



STOLEN BOATS CANADA

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“According to the BC Coroners Service more people drown every year in the Interior and specifically in Okanagan Lake than any other area of the province.”

“The second deadliest body of water is the Fraser River that saw 19 deaths since 2008 followed by the Thompson River that saw 11 deaths, Shuswap Lake at 9 and Kalamalka Lake with 7.”

“Now, with summer in full swing, the annual spike in drownings is expected over the next two months bringing the average number of drownings in the province to 80 per year.”

“The majority of these fatalities occur between May and August at 60.1 per cent with a peak in August. In July and August alone an average of 30 people drown in the province.”

“The BC Coroner Service also found that 79.3 per cent of those who drowned were men while 20.7 per cent were women. 20-29 years olds made up the largest proportion of those who died at 21.3 per cent.”

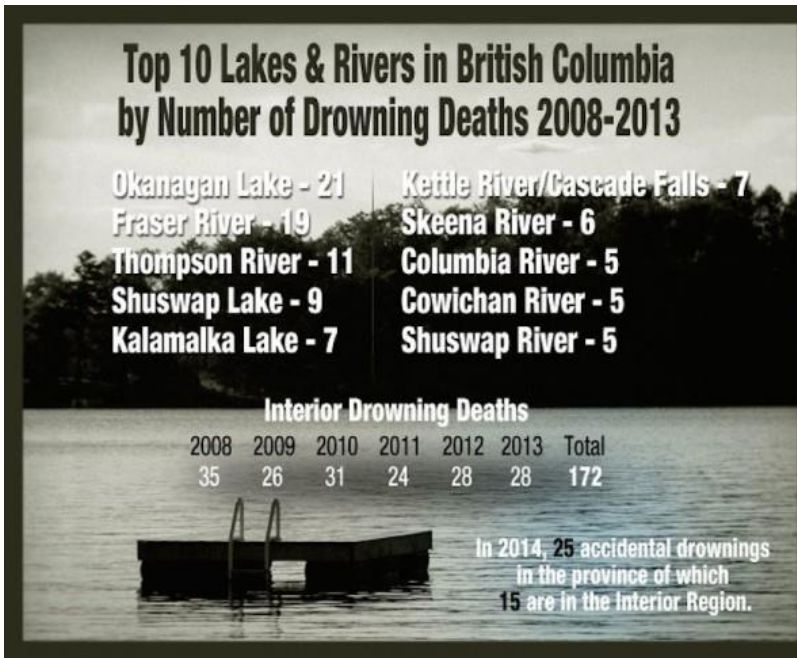
“Alcohol and/or drugs were also seen as a large contributing factor to drowning deaths, reported in 39.6 per cent of cases.”

Leslie Taylor, Swimming and Water Safety Representative for the Interior Red Cross states:

“First are kids ages 1 to 5 who make up 21 per cent of those lost nation-wide.”

“She says men aged 15 to 44 are the next group at risk and the majority of those are boating fatalities.”

“Just make sure that you know your waterways, you don't drink and boat, you have your proper equipment and be mindful that weather plays a big factor.”



*2014 numbers are as of June 26, 2014 and are preliminary figures

Drowning Deaths by Region, 2008-2013						
Region	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Interior	35	26	31	24	28	28
Island	22	26	19	12	21	12
Metro	11	10	14	11	13	14
Fraser	13	8	15	10	12	10
Northern	13	5	8	4	13	11
Total	94	75	87	61	87	75

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