



Accident, incident and
mishap reporting
Monthly Summary
April 2015



What's in this summary

The following text summarises the notifications of accidents, incidents and mishaps that have been made to Maritime New Zealand in accordance with section 31 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and which have been recorded in our database in the last month (1-30 April 2015).

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Injury Only

Inshore waters, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (NZISM)
Category:	Ro-Ro Passenger
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Passenger twisted her ankle while trying to walk across the floor while the ship was rolling. Passenger was attended to by ship staff and given basic first aid. Said they were fine and would visit the hospital for a check up

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Fishing
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	<500

A Contractor attended the vessel to conduct repair and removed the air cleaners connected to the turbos, in order to test if there was vacuum present at the turbo inlet. The contractor held a hand in front of inlet and the hand was sucked towards the impeller. A finger made contact with the impeller and caused amputation just below the nail bed.

Person overboard

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Crew member was wearing incorrect footwear and slipped, falling overboard.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Reefer
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Employee was working as a pedestrian pallet truck (jiffy) operator in Hold 4, D Deck of the vessel and was removing a pallet of Kiwifruit from the cage in preparation to stow it away. Employee was backing up with a pallet on his jiffy when he felt the boxes of kiwifruit against his back, and the jiffy handle coming up his front. Employee tried to stop the jiffy from moving any further by placing his toes of his right foot against the jiffy instead of following his training.

Employee was unaware of any issues with his foot at the time and carried on working until approximately 1245 when he reported the injury at the Shift Manager's office. Employee provided HR with a Medical Certificate several days after the incident saying that there is a small closed fracture in his right foot.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Line Fishing
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

There was a loose wire from the battery circuit for the start battery. This meant that the boat would not start. There was a loose wire from the battery circuit for the start battery. Maintenance company was called as they had been working on the boat and they sent out a tender to tow it back.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Tourism Activity
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

The vessel lost the thrust of one engine. Vessel was in close proximity to shore so went to anchor. When hoisting the anchor it was discovered to be fouled, assistance was sought from another vessel, a buoy attached to the anchor chain and then the warp was cut. The other vessel then towed the vessel into open clear water. The vessel then made its way back to port under one engine.

Injury Only

In harbour, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

The vessel on its scheduled service was departing the ferry pontoon, the master closed the gates, removed the stern line and went forward into the wheel house.

Power was applied in conjunction with the fwd spring line to move the stern of the vessel off the pontoon. Power was then taken off to allow for the spring line to be removed. The prevailing wind at the time then pushed the stern back towards the pontoon and its vertical fenders where a child was leaning over the side of the vessel.

The child's hand was caught between the upper rubbing strip of the vessel and the vertical fender fixed to the pontoon. First aid was given onboard by the master and then the family group transferred to another vessel to get them back to land to seek medical attention.

Operator has had an unconfirmed report that the child (10yrs) had received a broken finger as a result. They have tried to contact the family to see how the child is, but have been unsuccessful at time of writing this report. A person assisted the master giving first aid to the child injured and would be happy to be contacted as an independent witness.

There was no equipment failure or damage to the vessel.

Injury Only

At berth, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (NZISM)
Category:	Ro-Ro Passenger
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Crew member was up ladder greasing the lifeboat davit. There was dew on the deck. Ladder slipped. Put right arm out to stop fall and got arm caught between ladder and railing. Taken to Accident and Emergency Dept at Wellington Hospital. Xray revealed a fracture to bone in lower arm. Arm put in sling and crew member was picked up by family member and went home.

Near miss / Close quarters

A river, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Jet Boat (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

While paddling down river at one of the clam pieces between the easy grade 2 rapids a jet boat had come up river, had a very short conversation with a kayaker, then proceeded to take off up river at full speed. The boat wash and wake pushed some of the kayakers up onto the rocks on the bank. The kayakers knew the jet boat was coming back down and it did not slow down. A kayaker got a camera ready to video. The jet boat was going so fast the kayaker caught a short piece of video and was then knocked off their board. Later on the Jet Boat went flying past well within 20 metres of a crew of 7 SUP paddlers. His rules only apply.

