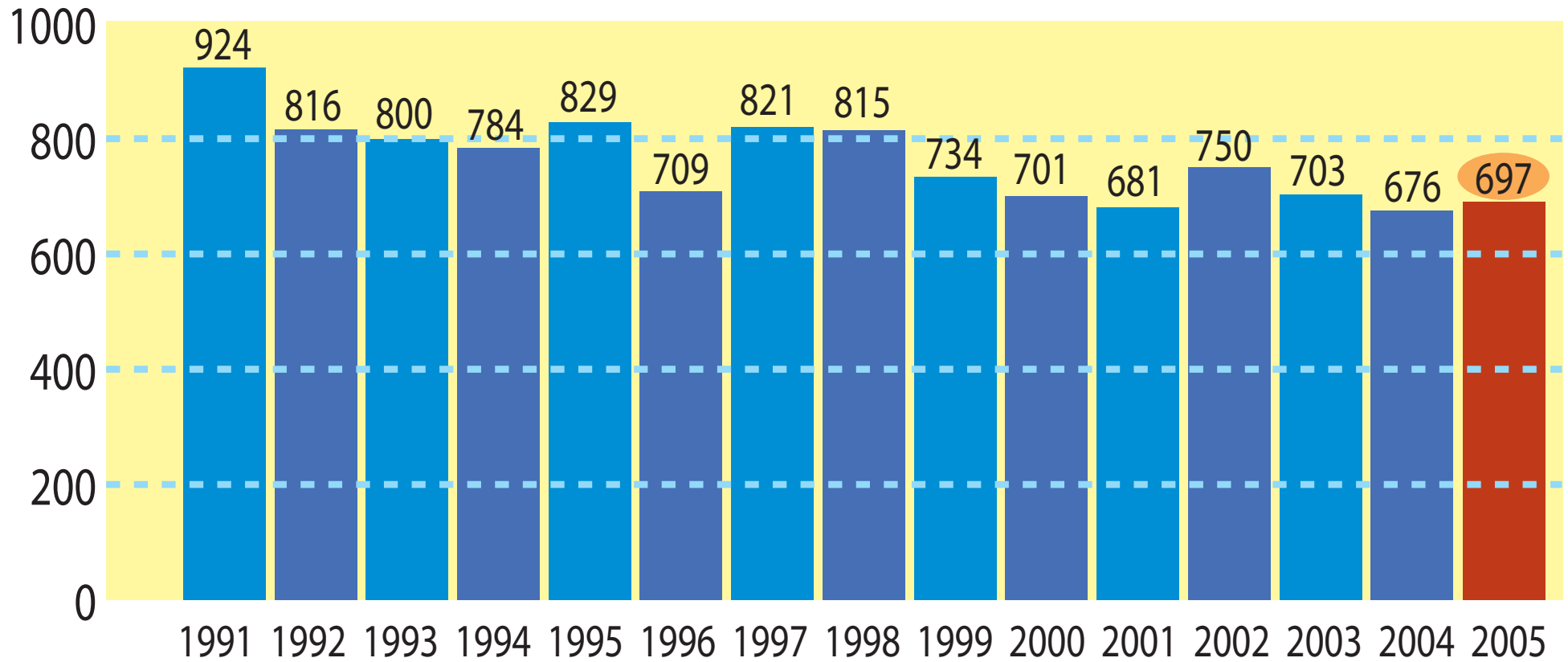


2005 BOATING FATALITIES



In 2005, approximately 70% of all fatalities drowned (491 out of 697). Approximately 87% of the victims who drowned were not wearing a life jacket). Overall, fatal accident data show approximately 426 drowned lives could have been saved in 2005 if boaters had worn their life jackets. Boating fatalities can be prevented with public awareness about the need to wear a life jacket while boating. **Get the word out to "WEAR IT!" and save lives.**