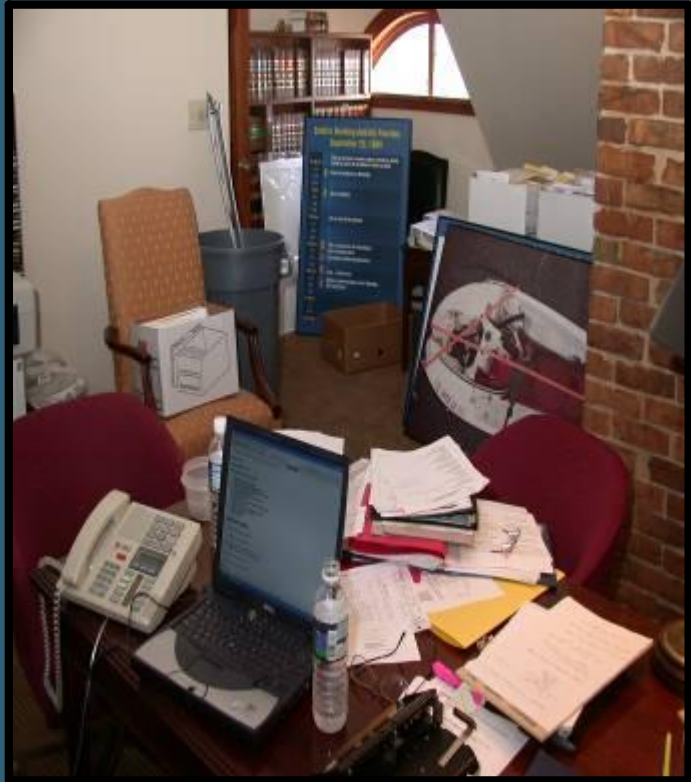
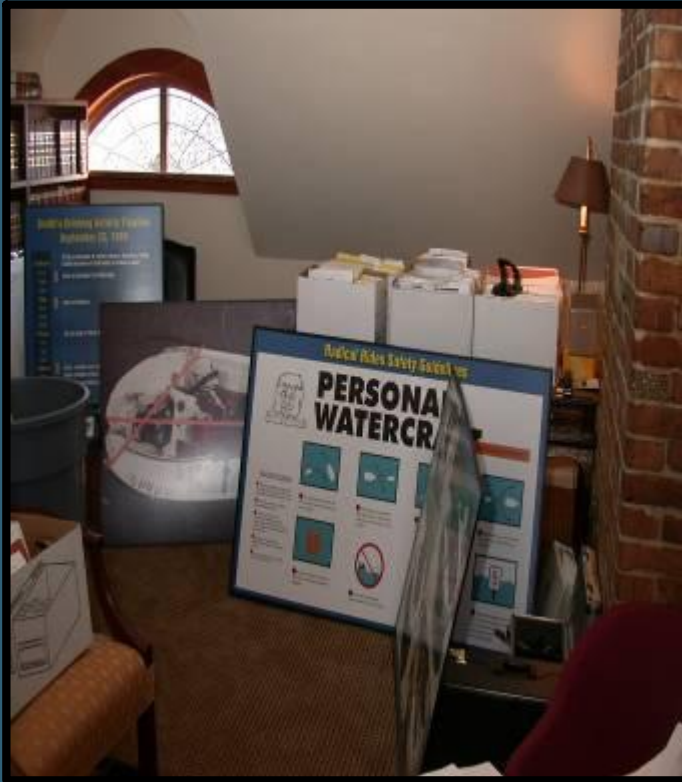


Trial Preparation

- ▶ Many attorneys have a staff of trained paralegals that assist in the preparation of a case for trial.
- ▶ A trial is no different than a military campaign. In a war the fighting troops must have water, food, ammunition, medical care, gasoline and supplies. In a trial someone has to coordinate all of the activities that rotate around the trial.
- ▶ Preparation consists of organizing the pleadings, exhibits, documents where they can all be found easily.
- ▶ Preparation also consists of coordinating the witnesses, making sure that they know when to arrive at the court house, make accommodations available for clients and witness and in general know everything about the logistics of a trial.



Organizing the File





**Mike McLeod
making the
rebuttal
arguments
for the
Plaintiff.**



Preparation and mounting of exhibits.

Many exhibits are made that are never actually used in the trial.





- Aerial Photographs
- Enlargement of photographs
- Enlargement of documents used as evidence.