Flooded

At sea, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	Unpowered Recreational
Category:	Unpowered Recreational - Sea Kayak
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Paddled around Motuimoire Island and along Paihia beach, when the kayak started to take on water. Kayak tipped so a passing craft was flagged down to help bring kayak and kayaker into shore.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger Ferry
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Wheelhouse was hit by a green high intensity laser from shore. Watchkeeper and master temporarily blinded. vessel was stopped until visibility regained.

Police maritime Unit called and Eagle helicopter sent to north head to investigate. An overflying aircraft was also hit.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Taranaki

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

Previous night the skipper gate crashed a Party. Notifier removed the gentleman from the party. The following day, Sat 5th April notifier was out on the boat with 5 passengers (incl. 5 year old child) and the skipper got into his boat and went straight for notifier's boat, missing it by inches. If notifier was in a smaller boat all the passengers would have been flung over.

Equipment failure

At sea

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

Towing line broke and conditions too rough to retrieve the vessel being towed. Vessel abandoned at sea.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Fishing Vessel
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Shore staff member had to enter the engine room, upon doing so he hit his elbow on the deck trunking and chipped his elbow.

Injury Only

At berth/marina/boat ramp, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Launch
Category:	Not selected
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Reversing into berth. Engine in neutral, bumped into berth. Person on rear deck but not holding onto hand rail lost balance and fell into water.

Person's left thigh got trapped in propellers and was in water for 30 minutes . Released by removing outer propeller.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Cargo Ship
Category:	Tanker
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Approaching the tanker berth the ship's engine failed to go astern. The vessel was pulled up using the tug and swung parallel to the berth with tug and bow thruster. Engines were regained about 5 minutes later just as vessel was coming alongside.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Other Charter
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

The skipper was doing maintenance on the flybridge of the vessel while at berth, standing on the port wing. He stepped back off the edge, falling to the pier. He has apparently injured both heel plates and was taken to North Shore Hospital

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger Ferry
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Engineer came to bridge from ER rounds and reported that there was a knocking noise coming from the port main engine. Revs reduced on the engine and engineer re-inspected. Sound was still evident and decision was made to immediately stop the port main engine and return to Auckland on the starboard engine alone.

Passage made to Auckland and vessel berthed without further incident

Reason for incident not provided

At sea, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Trawler
Length (m):	>24
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Vessel reported under tow.

Grounding

In harbour, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	Yacht (sail)
Category:	Pleasure Yacht
Length (m):	8.0
Tonnage (tons):	

Yacht requested Coastguard assistance to be towed off sand bank on ebb tide. Master of craft providing assistance, advised that there was a chance that there could be damage to yacht whilst attempting to tow it free. A halyard from the masthead was attached to rescue boat with the intention of towing the yacht free of the sand bank by listing it over.

Yacht's mast broke. As the tide was out a lot there was not have sufficient depth to try again. Yacht floated free just after 0001hrs. The AMRC advises the yacht closed his TR.

Injury Only

Offshore waters, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	FCFV
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

While crew men were working at the stern of the vessel a wave hit the vessel shifting the trawl block and trapping a crew member between the block and the gantry.

Hit submerged Object

At sea, Chatham Islands

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Fishing Vessel
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel did an extreme roll to starboard and a violent motion back to port twice. Deck was immersed by heavy water. Boat recovered. Skipper on watch was thrown across wheelhouse and knocked unconscious. Sustained severe head and chest injuries and was attended to by 2 crew. Two other crew members cleared deck and checked engine room.

Vessel steamed for Owenga. Contact was made with Chatham Marine radio advised of injury and no immediate danger to vessel. Skipper taken onto another vessel at Owenga. Chatham Police were involved. Skipper was then medivac to Wellington.

Near miss / Close quarters

Offshore waters, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Cargo (NZISM)
Category:	Cargo
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Other ship was crossing from port, had own ship on her starboard side and was the give way vessel under rule 15. Own ship was contacted by other ship via VHF and asked to contravene the collision regulations as other ship did not want to deviate from her set course. Other ship attempted to cross ahead of own ship with a CPA of 0.7nm instead of altering course to starboard and going astern of own ship. Own ship took action under rule 17(a) (ii) and did a round turn to starboard. At the time of the incident there were MAYDAY messages being broadcast but other ship transmitted over the top of these.

