



ROCKY WATSON, SHERIFF
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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Media Release

On 07/16/10 at approximately 1555 hours, Kootenai County Sheriff's Marine Deputies, the and medical personnel responded to the area of Independence Point on Lake Coeur d' Alene regarding an injury boat accident involving a small sailboard and Coeur d' Alene Cruise boat "Osprey".

The initial investigation revealed Daniel S. Mayer 44, from Spokane Washington was operating his sailboard about 300 feet west of the Coeur d' Alene Boardwalk and very close to the "Osprey" cruise boat.

Witnesses on board the Osprey and other vessels reported seeing Mayer operating in close proximity to the Osprey and seemed to be attempting to either pass the large cruise boat or cut in front of hit.

The Osprey was being operated by Captain Carol J. Parker 49 of Rathdrum and the vessel had ninety-eight passengers on board. Mayer sailed the sailboard directly in front of the sixty-five foot cruise boat and was struck by the bow. Mayer went under the entire length of the Osprey and exited near the Port (left) side propeller, sustaining a severe laceration to his right calf muscle. Citizens that were nearby along with crew on board the Osprey, assisted in removing Mayer from the water and transported him to the City Beach at Independence Point where he was stabilized and transported to Kootenai Medical Center.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this incident. The accident is under investigation and t this time, no charges have been filed.

Sheriff Rocky Watson
By: Sgt. M. Street
Re: 10-16401
Date: 07-16-10 @ 2000 hrs.
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