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Vulnerability Analysis of Critical Nodes, Geospatial, and Information Systems  
A U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence

## Risk-Based Visual Analytics for Maritime Resource Allocation

## Motivation

- To solve today's and tomorrow's problems requires exploring, analyzing, and reasoning with massive, multisource, multiscale, heterogeneous, streaming data
- U/S O'Toole said the biggest problem is big data

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## What We Do



- Enable effective decision making through interactive visual analytic environments
- Enable effective communication of information
- Provide quantitative, reliable, reproducible evidence
- Enable user to be more effective from planning to detection to response to recovery
- Enable **proactive** and **predictive** visual analytics

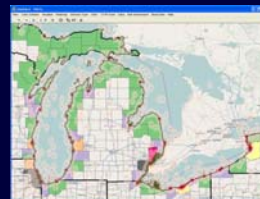
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## Visual Analytics Uses for Risk-based Decision Making



- Risk visualization and analysis
- Predictive analytics
- Uncertain decision making
- Alternative evaluation and consequence investigation
- Trend analysis, clustering, anomaly detection
- Interactive, multi-day, month, type investigation
- Multisource, multimedia data integration & analysis



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## Our Maritime Projects

- Search and rescue resource allocation
- Swimmer death analysis
- PWCS analysis
- Economic impact analysis
- Resource allocation and risk-based decision making

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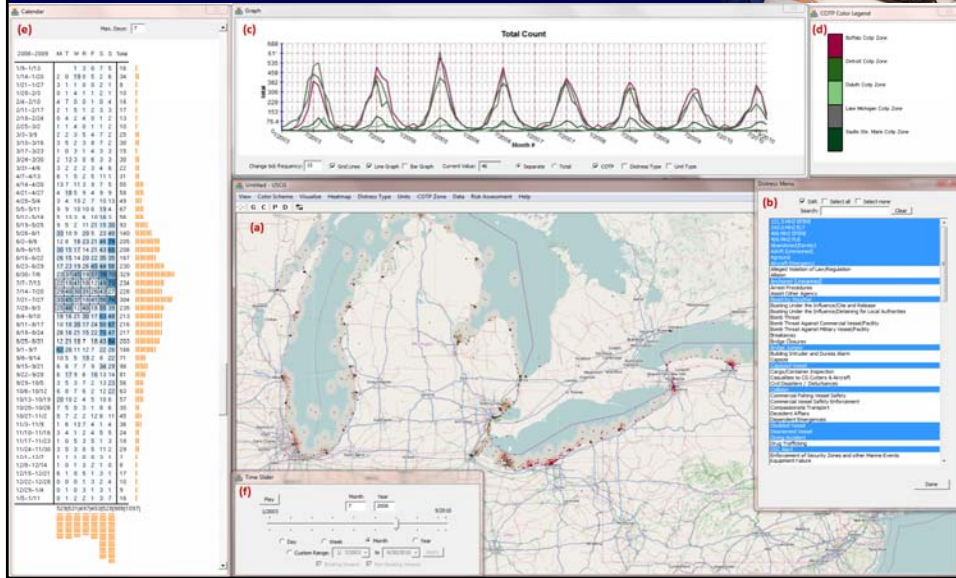
## Visual Analytics Environment

- Supports decision making and risk assessment
- Interactive exploration and analysis of trends, patterns and anomalies
- Allows analysis of risks associated with closing one or more Coast Guard stations
  - Find optimal stations that absorb work load of the closing station
- Currently being used by analysts at the U.S. Ninth District & Atlantic Commands

