

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOATING**

**CHAPTER 1660-2-4  
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING REPORTING OF BOATING ACCIDENTS**

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**1660-2-4-.01 ACCIDENT REPORT.**

- (1) The operator of a vessel shall immediately notify the Wildlife Resources Agency and, within the time period prescribed in Rule 1660-2-4-.01(2), submit the casualty or accident report when, as a result of an occurrence that involved the vessel or its equipment
  - (a) A person dies;
  - (b) A person is injured and receives medical treatment beyond first aid; damage to the vessel or combination of vessels and other property damage totals more than \$500; or
  - (c) A person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.
- (2) A report required by this section must be made -
  - (a) Within 48 hours of the occurrence if a person dies within 24 hours of the occurrence;
  - (b) Within 48 hours of the occurrence if a person is injured and receives medical treatment beyond first aid; and
  - (c) Within 10 days of the occurrence if an earlier report is not required by this paragraph.
- (3) When the operator of a vessel cannot submit the casualty or accident report required by paragraph (1) of this section, the owner shall submit the casualty or accident report.
- (4) Each report required by paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above must be in writing, dated upon completion, and signed by the person who prepared it and must contain, if available, at least the following information about the casualty or accident:
  - (a) The numbers and names of each vessel involved.
  - (b) The names and address of each owner of each vessel involved.
  - (c) The name of the nearest city or town, the county, the state, and the body of water.
  - (d) The time and date the casualty or accident occurred.
  - (e) The location on the water.
  - (f) The visibility, weather, and water conditions.
  - (g) The estimated air and water temperatures.

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- (h) The name, address, age, or date of birth, telephone number, vessel operating experience, and boating safety training of the operator making the report.
- (i) The name and address of each operator of each vessel involved.
- (j) The number of persons on board or towed on skis by each vessel.
- (k) The name, address, and date of birth of each person injured or killed.
- (l) The cause of each death.
- (m) Weather forecasts available to, and weather reports used by, the operator before and during the use of the vessel;
- (n) The name and address of each owner of property involved.
- (o) The availability and use of personal flotation devices.
- (p) The type and amount of each fire extinguisher used.
- (q) The nature and extent of each injury
- (r) A description of all property damage and vessel damage with an estimate of the cost of all repairs.
- (s) A description of each equipment failure that caused or contributed to the cause of the casualty.
- (t) A description of the vessel casualty or accident.
- (u) The type of vessel operation (cruising, drafting, hunting, skiing, racing, or other), and the type of accident (capsizing, sinking, fire, or explosion or other).
- (v) The opinion of the person making the report as to the cause of the casualty.
- (w) The make, model, type (open, cabin, house, or other), beam width at widest point, length, depth from transom to keel, horsepower, propulsion (outboard, inboard, inboard out drive, sail, or other), fuel (gas, diesel, or other), construction (wood, steel, aluminum, plastic, fiberglass, or other), and year built (model year), of the reporting operator's vessel.
- (x) The name, address, and telephone number of each witness.
- (y) The manufacturer's hull identification number, if any, of the reporting operator's vessel.
- (z) The name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the report.

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**1660-2-4-.02 DEATH.**

(Rule 1660-2-4-.02, continued)

- (1) When, as a result of an occurrence that involves a vessel or its equipment, a person dies or disappears from a vessel, the operator shall, without delay, by the quickest means available, notify the Boating Division of this state of:
  - (a) The date, time and exact location of the occurrence;
  - (b) The name of each person who dies or disappears;
  - (c) The number and name of the vessel; and
  - (d) The names and addresses of the owner and operator.
- (2) When the operator of a vessel cannot give the notice required by paragraph (1) of this section, each person on board the vessel shall notify the Boating Division of this state or determine that the notice has been given.

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