

Drowning Fact Sheet

Activity – Boating



The following facts represent fatal drownings whilst participating in a Boating activity in New Zealand from 2003-2007.

All data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™.

Drownings by Activity – Boating

Activity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Powered Boat						
Jet Boat	1	-	-	-	-	1
Jet Skis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Over 4m	8	7	4	6	2	27
Under 4m	2	-	2	2	3	9
Non-Powered Boat						
Kayaking	3	6	2	2	2	15
Rafting	1	-	1	-	1	3
Rowing Craft / Dinghy	3	3	5	1	4	16
Sailing						
Fixed Keel Boat	1	-	-	-	-	1
Offshore Sailing	-	1	2	-	-	3
Total	19	17	16	11	13	76

- 18% of total drownings occurred whilst participating in Boating.
- 88% of Boating victims are Male.
- 18% of Boating drownings involved Alcohol.
- Environment Breakdown
 - 62% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
 - 20% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 14% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 4% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 59% NZ European
 - 24% Maori
 - 9% Pacific Peoples
 - 4% Asian
 - 4% Other
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 00-04 years of age
 - 7% 05-14
 - 7% 15-24
 - 16% 25-34
 - 23% 35-44
 - 20% 45-54
 - 17% 55-64
 - 10% 65+

