

ODNR DIVISION OF PARKS & WATERCRAFT

Ohio Boating Update





About the Division of Parks and Watercraft

Our Mission:

To provide exceptional outdoor recreation and boating opportunities by balancing outstanding customer service, education, protection and conservation of Ohio's state parks and waterways.





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The Division of Parks and Watercraft is offering \$500,000 in grants to improve boating access for hand-powered watercraft at public facilities.

Applicants may request up to \$75,000 for a single project during the grant period.

The application is available at watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/grants and must be postmarked by March 1, 2020.



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The grant period runs from May 1, 2020, through Sept. 30, 2021. Applicants are encouraged to include one or more of the following criteria listed below:

- improving existing paddling access site and paddling safety;
- promoting or improving Ohio's designated or proposed water trails;
- meeting Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines;
- connecting paddlers to amenities, such as shopping, restaurants, and overnight accommodations; and
- using “shovel ready” projects.



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OHIO WATER TRAILS PROGRAM

Two new trails in 2019: Cuyahoga River and the Lake Erie Islands

At least 2 additional dedications scheduled for 2020: Tuscarawas River – May 15th & Portage River – June 19th; working with communities on the Cleveland Lake Front and Blanchard River





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NEW STATE-FUNDED BOATING FACILITIES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND MAJOR FACILITY RENOVATIONS:

Location	Project Name	Cost
Alum Creek State Park	Boat Ramp Restroom Renovations	\$ 62,000.00
Buckeye Lake State Park	Fairfield Beach Dock Improvements	\$ 450,000.00
Delaware State Park	Marina Building Roof	\$ 10,000.00
Indian Lake State Park	Seawall Replacement	\$ 100,000.00
Barkcamp State Park	Kayak Launch	\$ 30,000.00
Blue Rock State Park	Boat Ramp Solar Light	\$ 17,000.00
Muskingum River	Beverly Lock #4 - Restroom	\$ 250,000.00
Salt Fork State Park	Camper's Beach Dock Replacement	\$ 95,000.00
Wolf Run State Park	Ramp/Parking Area Asphalt Repair	\$ 15,000.00
Lake Milton State Park	Pumpout/Dock Replacement	\$ 47,000.00
Mosquito Lake State Park	Dock/Lighting/Parking Lot	\$ 90,000.00
Portage Lake State Park	Main Launch Ramp Improvements	\$ 38,000.00
Punderson State Park	Marina Improvements	\$ 200,000.00
Pymatuning State Park	Seawall/Ramp Improvements	\$ 500,000.00
Independence Dam State Park	Kayak Launch	\$ 8,000.00
Burr Oak State Park	Ramp/Marina Upgrade	\$ 102,000.00

Location	Project Name	Cost
Forked Run State Park	Boat Ramp Repair	\$ 5,000.00
Lake Hope State Park	Kayak Launch Dock	\$ 25,000.00
Lake White State Park	Activity Center Removal/Rebuild	\$ 430,000.00
Pike Lake State Park	Kayak Launch	\$ 38,000.00
Scioto Trail State Park	ADA Kayak Dock/Launch Ramp	\$ 30,255.00
Shawnee State Park	ADA Kayak Launch	\$ 29,218.00
Tar Hollow State Park	ADA Kayak Dock/Launch Ramp	\$ 23,553.00
Caesar Creek State Park	Marina Flooring	\$ 15,000.00
Caesar Creek State Park	Bathroom Lift Station Repairs	\$ 47,000.00
Cowan Lake State Park	East End Improvements	\$ 35,000.00
East Fork State Park	Launch Ramp Repairs	\$ 8,500.00
Hueston Woods State Park	Launch Ramp Parking Lot	\$ 41,000.00
Paint Creek State Park	Taylor Road and Marina Improvements	\$ 30,000.00
Rocky Fork State Park	Boat Ramp/Restroom Repairs	\$ 106,000.00
Stonelick State Park	Launch Ramp/Parking Area	\$ 34,000.00

Total for all planned projects: \$ 3,011,526.00



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WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION

- In 2019, renewed a record 29,534 registrations online; 37,600 through mail renewal
- So far, 38,045 registrations processed in 2020.