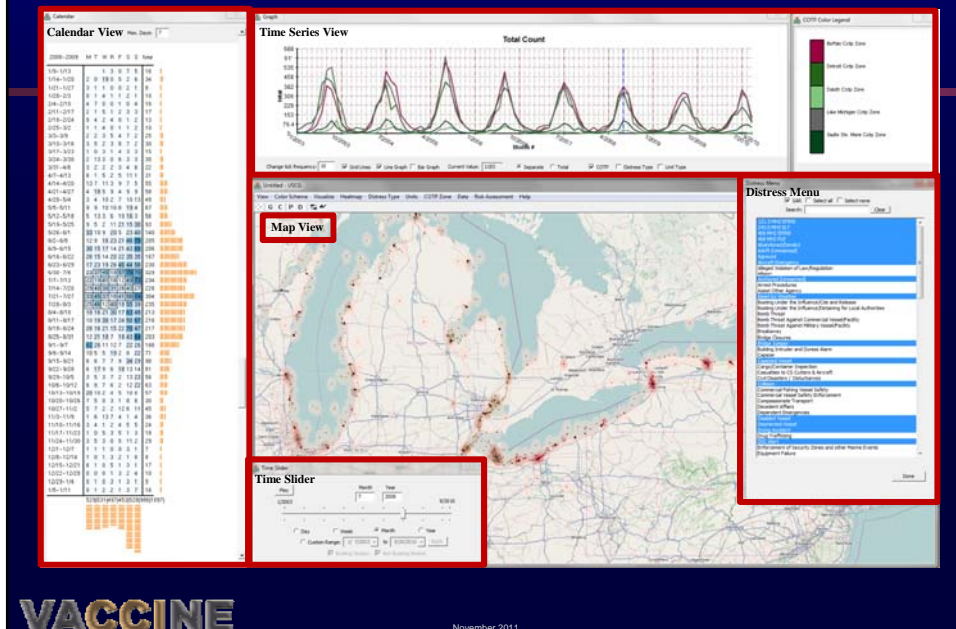
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# Example: USCG D9 Search And Rescue Operational Analysis



## System Overview



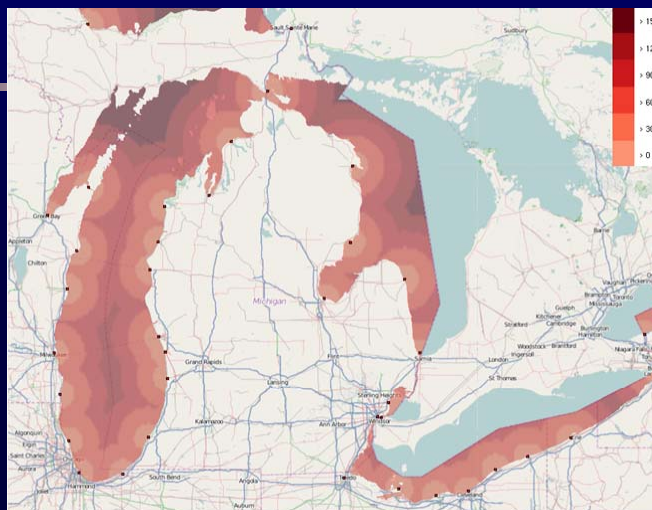
## Risk Assessment

- Strategic Risk: Future challenges and their mitigation
  - Search and Rescue (SAR) operations
- Coast Guard policy recommends a sortie launch within 30 minutes and have an asset on scene within 120 minutes
- Closing stations requires a thorough assessment to determine stations that:
  - Present the least maritime risks when closed
  - Can successfully absorb the case load of closing stations
- Finding the optimal balance between costs of different decisions in a visual analytics environment

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## SAR Risk Profile: Average Response Time

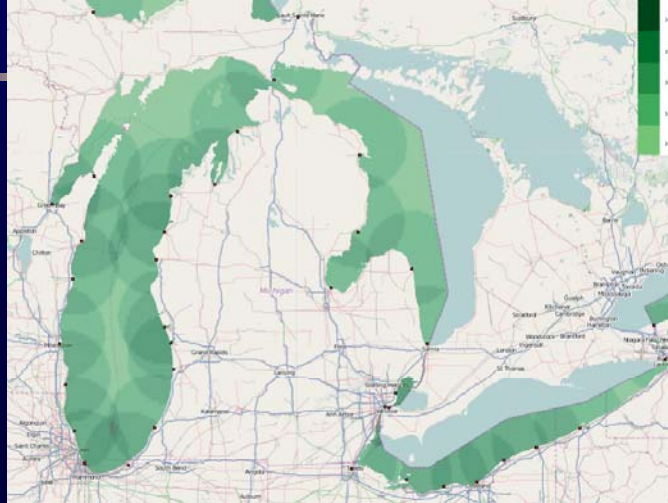


Time taken by CG stations to deploy an asset to the Great Lakes to respond to a SAR incident (assuming transit speed of 15 knots)

