

### Boat Registrations and Manatee Deaths in Florida



According to the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute Manatee deaths caused by boats has risen from 13 in 1977 to 70 in 2007. Manatees are large (9.8 feet long and about 1000 pounds) slow moving sea creatures. These gentle animals feed on vegetation and live in shallow, slow-moving rivers, estuaries, saltwater bays, canals and coastal areas.

<p>1. Scroll through the data and predict what you think the relationship is between the number of registered boats (column C) and the number of manatee deaths by boats (column D)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;">A</th> <th style="width: 15%;">year</th> <th style="width: 5%;">B</th> <th style="width: 5%;">de..</th> <th style="width: 15%;">C</th> <th style="width: 15%;">boats</th> <th style="width: 5%;">D</th> <th style="width: 5%;">bo..</th> <th style="width: 5%;">E</th> <th style="width: 5%;">F</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>1977</td><td>114</td><td></td><td>447000</td><td></td><td>13</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>1978</td><td>84</td><td></td><td>460000</td><td></td><td>21</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>1979</td><td>77</td><td></td><td>481000</td><td></td><td>24</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>1980</td><td>63</td><td></td><td>498000</td><td></td><td>16</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>1981</td><td>116</td><td></td><td>513000</td><td></td><td>24</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	A	year	B	de..	C	boats	D	bo..	E	F	1	1977	114		447000		13				2	1978	84		460000		21				3	1979	77		481000		24				4	1980	63		498000		16				5	1981	116		513000		24			
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<p>2. Make a scatter plot to observe the relationship visually. Don't forget to change the graph to a scatter plot and zoom data.</p>																																																													
<p>3. Is there a correlation between the number of registered boats and the manatee deaths? Predict the correlation.</p>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>																																																												

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4. Go to screen 1.3. Calculate the correlation and line of best fit using statistics (push menu). What is the correlation? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is the line of best fit?

Based on the correlation and the data would you feel comfortable using the line of best fit to make predicts for the future? Why or why not?

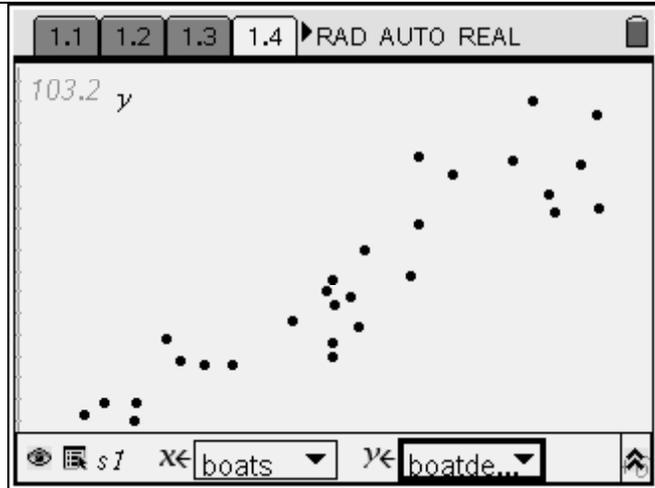
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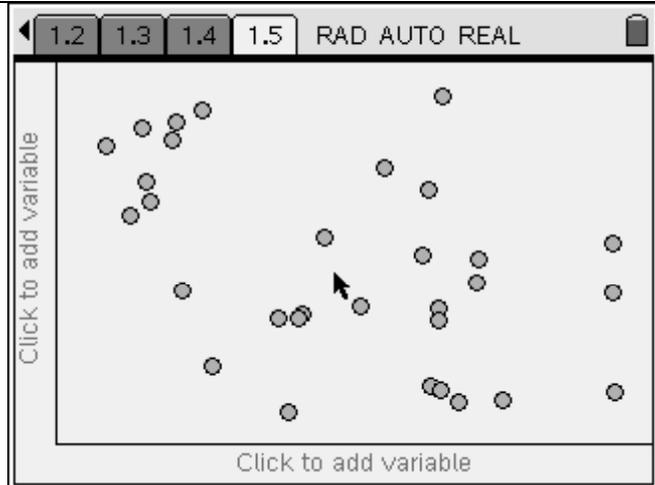
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5. Revisit the graph of the data. Change the graph to a function graph and graph the line of best fit.



6. Based on your calculations predict the number of manatee deaths for 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Explore the data and statistics screen. Place your cursor on the click to add variable at the bottom of the graph and change the variable to boats. Place your cursor on the click to add variable at the side of the graph and change it to boat deaths. Push the menu key and go to action. Go to regression and choose show linear (a+bx). Compare the graph with screen 1.4. They should be the same. This is just another feature to explore.



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<p>8. Brainstorm some ways to help the manatee. Boating is a favorite past time in Florida so getting rid of the boats isn't an option. What else can Florida do to save the manatee?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/>
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