

Man Seriously Injured in Ice Boat Accident

An ice boat accident on Lake Winnebago early Sunday afternoon resulted in serious injuries to an Appleton man, who formerly resided in Neenah.

Gordon Smith, 26, of 1116½ W. Eighth st., Appleton, is being treated at Theda Clark hospital for a double fracture of the pelvis received when he was pinned underneath his ice boat which had been tipped over by the wind. He was taken to Theda Clark hospital by his brother, Douglas Smith, 31, of 1024 Jefferson st., Menasha, who witnessed the accident from the shore.

The accident took place about three-quarters of a mile off shore from the Neenah recreation building.

Douglas, who had been operating the ice boat, had given his brother a turn in operating it, and was watching from the shore. Off Kimberly Point the boat was toppled over by a strong gust of wind.

Two other ice boat enthusiasts, Henry Bennett, and Douglas Shook, both of 721 Mitchell st., Neenah, freed Smith from the boat and covered him with a blanket. Douglas went back to get his car, and took his brother to the hospital.

Douglas said this morning that both he and his brother had "grown up by the lake" and were familiar with ice boats and other types of lake boats. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, reside at 684 S. Park ave., Neenah.



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