

There are several areas of concern since we download data off BARD-Web for our own statistical use. "Alcohol Involved" is of great value to us and is a reasonably accurate stat since in Missouri an officer actually investigates each accident. Most officers have GPS and we use LAT/LONG readings for many reasons including analysis, accident prevention etc. I can see why the BAR may need to be modified and/or simplified for it's intended use, but is it necessary to eliminate fields from BARD-Web that are of value to us? Since we do extensive investigation of boating accidents in Mo, the data we gather and submit is certainly more accurate than what a boat operator/owner provides on the BAR. The BAR may be a valuable tool for those states that depend on it exclusively for reporting. Is it necessary to immediately modify BARDWeb because of the proposed changes to the BAR? It would be benficial to the states NOT to modify the BARD-Web program by deleting data fields currently being used. In Missouri we use need most of the data that is available on BARDWeb to generate statistics. Removing many of the data field in this proposal could have an negative impact on our collective boating safety mission.