

Bay Area couple dies boating at Lake Tahoe

A San Ramon couple died early Sunday when the boat they were in struck a pier near Meeks Bay.

Tatiana Nikolskaya, 44, and Vadim Raizanov, 45, died on impact.

“The hull of the boat was split in half from the force of the impact. The possibility that alcohol may have been a factor is being investigated and autopsies are scheduled for early this week,” El Dorado County sheriff’s deputies said.

The accident occurred Aug. 3 at 1:40am. A group of people had been sleeping on the dock and were awakened by the impact of the crash.

The boat was a 19-foot 1997 Glastron. Deputies said it was traveling at a high rate of speed.

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