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**United States
Coast Guard**



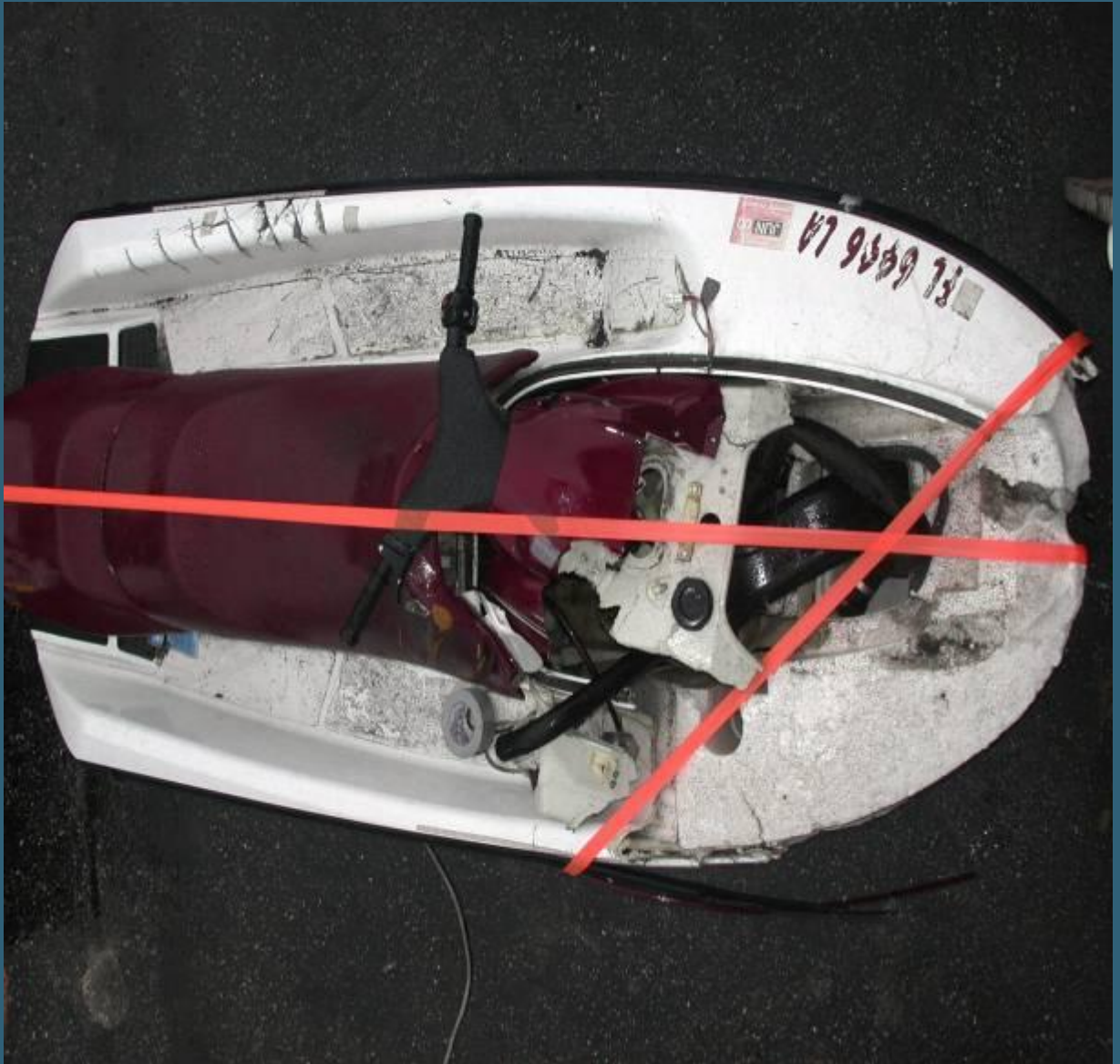
NAVIGATION RULES

INTERNATIONAL—INLAND

Each of the coast guard rules were mounted on boards with this title. This enabled the jury to see more clearly the regulation that was being discussed.



This board was produced at the last minute to counter an argument by the defense that the jet ski had somehow been changed after the accident.



This board was requested by the engineer to show the angle of impact on the PWC.

Sonic Diablo vs Yamaha Waverunner

Approx. Ratio



Sonic USA 358 Diablo



Yamaha XI700



Length:

35'8"

10'4"

Width:

8'6"

approx. 4'

Engine Type:

V-8

V-2

Horsepower:

up to 940 hp

up to 80 hp

Weight:

approx. 8,400 lbs

551 lbs

Fuel capacity:

200 gal

13.2 gal

Vehicle capacity:

5-7 persons

1-3 persons

Personal Watercraft's Damage



- ① Missing 2" of the front bow**
- ② Bearing fractures in two locations**
- ③ Two deep cuts in seat cushion**
- ④ Fiberglass structure broken off**
- ⑤ Deep steel on steel cut into steel bracket**
- ⑥ Extensive damage near steering system**
- ⑦ Series of eight slices from propellor blades - left side**



Prior to the trial arrangements must be made to obtain the audio visual equipment necessary for the trial. In this trial a LCD projector, VCR, Elmo projector (Overhead type) and a sound system were used. An 8 foot screen provided the backdrop for showing the videos to the judge and jury.



Audio visual equipment