Total Registered Boats	571,786
Boat Checks	99,797
Livery Registrations	12,331
Hull Identification Numbers Issued	1,877
Registrations Audited	156,566
Mail Renewals Processed	37,600
E-Renewal Processed	29,534
Titles Entered	4,038
Titles Audited/Corrected	74,577

***The number of Ohio-registered canoes and kayaks has increased from
241,181 in 2018 to 262,239 in 2019***



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BOATING EDUCATION

Natural Resource Officers and Division Naturalists conducted 1,041 courses or presentations reaching 15,911 participants

Program/Presentation	Courses	Participants
Ohio Boating Education Course (OBEC)	191	1137
Canoeing	108	3816
Kayaking	437	4492
Stand-Up Paddleboard	145	2288
Sailing	0	0
PWC	8	290
Power Boating	52	548
Boating Presentations	100	3340

In 2019, \$240,000 was awarded in Boating Safety Education Grants to 11 organizations. These partners conducted 155 courses or presentations reaching 4,059 participants

Programs	Courses	Participants
Canoeing	7	567
Kayaking	69	913
Sailing	50	690
Stand-up Paddleboard	7	534
Advanced Classes	0	0
Presentations	13	1227



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LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY SERVICES: STATISTICS

- 13,242 Written Boating Safety Inspections
- 12,960 Livery/Rental Boat Inspections
- 11,945 Warnings issued
- 758 Citations issued
- 157 Boating Accident Investigations
- 116 Search and Rescue Cases
- 43 Operating Under the Influence arrests



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LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY SERVICES: LOOKING FORWARD

- 5 new patrol boats are expected to be in service by the beginning of the 2020 boating season; currently in production
- A new recruitment video has been produced which can be viewed on YouTube to encourage interest in future officer hiring efforts



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LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY SERVICES: RECRUITMENT

- 7 new Natural Resources Officers joined the Division on February 3rd
- Also on February 3rd, 18 new Natural Resources Officer Cadets began training and are currently enrolled in the academy
- The new Cadets are expected to complete training and receive their field assignments to begin providing patrol and safety services by early this summer

USCG RECREATIONAL BOATING STATISTICS

10-Year Summary of Boating Accidents

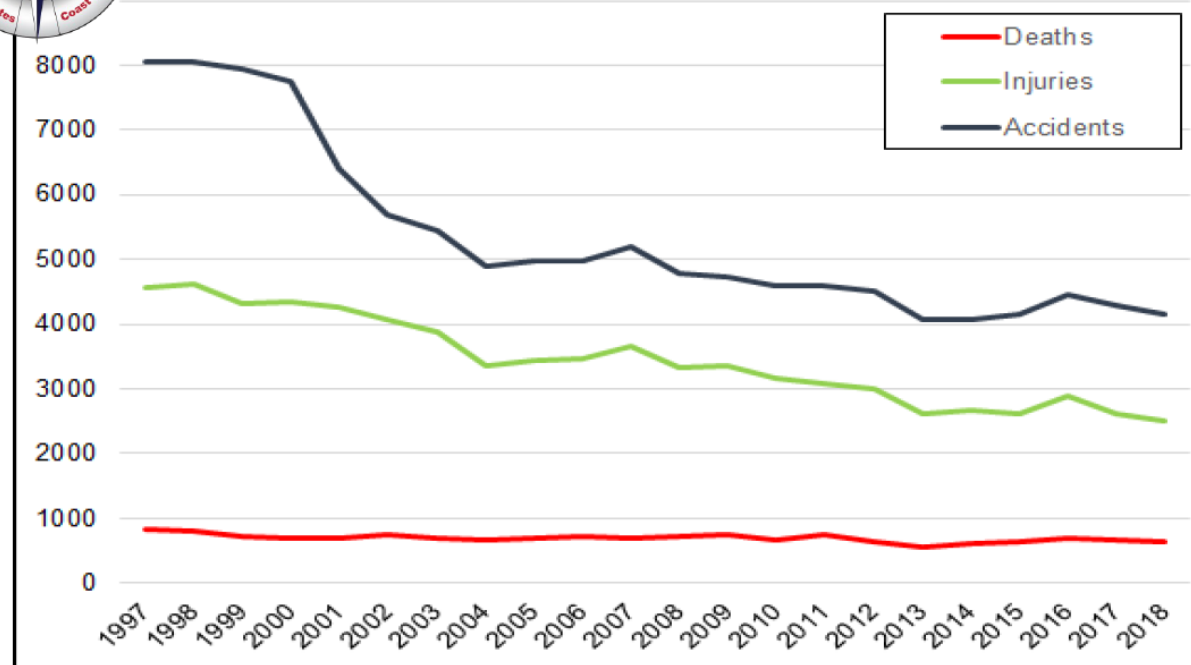
Table 29 • DEATHS, INJURIES, & ACCIDENTS BY YEAR, 1997-2018