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## SAR Risk Profile: CG SAR Coverage

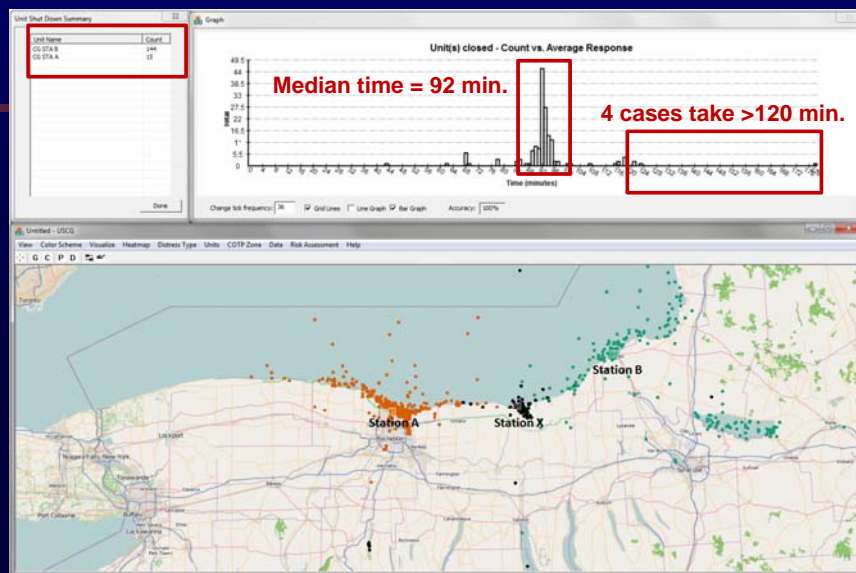


Coast Guard SAR coverage (number of stations that respond to a particular region)

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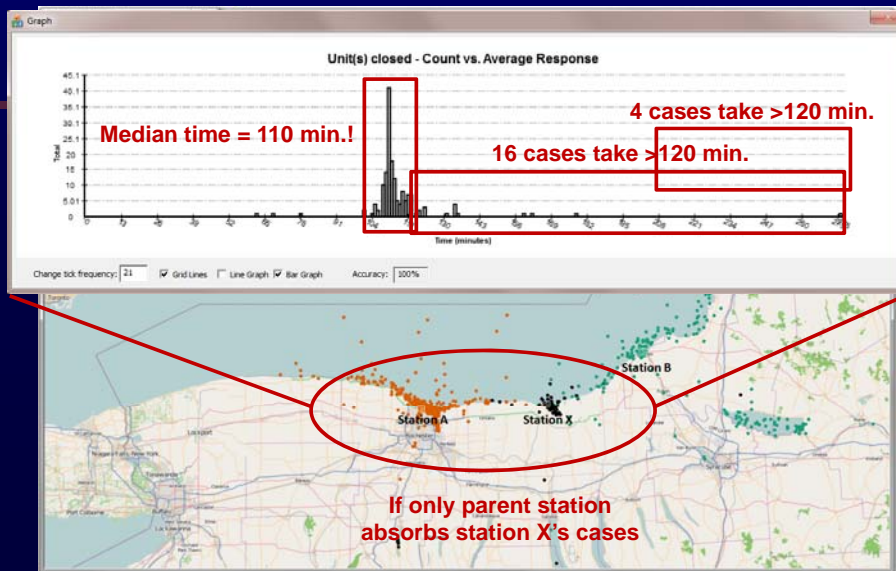
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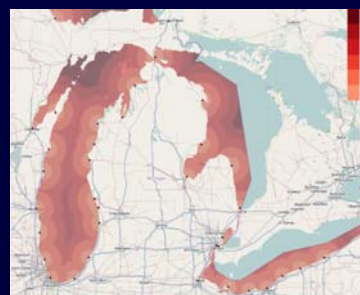
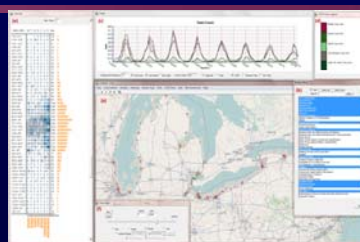
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## U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue VA (cgSARVA)

