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2 die when fishing boat sinks

By Peggy Kreimer, Post staff reporter

Two friends on a fishing trip drowned Saturday night after waves on Corinth Lake swamped their 14-foot john boat.

Danny T. Livengood, 41, of Williamstown and Martin R. Loomis, 43, of Grant County drowned in the 46-degree water.

A third man, who owned the boat, was able to swim to shore.

Police did not release his name, but Livengood's wife, Teresa, said he is Chris Back of the Corinth area.

"They were best of friends," Mrs. Livengood said. "They did everything together. Chris reached out to grab them and they were gone."

The three had decided to take advantage of Saturday's balmy weather and go fishing for the first time this year, she said.

The accident happened about 9 p.m.

"From what we understand, they started taking on a little bow wash," said Dale Appel, chief of Boone County Water Rescue, who talked with the survivor.

"It was a windy evening, causing wind waves. When the bow hit it, the water came over the bow, and so much water came over it eventually sank the boat. They moved forward and shifted the weight, and that presented a problem, too," he said.



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"The laws of physics took hold. With the weight, the boat just sank out from under them," he said. "They didn't have a whole lot of time to react."

Mrs. Livengood said there were no life preservers on the boat.

"My husband couldn't swim at all," she said.

Appel said Loomis was not a strong swimmer. A resident who lives near the lake heard the men calling for help, and several neighbors rushed to the bank. There were no other boats on the lake, Appel said.

Appel said the boat was in water 25 to 30 feet deep, about 150 feet from the bank. Mrs. Livengood said Back told her he didn't think he could make it to the bank, "but were there some people on the bank screaming for him to keep swimming."

Water rescue units and emergency crews searched for the missing men for more than 10 hours. The body of one was found at 7:35 a.m. Sunday. The other man was found about an hour later, Appel said.

Agencies participating in the search included Kentucky State Police, Corinth Fire Department, Williamstown Dive Team, Grant County Rescue, Georgetown Fire Department, Boone County Water Rescue, and Owen County Search and Rescue Dog Team.

Danny Livengood was a Grant County farmer who drove a school bus for Grant County schools for nearly 25 years, his wife said.

Martin Loomis and his wife, Linda, were a truck-driving team, making overnight runs together.

He enjoyed fishing, camping and playing cards, Mrs. Loomis said.

He was born in Grant County and recently moved back after spending much of his life in Oklahoma.

Back could be charged for not having life preservers aboard his boat, said Grant County

Sheriff Randy Middleton. That is a boating regulation. Fish and Wildlife officers had planned to talk with the county attorney about pressing charges, Middleton said.

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