

43 DEAD OR MISSING IN CALIFORNIA GALE

Los Angeles Is Hit by New
Storm as Sunday Damage
Is Put at \$1,000,000

By The Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25—At least forty-three persons apparently perished in a violent wind and rain storm which struck Southern California late yesterday and caused damage which officials said today might exceed \$1,000,000.

Dozens of other persons were on fourteen pleasure boats that were reported missing along the coast.

The wreckage of what apparently had been an eighty-foot yacht was found in the surf near Huntington Beach. No craft of that size, however, was listed as missing.

The storm wrecked, sank or beached more than a score of boats, created flood conditions in many localities, including mountain resort areas, put 35,900 telephones out of commission in Los Angeles and near-by towns, seriously disrupted rail and highway traffic and cut off power service.

New Gale Sweeps Harbor

A thirty-mile gale swept the Los Angeles harbor area tonight. More rain was forecast.

Thirty homes were damaged and eight destroyed on Alamitos Peninsula near Long Beach, causing damage estimated at \$100,000.

Portions of Whittier, Artesia, Downey, Montebello, Burbank, Pasadena and San Fernando Valley were without lights or telephones.

Several persons were marooned at a resort in San Antonio Canyon but were not in immediate danger.

Damage of \$100,000 resulted from pounding waves at the Los Angeles Yacht Club's cove at Fish Harbor. Five racing sloops sank and others were battered.

About 200 persons were rescued last night and today from wrecked and disabled pleasure boats and fishing craft.

On board the boats reported missing were parties ranging from two or three to eight persons. Most of these craft last were known to be between Los Angeles Harbor and Catalina Island, twenty-six miles off shore, and it was thought that some may have reached safety at those places without having given official notice.

The casualty list included eight persons drowned off boats and in rip tides and whose bodies were recovered. In addition, the unidentified bodies of a man and woman were washed ashore in the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor area, and these brought the known death list to ten.

Near Flood in Los Angeles

The storm created near-flood conditions in some parts of Los Angeles, with 5.41 inches of rain in less than twenty-four hours preceding noon today. It was the heaviest September rain in the city's weather history, and it broke up the worst heat wave here in Weather Bureau records, as measured by intensity and duration, eight days.

Most of the storm victims were on board the sport fishing boat Spray, which sank off Point Mugu near Oxnard, seventy miles northwest of here. Twenty-three persons apparently were drowned when the Spray capsized last night within 500 feet of the pier. Two persons fought their way safely ashore.

The body of one of the Spray victims, that of Mrs. Charlotte King of Los Angeles, was recovered today.

Seven persons, including three children, were missing from the thirty-foot sloop Conchita, found dismasted and abandoned eight miles off Santa Monica.

Two men and a boy were missing from the yacht Nina O., wrecked off Cabrillo Beach, and two men on

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the schooner Success were reported swept overboard.

Raymond Bernhardt and Donald Rupert were drowned when their yacht crashed into the San Pedro breakwater, and Mrs. Dorothy N. Sterling of Burbank was drowned in the wreck of a yacht at Newport Harbor.

A water taxi rescued sixty-five persons from the fishing barge Virginia, caught in the gale off Malibu Beach.

Heavy rains in Southeastern California disrupted railroad and highway traffic.

The Santa Fe's main line was washed out in several places between Needles and Kingman, Ariz., and service was suspended indefinitely. Two trains were marooned at Needles.

More than 150 feet of Southern Pacific track was washed out in Coachella Valley, in which 6.7 inches of rain fell between 5 A. M. and 11 A. M. yesterday.

A 70 per cent loss of the date crop resulted from storm damage yesterday and heavy rains ten days ago, according to S. H. Winters, manager of the United Date Growers.

Down the Southern California coast line dozens of small pleasure craft lay wrecked, beached or otherwise disabled. Many were smashed or damaged at their moorings with no one on board.

Twenty-five small boats were beached at Santa Barbara. Several were wrecked.

Storm Nears Louisiana Coast

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 25 (AP)—A tropical disturbance moving northward in the Gulf of Mexico will reach the Louisiana coast a short distance west of Port Eads about daybreak tomorrow, the Weather Bureau reported tonight.

In a 10 P. M. advisory message, the New Orleans office said that the storm, attended by winds of forty to fifty miles an hour over a small area near the center and by squalls over a broad area, was central at 7 P. M., E. S. T., about 200 miles due south of New Orleans, moving northward twelve to fourteen miles an hour.

Storm warnings were changed to southeast from Pensacola to Mobile and warnings were displayed from Morgan City, La., to Pensacola.