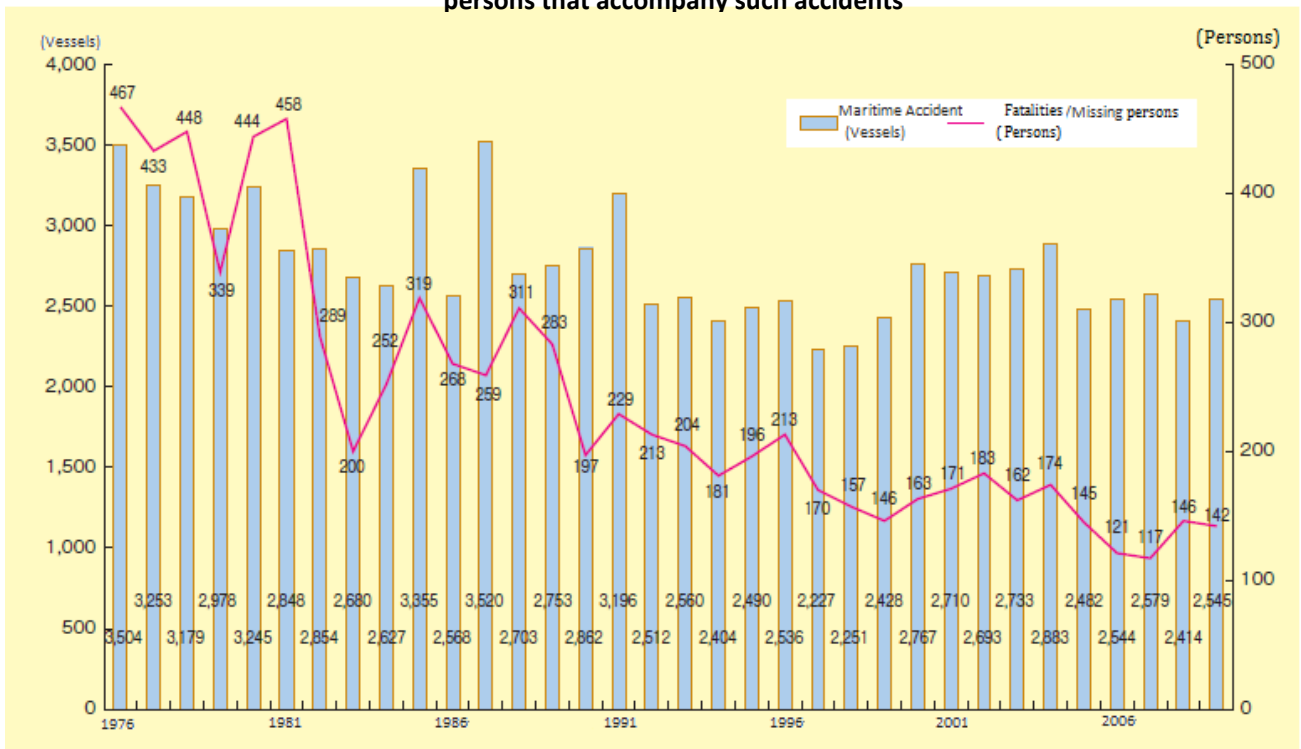


Chapter 1 Maritime Accident Trends

1 Maritime Accidents and Rescues During 2009

- (1) There were 2,545 vessels of ships involved in maritime accidents. Excluding the 912 vessels that entered the port by their own power, 1,435 out of 1,633 vessels were rescued. There were 12,420 people on board during an accident: within this group, and excluding the 8,225 people who rescued themselves, 4,083 out of 4,195 were rescued.
- (2) There were 142 maritime accident-related fatalities and missing persons. In addition, there were 140 fatalities and missing persons resulting from falling overboard from a ship.
- (3) The number of fatalities and missing persons from maritime accidents and falling overboard from ships is the highest in fishing boats, comprising 61% and 64% respectively of all cases.

Transitions in the number of ships involved in maritime accidents and the number of fatalities and missing persons that accompany such accidents



Note 1 Source: Japan Coast Guard.

2 With regard to fatalities/missing persons, ship operators who became unable to operate a ship because of sickness etc. and died in maritime accidents such as the ship drifting are included.

2 Major Constituents of Maritime Accidents and Rescues during 2009, Including Pleasure Boats

- (1) There were 1,075 pleasure boats* involved in maritime accidents. Excluding the 185 vessels that made it to port on their own power, 816 out of 890 vessels were rescued.
- (2) Maritime accidents involving pleasure boats have increased by 94 vessels since the previous year, and comprise 42% of overall maritime accidents.

* Pleasure Boat

A small ship used by individuals for leisure such as a motorboat, yacht, or personal jet ski. An all-inclusive term for ships such as yachts and motor boats used in sports or recreation.