Partners: USCG LANT 7 (Operational Analysis) , USCG D9, USCG D5

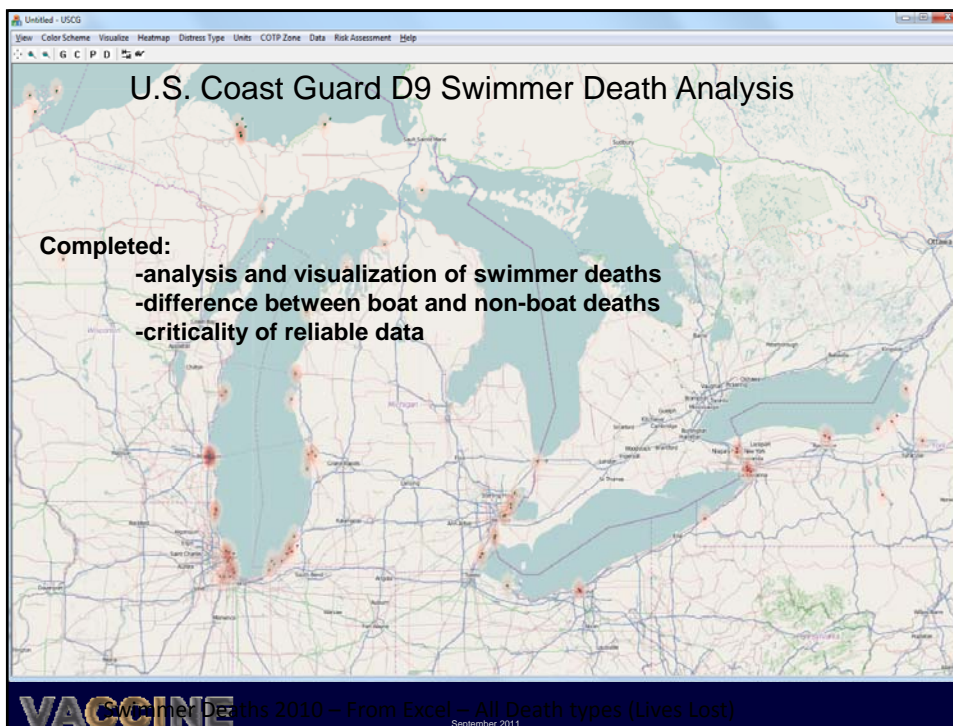
### IMPACTS:

- Analyzed impact of CG auxiliary stations on search and rescue mission in Great Lakes
- Used for resource allocation for SAR
- Provided evidence of temporal and spatial patterns used in planning – new insights to SAR mission
- **Hurricane Irene resource allocation decision based on cgSARva analysis and visualization**
  - Highest SAR workload that weekend for D9



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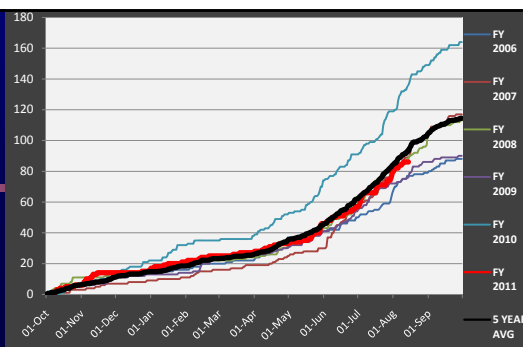
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## U.S. Coast Guard D9 Swimmer Death Analysis

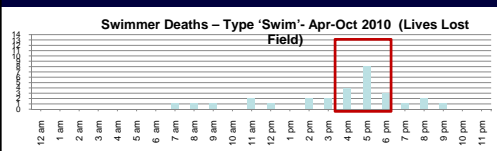
### Impact:

- Analyzed spatial and temporal patterns of shore-based and boat-based swimmer deaths to understand death dramatic increase in D9 in Summer 2010
- Provided information and visualizations used for public information campaign 2011 and for patrols 2011
- **Significant decrease in deaths in 2011**



