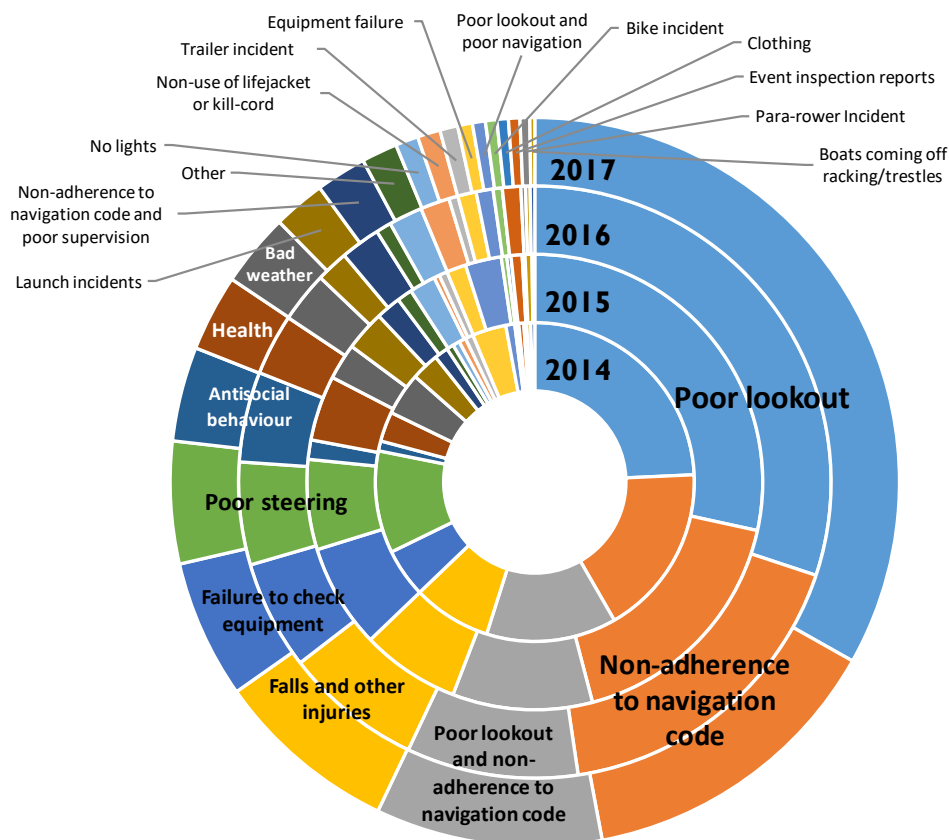


Analysis of Significant Incidents Reported in 2017

in 2017, 2,129 incidents were reported, an increase of 18% compared to 2016. 1,384 of the reports were of significant incidents (1,196 in 2016) and 745 reports were of simple capsizes (604 in 2016). There is a similar pattern to the causes of incidents over the last four years.

There was one rowing fatality (four in 2016); all were heart related. There were 67 incidents with serious injuries requiring more than a week off rowing (42 in 2016); 61 with significant injuries requiring a few days off rowing (57 in 2016); 124 with minor injuries (104 in 2016); and 1,131 resulting in no personal injuries (989 in 2016).

The overall value of damage to property, mostly boats, was around £225,000 (£270,000 in 2016). Three incidents resulted in the loss of a boat (six in 2016); 33 (2%) resulted in damage valued at more than £1,000 (40 in 2016); 420 (30%) resulted in damage valued at under £1,000 (319 in 2016); and 928 (67%) of incidents resulted in no damage to property (830 in 2016).



As in previous years, in 2017, over 90% of significant incidents were the result of at-risk behaviour and over 55% were due to not keeping a good lookout, not adhering to the navigation code, or doing both at the same time.

Collisions continue to be the most common type of incident, 57% of the significant incidents in 2017. The majority of collisions are between rowing boats and over 90% of collisions are caused by poor lookout, non-adherence to navigation code or doing both at the same time.

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