

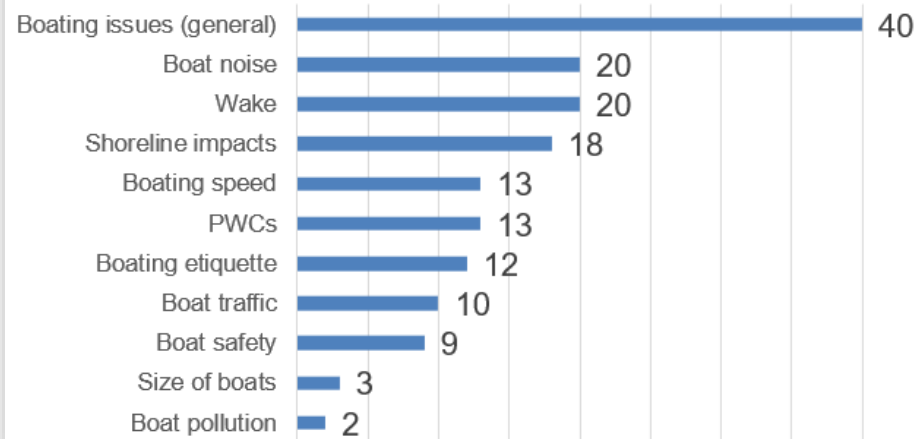
# Boating in 2020

**What impacts has the pandemic had on your Association so far?**  
(FOCA 2020 Survey question)

**Anecdotal answer:**

*“A huge number of boaters (not all safe or educated on safe boating) were on the lake due to large numbers not at work.”*

**Boating issues - breakdown (n=160)**



# Boating Update

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**FOCA Fall Seminar**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**



# Marine Season 2020

## Review



- Early spring in Southwest
  - 1<sup>st</sup> fatal in March – Lake Erie
- Covid 19
  - restrictions with ramps
  - Border security
- Increase boating traffic
  - PWC complaints
  - Sales of vessels ↑
  - Inexperienced operators
  - Border closures
  - Lots of education

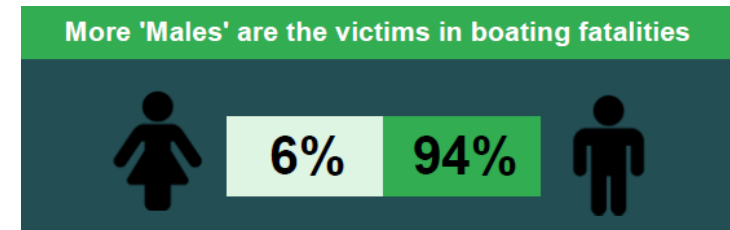




# Marine Season 2020

## OPP Statistics

**Fatal Occurrences – 29**  
**Fatalities - 31**



**23%** of boating fatalities involve alcohol

65%	of boating fatalities have occurred when environmental condition was Clear
39%	of boating fatalities have occurred in a Canoe
35%	of boating fatalities have occurred on Saturday
65%	of boating fatalities have occurred on Inland Lakes

Non Summer time (June 15<sup>th</sup> <> Sept 15<sup>th</sup>) – 18 deaths – 58%



# Marine Season 2020



## Personal Floatation Devices

### Personal Floatation Device Usage

86%

of deceased victims  
were not wearing a  
PFD



PFD / Lifejacket worn	- 3
No PFD \ Lifejacket worn	- 27
Unknown	- 1



... but I am a good swimmer!!!!





## Personal Floatation Devices

**Strong Social Media Message  
Lifejackets - July 2020**



“I don’t recover people off the bottom wearing lifejackets”

S/Sgt Kevin Gorman - USRU



**PWC Safety – Aug 2020**



**Hypothermia – October 2020**



# Marine Season 2020

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## The calls

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- Personal Watercrafts
- Aggressive Operation
  - High speed / restricted zones
- Liquor
  - 1567 charges in 2020
  - 47 Impaired/Over 80 mgs charge
- Inexperience
  - Rental Boats
  - Operating in unfavorable conditions
- Curtesy
  - Operation
  - Wake





# Marine Season 2020

## What can you do?

- (888) 310-1122 / 911 / \*OPP
- Education, education, education
- Signage
  - Shoreline
  - Control buoys
  - Private Buoys Regulations
- No Wake Zone
  - What does that mean?
  - Bow down – slow down
- **Wear your PFD – Lead by example**



# Marine Season 2021

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## The future

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### The Goal

- to make Ontario waters a safe place to be
- strengthen the Canada Shipping Act 2001.

### How???

- Partnerships with FOCA – social media messaging. Pass on the message of boating safety (re-tweets, FB, Instagram etc.) by membership.
- Strong partnership with Office of Boating Safety
- Sit on Committees – Regionally and Nationally (CMAC, NRBAC)
- Speak to Cottage Associations regarding individual issues
- Education – Marine Officers and Stakeholders
- Enforcement when appropriate.

# Marine Season 2020

## Provincial Enforcement

**Vessels Checked Provincially - 47492**

### Alcohol related

- Approved screening device (ASD) 678 (↑ 11%)
- Warn Range Suspensions 121 (↑ 20%)
- Standard Field Sobriety Tests(SFST) 11 (↑ 110%)
- Criminal Code Impaired 14 (↓ 52%)
- Criminal Code Over 80 mgs 33 (↓ 31%)
- Provincial – Liquor Licence Act 1567 (↑ 20%)



# Marine Season 2020

## Provincial Enforcement



### Other Charges

- Criminal Code Boating/Other 58 (↑ 45%)
- Marine Charges (CSA 2001) 1773 (↑ 44%)
- Other Provincial Statutes 422 (↑ 71%)

### Warnings

- Marine (CSA 2001) 7770
- Other Provincial Statutes 757







# Questions?

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# Visit FOCA's webpages:

<https://foca.on.ca/boating-overview/>

<https://foca.on.ca/safe-boating/>

<https://foca.on.ca/watch-your-wake/>

Shoal and Hazard Marking: <https://foca.on.ca/boating-safety-post-1/>  
and <https://foca.on.ca/shoal-marking-risk-management-considerations/>