### Findings:

- Swimmer deaths
  - August highest frequency
  - Late afternoon highest frequency
  - Lake Michigan (south and west shore) have high concentration
- Boating deaths
  - Fri, Sat, Sun account for almost all deaths
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- 2009-2010 from MISLE Data
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  - Early and late season increase



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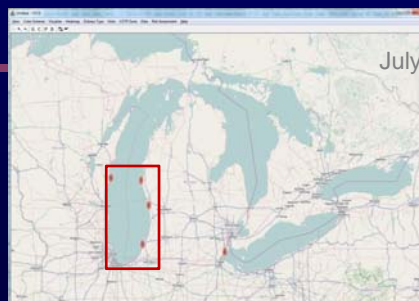
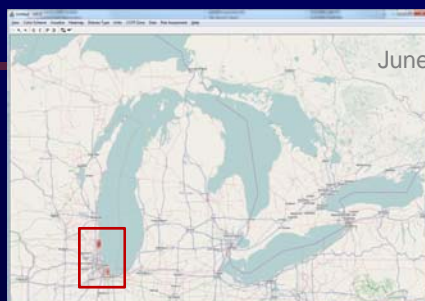
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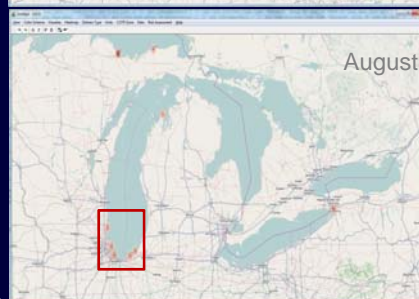
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## “Swimmer” Lives Lost by Month



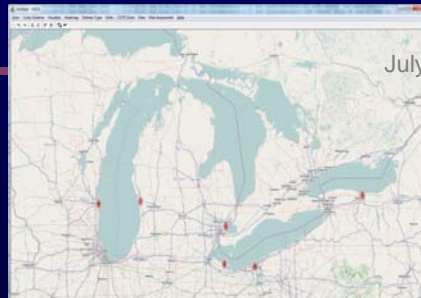
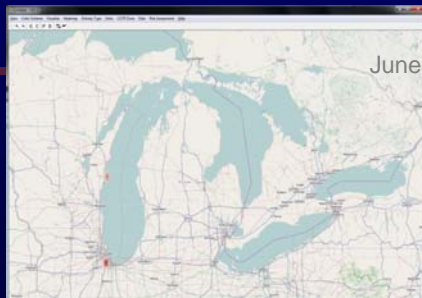
Concentration in Lake Michigan  
June, August concentration in South and  
Western shores



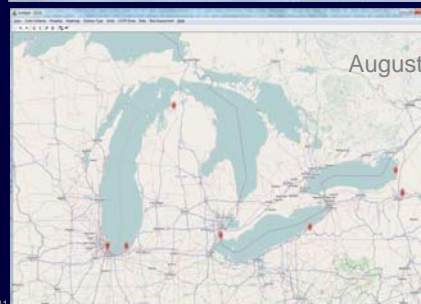
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## “Boat” Lives Lost by Month



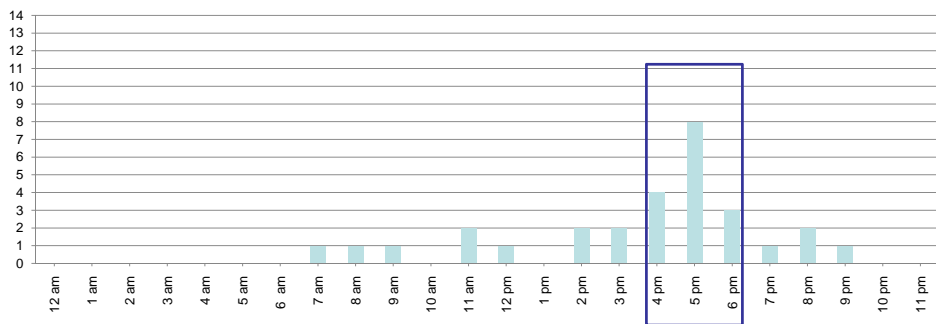
Boat Lives Lost spatially distributed



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## Swimmer Deaths – Type ‘Swim’- Apr-Oct 2010 (Lives Lost Field)



