River	Hydrosport	18 ft	outboard	?	90 HP	authorities found unmanned boat, dragged for the body, found evidence on nearby dredge pipe, they suspect boat hit dredge pipe	one man dead	?	"Deputies Find Man Killed in Boat Accident". Palm Beach Post. Sep 23, 1983.
10	Jan 19 1986		Florida	Biscayne Bay	?	14 ft	outboard	?	?	struck dredge pipe, outboard motor flipped into the boat, four people were on board, one passenger had head and shoulder injuries	Alejandro Tejada taken to hospital w/head and shoulder injuries (outboard flipped in)	?	"Miami Man Hurt in Boating Accident". Miami Herald. January 20, 1986.
11	22-Oct-1987		North Carolina	near state ferry docks in Southport	?	15 ft	outboard	?	?	outboard motor flipped into the boat, prop killed passenger. Officials say a dredge is in the area. NOT YET SURE OF CAUSE	Matthew Alan Marheka, age 21, died of propeller injuries to his head (outboard flipped in)	minor	"Dislodged Boat Motor Hits, Kills Passenger". Star News. (Wilmington Morning Star) October 24, 1987.
12	5-Sep-1988		Pennsylvania	Delaware River	?	16 ft	?	?	?	three people and a dog on board, struck a dredge pipe in the dark, everybody was ejected, two women to the hospital, the dog died	two women injured, one man died, the dog died	?	"Boat Hits Pipe; Man is Killed, 2 Women Saved". The Inquirer. Philadelphia. September 6, 1988.
13	23-Nov-1991		Florida	near the Port of Miami	?	18 ft	?	?	?	boat with four on board struck dredge pipe during the night, all four ejected, boat immediately sank, three dead	three dead (Donald Pietruszka, Alejandro Lambert, Vivian Perez)	boat sank	Gainesville Sun. 24 November 1991. American Dredging v Lambert and Perez.
14	1-Jun-1997	not in BARD	Florida	Loxahatchee River	Welcraft	20 ft				Dennis Calhouette struck dredge pipe while cruising at sunset about 25 mph			Dredging Pipes Pain Loxahatchee Boaters. Palm Beach Post. June 16, 1997.
15	2-Jul-1997	9710014	Delaware	Indian River Bay	Grady White	18 ft	outboard	?	?	lower unit struck dredge pipe	none	\$450	BARD
16	9-Aug-1997	9736169	New Jersey	Atlantic 35ICW	Welcraft	23 ft	stem drive	?	260 HP	vessel traveling in channel struck dredge pipe that had drifted into the channel		\$600	BARD
17	9-Aug-1997	9724268	Maryland	Wicomico River	Robalo	20 ft	outboard	?	150 HP	going upriver, struck dredge pipe between two orange floats at 22 mph. Damage to vessel and lower unit.		\$3,500	BARD
18	12-Aug-1997	9724270	Maryland	Wicomico River	Grady White	21 ft	stem drive	?	160 HP	vessel was outside the channel when lower unit contacted dredge pipe. Impact tore off lower 2/3 of the vessels lower unit		\$3,000	BARD
19	22-Aug-1997	9701143	Alabama	Gulf of Mexico / Orange Beach	Cape Horn	21 ft	outboard	?	200 HP	swerved to miss unlighted dredge pipe and struck underground pipe	none	\$5,000	BARD
20	23-Aug-1997	9736203	New Jersey	Pecks Bay	Maxum	17 ft	stem drive	?	135 HP	when passing another vessel that was towing dredge pipes, vessel struck submerged object believed to have been one of the dredge pipes		\$600	BARD
21	30-Aug-1997	9724282	Maryland	Wicomico River	Taylor	24 ft	inboard	?	375 HP	operator approaching dock at 6 knots, noticed bow begin to rise, struck unmarked dredge pipe		\$6,000	BARD
22	31-Aug-1997	9701152	Alabama	Gulf of Mexico Perdido Pass	Fountain	35 ft	stem drive	?	twins 800 HP	while headed towards a pier, vessel struck unlighted dredge pipe attached to a buoy	none	\$6,000	BARD
23	20-Sep-1997	9701162	Alabama	Gulf of Mexico / Orange Beach	Pursuit	27 ft	outboard	?	twins 400 HP	struck unmarked dredge pipe that completely blocked the canal. It had been pushed in with a tug	none	\$21,000	BARD
24	29-Jun-2005		Ohio	Mary Jane Thurston State Park Marina	Nautique ski boat	?	probably an inboard	?	?	ski boat struck dredge pipe, damaged boat transmission	none	?	Rick Crozier v. Ohio DNR.
25	21-Jul-2005		Ohio	Mary Jane Thurston State Park Marina	Malibu ski boat	?	probably an inboard	?	?	ski boat struck dredge pipe, tore off two fins causing boat to take on large amounts of water	none	?	Douglas A. Masters v. Ohio DNR.
