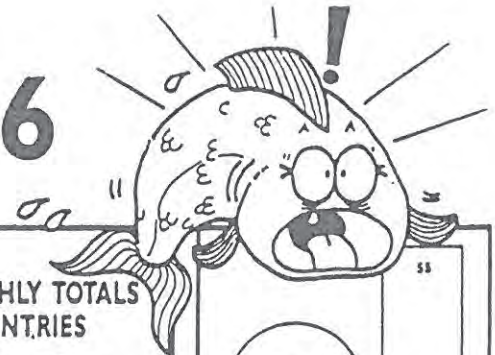


Drownings in the U.K. 1986



BY ACTIVITIES/BEHAVIOUR

Males 15-35 provided over 1/4 (26%) of all drownings.

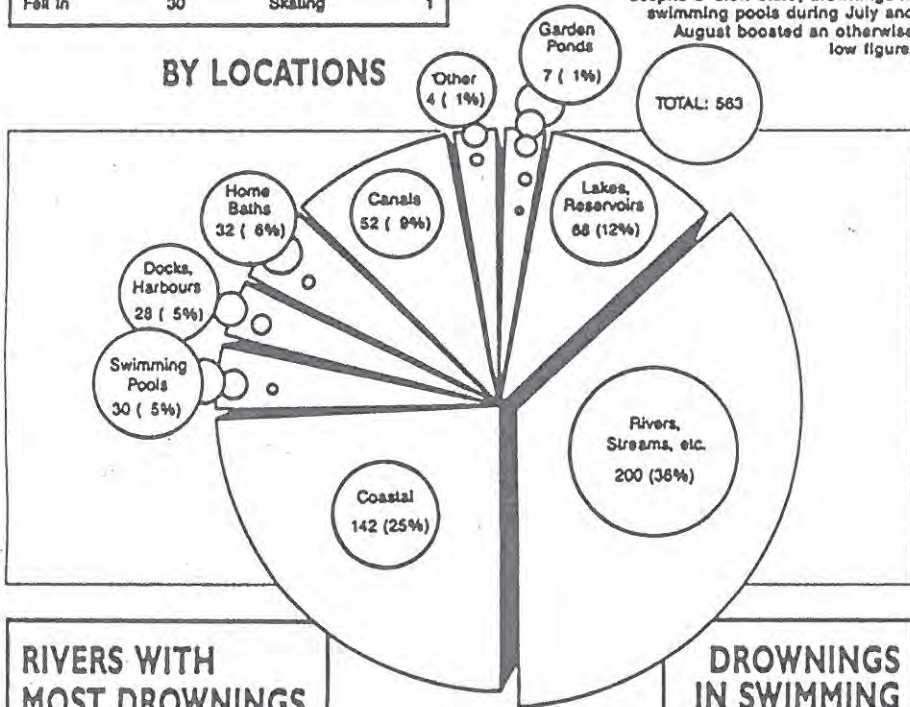
Angling:		In Vehicles	18
Professional	18	Sub Aqua	13
From Land	15	Canoeing	7
From Boat	11	Attempting rescue	7
	44	Playing	6
Boating	56	Inflatables	3
Swimming	49	Walking	2
Fell in	30	Paddling	2
		Skating	1

The accompanying statistics are based upon press reported drowning accidents recorded throughout the United Kingdom.

The 1986 total of 563 is less than 1985 (599) but not significantly so, especially in view of the poor summer. The consistency of the percentages associated with each location type is remarkable; often within one or two per cent of previous years. Equally consistent is the male/female drowning ratio (3:1) and the toll of victims who drown at the coast (25%).

Boating, excluding fishermen, has a more dominant place in the 'activities' list than in recent years; and despite a 'slow start', drownings in swimming pools during July and August boosted an otherwise low figure.

BY LOCATIONS



RIVERS WITH MOST DROWNINGS

Thames	29	Mersey	6
Ouse (Yorks)	8	Leven	6
Severn	7	Avon	4
Tyne	6	Medway	3

DROWNINGS IN SWIMMING POOLS

TOTAL 30

Public	15
Home	6
Private	9

