Kayaker drowns near Tahoe Keys

A kayaker died July Fourth near the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe.

The name and hometown of the 41-year-old man have not been released.

He was just off shore near Beach Drive when he fell into the water. It was extremely windy with white caps when he went over at about 3:30pm.

He was not wearing a life jacket.

While the surface temperature is about 64 degrees, it is much colder just below. **Cold shock** takes over, then hypothermia.

- Lake Tahoe News staff report