



Accident Database

Report ID# 932

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2001-08-05

Date

Erin Swieringa

Victim

35

Victim Age

Wisconsin (E) Whiting Dam / Al Tech County Park

River

E) Whiting Dam / Al Tech County Park (PnP)

Section

United States Wisconsin, US

Location

Gage

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty

Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Cause

Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Other

Inexperienced



Private

Trip Type

Other

Boat Type

Group Info

Lisa Hohl

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

On August 5th the Wisconsin River saw three incidents of drowning at low-head dams. None of them involved whitewater paddlers, however. The Baraboo, Wisconsin *News Republic* reported that Erin Swieringa, 35, was being ferried across the river upstream of the Glenville Dam on the back of someone's kayak. She fell off, washed into the hydraulic, and drowned. Later that day Lisa Hohl, 36, was fishing at the same location when her boat came too close to the backwash and was pulled in. Her brother escaped with minor injuries. The dam is obsolete, and is scheduled for removal by the Wisconsin DNR this year.



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