26	7-Feb-2006	?	Florida	Between Sanibel Island and Estero	Boston Whaler	24 ft	outboards	Yamaha	twin 225HP's	Dredge pipe was being towed to new job site, was anchored for the night, "Miss Jiggs" struck dredge pipe at night at 24 mph	Donna Skaggs (operator) knocked unconscious, John Gillen (passenger) ejected	?	Skaggs v. Gore Marine Corporation et al. (Florida Middle District Court)
27	14-Mar-2006	Commercial V.	Florida	off Horseshoe Beach	?	?	outboard	?	?	crabber pulled crab traps, returning, hit dredge pipe with two on board, outboard pulled the pipe up, his daughter pushed	severe back injury	?	Subaqueous Services, Inc v. Timothy Corbin. (appeal against \$1.8 million award)
28	3-Aug-2007	2007-TX-0154	Texas	ICW -Bolivar Peninsula	unknown	20 ft	unknown	?	?	struck dredge pipe, boat overturned, rescuers used four chain saws to cut to Brian Stewart trapped under the boat	Brian Stewart trapped under boat, taken to hospital w/injuries, two other men also injured	near total loss	"Boat Accident Sparks Coast Guard Rescue". Houston Chronicle. August 4, 2007. includes photo
29	1-Feb-2008	2008-FL-0043	Florida	Mill Cove	Jiq - Earet	19 ft	outboard	unknown	250 HP	operator tried to slow, motor struck dredge pipe, damage to transom, no injuries	none	\$10,000	BARD
30	16-Feb-2008	2008-SC-0004	South Carolina	Ashley River	Bayliner	26 ft	stem drive	probably Mercury MerCruiser	250 HP	two units hit dredge pipe that had floated to the surface of the river (only vessel B is reported in BARD vessel table)	none	\$17,000	BARD
31	21-Feb-2008	2008-SC-0003	South Carolina	Ashley River	Racing skull - rowboat	60 ft	none	no drive	zero	while conducting skull racing practice, made contact with dredge pipe	none	\$1,000	BARD
32	9-Jul-2008	2008-TX-0184	Texas	Intra Coastal Canal	Welcraft	25 ft	outboard	unknown	225 HP	struck dredge pipe that had floated across the IntraCoastal, OB kicked up, caught the pipe, stopped the boat, boat then d	two people (one back injury, one contusion)	\$10,000	BARD
33	4-Oct-2008	2008-FL-0541	Florida	ICW	Sea Ray	24 ft	stem drive	probably Mercury MerCruiser	300 HP	struck dredge pipe, damage to transom and lower unit	none	\$5,000	BARD
34	12-Nov-2008	2008-NJ-0138	New Jersey	Whale Harbor	Four Winns	16 ft	stem drive	unknown	not listed	struck dredge pipe damaging lower unit	none	\$2,000	BARD
35	15-Mar-2009	2009-FL-0071	Florida	Gulf of Mexico	Viking	61 ft	two inboards	not listed	4400 HP total	struck dredge pipe, damage to propellers	none	\$4,700	BARD
36	2-Jun-2009	2009-AL-0040	Alabama	Perdido Pass	Pursuit - center console	26 ft	two outboards	Yamaha	200 HP each	bow struck dredge pipe, then starboard engine struck dredge pipe	none	\$5,000	BARD
37	27-Jun-09	Commercial Fe	Texas	Corpus Christi Bay	Commercial Ferry	65 ft	?	?	?	49 passenger capacity Corpus Christi Harbor Ferry hit dredge pipe when it had already closed some stops due to the dredging	ferry was out of service for about 5 days of repairs. Propeller damage was mentioned	?	"Harbor Ferry Undergoing Repairs Today". Caller.com (Corpus Christi, TX). June 29, 2009.
38	3-Jul-2009	2009-MT-0010	Montana	Hauser Reservoir	Sea Ray	19 ft	stem drive	Mercury MerCruiser	190 HP	pulling wakeboarder, hit dredge pipe, damage to propeller and propeller housing	none	\$2,000	BARD
39	22-Jul-2009	2009-IA-0023	Iowa	Storm Lake	Cobalt	21 ft	inboard (prob sd)	Mercury MerCruiser	150 HP	struck floating and submerged dredge pipe, damage to lower unit, hull, and later to trailer	none	\$6,700	BARD
40	24-Jul-2009	2009-IA-0024	Iowa	Storm Lake	Bayliner	17 ft	inboard (prob sd)	Mercury MerCruiser	130 HP	struck dredge pipe, lower unit ripped from transom, still attached by hydraulic line, large hole in forward portion of hull	none	\$10,000	BARD
41	1-Oct-2009	2009-NJ-0107	New Jersey	ICW Ludlum Thorofare	Welcraft	24 ft	stem drive	not listed	350 HP	struck dredge pipe, damage to lower unit and seals	none	\$2,000	BARD
42	1-Nov-2009	2009-AL-0091	Alabama	Mississippi Sound	Boston Whaler	24 ft	two outboards	probably Mercury Marine	200 HP each	struck dredge pipe that was floating along the surface of the water, damage to port engine	none	\$4,000	BARD
43	29-May-2010	2010-AL-0027	Alabama	Lake Shelby	Challenger	17 ft	outboard	Mercury Marine	90 HP	struck dredge pipe, transom cracked and split several places, motor mounts damaged	none	\$4,500	BARD
44	31-May-2010	IA not in Public	Iowa	Storm Lake	Lund	18 ft	outboard	Mercury Marine	175 HP	struck dredge pipe, outboard flipped in, rotating propeller struck and killed young boy	David Paul McFarlin, 10, fatality	?	Laass v. Storm City, et al., Iowa did not report their 2010 accidents to Public BARD
45	2-Jul-2010	2010-FL-0305	Florida	St. Johns River	Shearwater - center console	21 ft	outboard	not listed	250 HP	struck dredge pipe	none	\$2,000	BARD
46	28-Nov-2010	2010-TX-0167	Texas	0368 Houston	Pro Line	23 ft	outboard	Suzuki	250 HP	outboard motor hit dredge pipe, stopped boat killing engine and cracking transom in 4 places	two people both with neck sprain/strain	\$12,000	BARD
47	1-Jul-2011	not listed	Texas	Trinity Bay (Anahuac Park)	?	?	outboard	Tohatsu	50 HP	struck dredge pipe, tore up motor mounts, everybody ejected, boat circling, eventually struck and killed a 12 year old girl	Joe (father) and Blake (son) were injured, 12 year old step daughter, Sammi Butler, died	?	2CoolFishing, TTMB forum. Anahuac Park ??? July 1, 2011 thread, Anahuac Progress, USCG Houston/Galv.
