



Bizarre Boating Blunders

Some unique boating accidents this week. I'd say the occupants of the first three are lucky to be alive.

Most may ask, "How did these happen?" I ask the more important question: *How could they have been prevented?* The answer may lie in a state of mind the aviators call "situational awareness." That's being aware of what's going on around you.

When you are aware of your surroundings, you may realize, "Hey, I'm parked too close to a cliff with my parking brake off," or "Golly gee, I'm ten feet from the edge of the water with my car in drive," or "Humm, I'm going awful fast... it's dark... I can't see anything... I know there are poles around here somewhere."

Situational awareness--what a concept. It sure could prevent a lot of mishaps. Be safe out there, and know what's going on around you.

p.s. Did you notice the name of the speed boat? *Temporary Insanity II*. Wonder what happened to *Temporary Insanity I*...