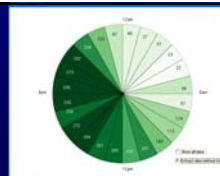
Late afternoon highest frequency

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## Risk-Based Allocations



- Comparative visual analysis of mission cases/hours vs. staffing hours
- Comparative visualization of resources vs. risk
- Trend visual analytics
  - Increase/decrease in resource allocation
  - Increase/decrease in risk (total, mitigated, residual)
  - Increase/decrease in incidents
- Exploration of alternatives and effect on risk
- Predictive analytics based on historical data (STL and EWMA)

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187 boats at 47 stations respond to over 5,000 rescue, enforcement & response missions each year



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## Uncertain Information for Decision Making

- What numbers make sense?
- Counts vs. rates?
  - How many boats are in an AOR over a year?
    - No reliable data source
    - Registered boats by county not accurate
    - Marina slips not a reliable indicator
    - Marina fuels sales probably not reliable indicator

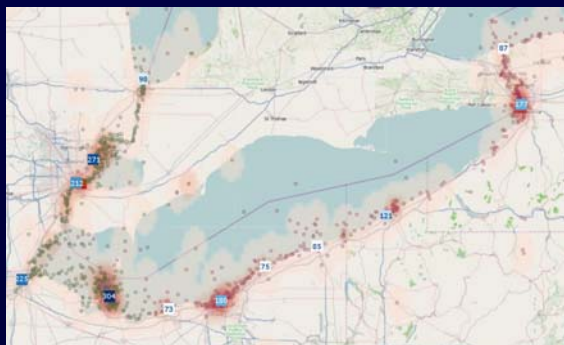


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## Comparative Visual Analysis of SAR Cases vs. SAR Boat Hours

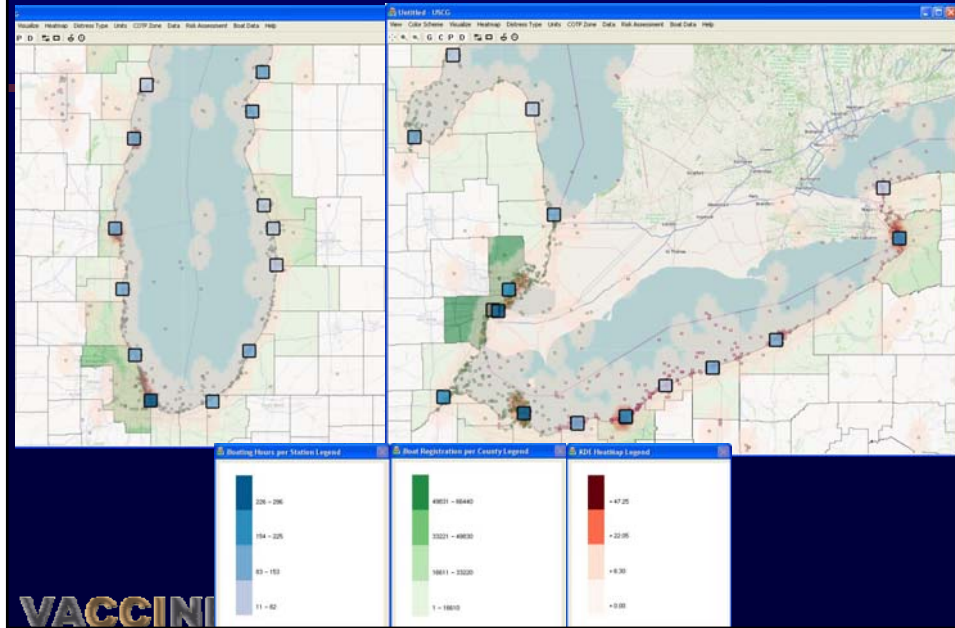
- Explore less intrusive way to visualize Boat Hours while enabling effective comparison
- Spatio-temporal analysis and exploration at varying granularities and areas of interest



Boat Hours for 2009 and  
SAR Risk.

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# 2010: Total SAR Risk vs. Boat Hours



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