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One dead following waterborne collision

Central Kitsap, Wash. -- Deputies with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Marine Services Unit are investigating a late afternoon waterborne collision that caused one death and sent another to Seattle with life threatening injuries.

The collision occurred around 5:15 p.m. in the vicinity of Brownsville, Central Kitsap, on Port Orchard Bay. Sheriff's patrol deputies, along with fire and medic units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, responded to the Brownsville Marina following a report that a motorboat had collided with a Jet Ski.

A 42 year-old woman, a passenger aboard a 2007 Kawasaki Jet Ski, was declared deceased at the marina. Her husband, age 47, who had been operating the Jet Ski, was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, with critical injuries.

An East Bremerton man, age 53, was the operator of the other vessel, a 17-foot Sea Ray outboard boat.

The investigation is in its early stages, however a preliminary assessment indicates that the motorboat and Jet Ski were running parallel with each other in the same direction. The Jet Ski suddenly crossed in front of the Sea Ray cutting too close to the boat's bow. The boat struck the Jet Ski running over it.

Initial reports indicate that the operator of the Sea Ray boat circled around, stopped, and pulled the two riders out of the water and into his boat. The boater reportedly administered first aid / CPR to both, resuscitating the man but unable to gain a pulse in the woman. Once the boat reached Brownsville Marina Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue took over providing medical attention. The man was subsequently airlifted to Harborview Medical Center; the woman was pronounced dead.

The body of the woman has been turned over into the custody of the Kitsap County Coroner's Office. An autopsy is scheduled. The coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death, and release the name of the woman once her family has been notified.

The investigation continues. Persons with information about the collision are asked to contact Sgt. Jim McDonough at (360) 337-7145.

Update

Monday, July 16, 2007

The Kitsap County Coroner has released the name of the deceased woman in the waterborne collision, yesterday, in the waters of Port Orchard Bay. The woman has been identified as Jeanette (McClister) Bayne, 42, of East Bremerton. The coroner issued a determination that the cause of death was blunt force trauma and the manner of death has been listed as accidental.

Additional information concerning the incident:

- The operator of the 2007 Kawasaki Jet Ski has been identified as Kenneth Charles Bayne, 47, also of East Bremerton. He remains hospitalized in critical condition at Harborview Medical Center, Seattle.
- The collision occurred south of the Brownsville Marina in the vicinity of University Point.
- The Sea Ray and the Jet Ski were running parallel to each other on a northerly course. The Jet Ski was on the starboard (right) side of the motorboat when it suddenly crossed from right to left, across the bow and too close to the Sea Ray, when it was struck.
- Both riders of the Jet Ski were wearing personal flotation devices.
- The Sea Ray outboard boat, previously listed as being 17 feet in length is, in fact, 16 feet long.

The investigation remains open and active. Persons with information about the collision are asked to contact Sgt. Jim McDonough at (360) 337-7145.

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