Year	Deaths	Injuries	Accidents
1997	821	4555	8047
1998	815	4612	8061
1999	734	4315	7931
2000	701	4355	7740
2001*	681	4274	6419
2002	750	4062	5705
2003	703	3888	5438
2004	676	3363	4904
2005	697	3451	4969
2006	710	3474	4967
2007	685	3673	5191
2008	709	3331	4789
2009	736	3358	4730
2010	672	3153	4604
2011	758	3081	4588
2012	651	3000	4515
2013	560	2620	4062
2014	610	2678	4064
2015	626	2613	4158
2016	701	2903	4463
2017	658	2629	4291
2018	633	2511	4145

* On July 2, 2001, the Federal threshold of property damage for reports of accidents involving recreational vessels changed from \$500 to \$2000.



Figure 11 DEATHS, INJURIES, & ACCIDENTS BY YEAR, 1997-2018



PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES ARE VITAL IN REGARD TO SAFETY ON THE WATER.

and the USCG Has Adopted Changes to PFD Labels



PFD TYPE AND LABEL CHANGES

New Life Jacket Labels Hitting the Market: What You Need To Know

- The Coast Guard issued a rule removing references to *Type* codes In regulations on the carriage and labeling of Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs).
- This means instead of “Type 1” or “Type 3” PFDs for example, the Federal Regulations refer to PFDs as either “Wearable” or “Throwable”.



PFD TYPE AND LABEL CHANGES

Components of the New Labeling Standards

ADULT UNIVERSAL User Weight: >40 kg (>88 lbs) Chest Size: 76-132 cm (30-52 in.)	
	
    	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drowning hazard if not worn.• Must be fastened and properly adjusted to float the wearer.	
Choose and wear the device which fits you and your activity, visit www.wearitlifejacket.org . Read and keep the owner's manual and tags for info such as rearming, wear, and care.	
Company Name Company Address Company website if available Made in XXXXX	 Certifying Lab identification and address
USCG Approved 160.064/XXXX/X TC Approved XXXXXX-X ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-5 Model: XXXX Style: XXXX Lot No. XXXX	
Approval conditions state that this device must be worn to be counted as equipment required by vessels meeting Transport Canada or USCG regulations.	
Use: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fasten all closures and adjust for a snug fit. Inspection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect your life vest before each outing. Do not use if your life vest shows signs of weathering, damage, or rot. Care and Storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry thoroughly after each outing.• Store in a dry, cool place out of direct sunlight. 	

- The top panel (outlined in green) has size and performance information
- Just below the descriptive text are icons to illustrate the intended use and the turning ability of the life jacket
- The next set of icons are used to inform the user that a device may not be appropriate for certain activities, such as water-skiing, towed sports or personal watercraft
- The section outlined in purple is the Certification and Approval Panel which will contain the USCG approval number
- The last panel (outlined in orange) is the maintenance panel



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