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Boater's Body Recovered in East Reservoir

On July 15, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m., a resident in the 3300 block of South Main Street contacted the Summit County Sheriff's Office regarding a partially sunken boat in the East Reservoir of the Portage Lakes. Deputies identified the owner of the boat as a 55-year-old male from Copley. His truck and trailer were located in the Old State Park parking lot. The Ohio Division of Natural Resources, Summit County Metro Parks, and multiple local fire departments responded to the scene. A search for the missing man was conducted in the surrounding area. Drones and sonar units were utilized in the search. The male's body was subsequently located and recovered in the Reservoir.

The incident is under investigation by the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office.