Capsize

Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Fishing
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Fishing vessel lost a bag of fish. As they retrieved a bag it split. The crew recovered half the bag and placed it on one side of the deck. They then recovered the other half bag with the intention of placing it on the other side of the deck to keep vessel balanced.

As it was swung on board it went too far and vessel rolled onto side.

Crew abandoned ship into life rafts. Vessel remained on its side so crew went aboard again and shoveled fish overboard which partially righted the vessel.

They were then able to start engines and pump water out

Vessel returned to port.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Other Fishing
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

A ferry approached vessel, and skipper put boat in gear and moved out of the way to avoid collision. Ferry ran over our sea anchor as it passed 7 metres astern.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Unknown
Category:	Ro-Ro Cargo
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Main engine failure whilst manoeuvring vessel alongside berth. Berthed safely with two tugs which were already made fast. No damage to ship or wharf.

Electrical power failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Line Fishing
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel was fishing in the harbour and the engine would not start (it had just been serviced and a new starter motor installed). Skipper spoke with the mechanics this morning and they say that the new starter motor was faulty and failed. This is getting replaced today

Person overboard

A river, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft (SOP)
Category:	Adventure
Length (m):	<6
Tonnage (tons):	

Customer fell out of raft in front right, his inside hand had the ring finger dislocate, customer was otherwise okay. Taken to hospital to relocate the finger.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Bulk Carrier
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

When swinging the vessel in the basin Main Engine failed to fire astern. Vessel was brought alongside safely using two tugs.

Person overboard

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Bulk Carrier
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

A crewman fell overboard, while lashing logs on No.1 deck. On the way down he clipped the wharf and landed in the water. He apparently lost his balance when hit by a moving crane block. He held on to one of the fenders for about 30 minutes. It took until about 0610 hrs to get him out of the water using a stevedore man cage which was lowered into the water by one of the ship's cranes. St John's, Fire Brigade, and Police attended. Crewman was complaining about a sore left leg and arm and was taken to Hastings Hospital. The injuries proved not to be serious.

Breach Poor Knights Exclusion Zone

At sea, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	Cargo Ship
Category:	Cargo
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

PKMR for the vessel. MOC checked details and vessel is a cargo ship. 2353 nzst Whangarei Maritime Radio called vessel and advised the following: Warning your vessel has entered the Poor Knights Area to be avoided. Marine Protection Rule, Part 190, instructs the masters of vessels to avoid this area, which is depicted on marine charts including NZ23 (INT 640) and NZ521. Please confirm you will immediately depart this area via the safest route. Master advised that he would alter course and turn to starboard immediately. MOC took screen shot. 2356 nzst MOC telephoned RCCNZ and advised. 0015 nzst Vessel was seen to be leaving the PKMR and a further screen shot was taken.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger Ferry
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Person walking down the stairs slipped and fell 2 steps onto their back

Contact

At berth, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger Ferry
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

As vessel backed out of harbor the bow line was still attached , with the weight on the line it pulled the bracket from the wharf hitting the vessel

Injury Only

In harbour, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Container Ship
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Crew member received burns to arms and torso requiring hospitalization. Further details of event not known at time of publication.

Injury Only

Hawkes Bay

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Fishing vessel
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Vessel reported 2 deckhands had received injuries. No further details of events had been received at time of publication.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger
Length (m):	various
Tonnage (tons):	various

Operator has been experiencing a number of minor passenger related gangway incidents. When passengers are being boarded vessel can be affected by a passing vessels wash. Vessel can surge, causing gangways to move contacting passengers' feet.

Operator has an SOP in place for passenger boardings and crews are instructed to halt boarding until surge has subsided. Masters keep vessel going ahead on a steaming line to reduce movement. Minimum 2 lines are used at all times.

Communications have been distributed reminding crew of the SOP and to take extra care when boarding passengers with weather beginning to deteriorate.

Injury Only

At berth, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Fishing
Length (m):	>50
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Employee was working in the freezer hold of the vessel when placing a 20 kg carton of frozen fish on conveyor belt the following carton crushed his index finger right hand he was taken to hospital and assessed.

He returned to work the following morning.