

# Former Astronaut Killed in Tragic Florida Jet Ski Accident

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As [Cape Coral injury attorneys](#), we were saddened to learn of a fatal Florida jet ski accident involving a retired NASA astronaut. Capt. Alan Poindexter, 50, died after a water scooter driven by his 26-year-old son, Zachary, collided into the back of another one the former astronaut was riding, according to [Bradenton.com](#). He commanded Discovery's second-to-last flight in April 2010.

“They were both moving and for some reason Capt. Poindexter stopped his watercraft and Zachary for some reason didn't see him stop,” said Stan Kirkland, a spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. “Zachary's watercraft went up and struck Capt. Poindexter.”

Unfortunately, this recent jet ski accident is not an isolated event. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's recently released 2011 Florida boating accident report reveals that personal watercrafts account for a significant share of the state's boating accidents.

Below are a few statistics to consider before hopping on a jet ski:

- Personal watercrafts (PWC) accounted for 13% of all registered vessels in Florida.
- PWC were involved in 22% (162) of reported boating accidents.
- 41% of PWC accidents involved a collision with another vessel.
- 7 fatalities resulted from the 162 PWC accidents.

For more on jet ski safety, please check out our previous posts.

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