48	4-Mar-2011	2011-LA-0033	Louisiana	Red River in Bossier Parish	Ranger	19 ft	outboard	Yamaha	200 HP	struck dredge pipe, damaged skeg, lower unit of motor had to be replaced, no injuries	none	\$4,000	BARD
49	25-May-2011	2011-FL-0012	Florida	Banana River, CoCoa Beach	Seapro	21 ft	outboard	not listed	150 HP	struck dredge pipe with boat and lower unit of outboard, boat inoperable, no injuries	none	\$4,500	BARD
50	25-Jul-2011	2011-OH-0119	Ohio	Beaver Creek near Celina	Mantra	18 ft	water jet	General Motors	454 HP	struck dredge pipe trying to float over it, water jet steering nozzle dislocated/broken, paddled to shore, no injuries	none	\$3,000	BARD
51	late Oct 2011	?	New York	Lake Montauk	charter fishing boat	43 ft	?	?	?	struck dredge pipe and damaged propeller. Several other boats struck the same pipe that had broke free of its anchors.	none listed	?	Lake Montauk dredging raises safety issues. NewsDay (Melville NY). 2 November 2011.
52	23-Dec-2011	2011-NY-0200	New York	Great South Bay	Kryptonite	29 ft	stem drive	not listed	425 HP	struck dredge pipe at 35mph, tore off outdrive, no injuries	none	\$15,000	BARD
53	16-Sep-2012	MS not in publ	Mississippi	Deer Island, near Biloxi MS	?	?	outboard	?	?	currently thought to have struck a dredge pipe, outboard flipped into the boat, propeller struck man in the back, he died later	Mark Barhanovich, 54, fatality injured	?	Sun Herald Sep. 16, 2012 and Sep. 22, 2012
54	21 Apr 2012	2012-NC-0024	North Carolina	Howards Channel	Four Winns	21 ft	stem drive	not listed	350 HP	struck unmarked dredge pipe being drug by a tug, damaged drive and transom	none	\$16,000	BARD
55	20 May 2012	2012-TX-0061	Texas	Sabine Pass	Tidewater	21 ft	outboard	Yamaha	150 HP	struck unmarked Callan Marine dredge pipe at 35 mph, damaged motor and transom	two people injured	\$25,000	BARD
56	31 May 2012	2012-LA-0040	Louisiana	Red River	Gator Boats	16 ft	outboard	Mercury	90 HP	struck 12 inch dia black pipe at 3/4 throttle, 55 pound dog ejected	none	\$5,691	BARD
57	11 Jun 2012	2012-TX-0064	Texas	Sabine Pass	Four Winns	20 ft	stem drive	not listed	220 HP	Operator saw buoys to left and right of his path about 100yd apart, struck dredge pipe, OB flipped in struck t-top, motor mo	none	\$10,000	BARD
58	16 Jun 2012	2012-LA-0062	Louisiana	Bayou Terrebonne	Bay Craft	19 ft	outboard	Yamaha	150 HP	struck unmarked dredge suction pipe connected to dredge vessel named Sandra at 30mph, no one onboard the dredge	none	\$5,000	BARD
59	27 July 2012	2012-FL-0410	Florida	Lighthouse Point Canal	Tartan	37 ft	inboard aux sail	not listed	37 HP	struck black PVC pipe, damaged rudder and rudder housing	none	\$5,000	BARD - NOTE not positively ID'd as a dredge pipe
60	2 Sep 2012	2012-LA-0126	Louisiana	Intracoastal near Houma	Ranger	20 ft	outboard	Mercury	225 HP	saw barge on Intracoastal, went south of it, struck section of 500 ft dredge pipe at 56 mph	operator's son had minor head injuries, was checked out at scene by EMS	\$25,000	BARD





