



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:47-1-09 Boating accidents.

Effective: July 9, 2022

For the purpose of this rule, a "boating accident" means a collision, accident, or other casualty involving any vessel, either moored or in operation, upon any of the waters in this state.

(A) A vessel subject to this rule is considered to be involved in a boating accident whenever the occurrence results in damage by or to the vessel or its equipment; in injury or loss of life to any person; or in the disappearance of any occupant under circumstances indicating the possibility of injury or death. A boating accident includes, but is not limited to, capsizing, collision, foundering, flooding, fire, explosion, or the disappearance of a vessel other than by theft.

(B) A report is required whenever a vessel subject to this rule is involved in a boating accident which results in any one or more of the following:

(1) Loss of life.

(2) Personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid.

(3) Actual physical damage to property, including watercraft, in excess of one thousand dollars.

(4) Physical damage or other incident resulting in the total loss of a vessel.

(5) Whenever death results from a boating accident, a written report shall be submitted to the chief of the division within twenty four hours. For every other reportable boating accident a written report shall be submitted within five days after such accident. All such reports shall be submitted upon forms prescribed by and available from the chief of the division. The operator or operators of each vessel involved shall prepare and submit a written report to the: "Chief of the Division of Parks and Watercraft, 2045 Morse Road, building C, Columbus, Ohio 43229." Every written report shall contain the complete information required by the report form as described by the chief of the division.



- (a) Name and address of operator.
- (b) Age of operator.
- (c) Date of birth of operator.
- (d) Operator's experience.
- (e) Operator's telephone number.
- (f) Owner's telephone number.
- (g) Name and address of owner of vessel.
- (h) Was it a rented vessel.
- (i) Number of persons on board.
- (j) Formal instruction in boating safety.
- (k) Vessel registration number.
- (l) Vessel name.
- (m) Vessel make.
- (n) Vessel model.
- (o) Manufacturer's hull identification number.
- (p) Type of vessel.



(q) Hull material.

(r) Engine.

(s) Propulsion.

(t) Construction.

(u) Date of accident.

(v) Time of day.

(w) Name of body of water.

(x) Location.

(y) State.

(z) Nearest city, town.

(aa) County.

(bb) Weather.

(cc) Water conditions.

(dd) Temperature.

(ee) Wind.

(ff) Visibility.

(gg) Operation at time of accident.



(hh) Type of accident.

(ii) The reporting person's opinion of what contributed to the accident.

(jj) Personal flotation devices.

(kk) Property damage estimate.

(ll) Fire extinguishers.

(mm) Description of property damage (if any).

(nn) Name and address of the owner of damaged property.

(oo) Name, address, and contact information for any deceased person(s).

(pp) Name, address, and contact information for any injured person(s).

(qq) A description of what happened.

(rr) Name(s) of operator(s) of other involved vessel(s).

(ss) Address(es) of other involved vessel(s).

(tt) Registration number(s) of other involved vessel(s).

(uu) Telephone number(s) of owner(s) of other involved vessel(s).

(vv) Name(s) of other involved vessel(s).

(ww) Name(s) of owner(s) of other involved vessels.



(xx) Address(s) of owner(s) of other involved vessels.

(yy) Names and contact information for any witnesses.

(zz) Signature of person completing report.

(aaa) Address of person completing report.

(bbb) Telephone number of person completing report.

(ccc) Qualification of person completing report.

(ddd) Date report submitted.

(eee) Boating accident report addendum. (if applicable)

(C) The chief of the division shall furnish all boating accident report statistics, information, or forms as shall from time to time be requested by the United States coast guard.