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The landing at Patterson Point.

Boating accident claims two on Kentucky Lake

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Two men died in Calloway County Saturday night after their boat capsized on Kentucky Lake.

Calloway County Coroner Rick Harris said agencies were called to the scene near Patterson Point in the southeastern part of Kentucky Lake at about 5 p.m. Saturday after a small johnboat capsized near the Tennessee state line. He said Jerry Wallace, 60, of McKenzie, Tenn. was the first man recovered and was pronounced dead at approximately 6:50 p.m.

The second man recovered was Albert Springer, 66, who was pronounced dead at approximately 11:25 p.m. Harris said Springer's home was Lexington, Tenn., but that he had recently been staying at a house near the lake in the New Concord area. The two men's wives reported that they had been lifelong best friends, Harris said.

Another man, Lucas Sims, was with Wallace and Springer on the boat and survived the accident. Calloway County DES Rescue Squad Chief Ronnie Burkeen said Sims was Wallace's son-in-law.

Harris said Scott Barrow of Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is investigating the accident.

For complete story, see today's Murray KY Ledger & Times

Complete story indicated no life jackets were worn