



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

Monthly Summary
May 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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If an accident, incident or mishap is notified to Maritime New Zealand more than once, it is only reflected once in the report.

Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

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

After the vessel was safely alongside and all moorings made fast, shore personnel were involved to assist with adjusting the accommodation ladder on the berth. The rope was attached to the ladder and 5 to 6 shore men on the berth were pulling the rope/ladder. At some time the rope parted, which caused some of the men to fall. After the rope was reattached the ladder was lowered down without further incident.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Unknown
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel coming down a wave into the trough, standing crew member lost footing and let go of overhead hand rails and landed on their back rolling up onto his neck. All Crew have been emailed by the Safety Officer, reiterating the importance of three points of contact while underway, and if there's a seat to sit in it. Helm person to call out wakes or changes to environment, eg: sea state, crash stop and hard turns. This will be stressed at future training days and departure from base.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Wellington

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

Thumb crushed in the ECR (engine control room) door.

Chemical or harmful substance spill

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Ship's fire alarms were activated and cargo was paused. The crew mustered and proceeded to investigate the alarm which was in the cement pump room. A leak was found on the port cargo discharge line. The cargo was shut down and the clean-up of the dust that escaped to atmosphere commenced using the ships cement vacuum cleaner and brooms. Environment Canterbury Pollution Hotline was contacted and informed of the incident.

Equipment failure

Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Patrol Boat
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

While flushing down the engines, a "pop" was heard from the front of the starboard motor when it was turned on by crew members standing beside it. Flames of approximately 6-8cm were seen coming from the starter motor winding. Crew sounded the alert, engine was turned off, engine bay shut, breather flaps shut, and fire extinguishers lined up beside closed engine bay. Crew waited approximately 8 minutes, felt the side of the engine box for heat, and two crew carefully opened the cover while the skipper readied a CO2 extinguisher. No flames were found. Engine was monitored for 45 minutes. Notified CNR, vessel closed up with no power left on.

Engine service agent was scheduled to inspect the engine the next day to try and identify the problem. Crew fire drill was 100% and fire suppression on standby, exclusion of O2 etc.

Injury Only

A river, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Unpowered Recreational
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

The rowing skiff was competing in a time trial on the river when the stroke suffered a heart attack and loss of consciousness. He was taken to a dock where he was administered CPR and the ambulance took him to hospital.

Propeller entangled

Inshore waters, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	Unknown
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel's prop became entangled while manoeuvring to pick up crab pot. Entanglement resulted in engine failure and anchor being deployed. Anchor dragged and vessel bumped onto sandy beach. Once management was notified, vessel was towed to port by another vessel and made more secure until prop could be cleared the next day.

Injury Only

Location, Region: At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Worker was helping land container spreader on container for discharge. He caught his hand between the spreader and side of ship (cell guide). He was wearing gloves.

Cargo shift

Inshore waters, unknown

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Bulk Cargo
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

En-route to port with a load of maize, due to heavy SW swell and gale force wind, vessel developed port list. Suspecting shift of cargo, some ballast water was taken to #2 DB tank starboard to correct the list. After list was corrected, vessel continued its voyage and arrived in port without further accident. Prior to departure, cargo was loaded in accordance with grain cargo code and stability of the vessel.

Fire

Offshore waters, Southland

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

During engineers rounds the engineer noticed exhaust gases coming from the main engine (ME) exhaust. The engine room was vented and the ME shut down. Lagging around the ME exhaust bellows was found to be smouldering. Investigation revealed small pin holes in the ME exhaust bellows. The bellows was repaired and re-lagged. ME was restarted and the bellows monitored before the vessel continued on its voyage.

Injury Only

At sea, Auckland

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

Crew member was climbing down ladder in the forward hatch, he was holding onto deck level as he descended. As he stepped off bottom rung left arm was above his head as it reached maximum extension and shoulder dislocated. Life jacket removed, lowered his arm to his side and shoulder popped back in. Cold compress was applied and arm supported. After vessel returned to dock crew member went to have his shoulder checked by doctor.

Injury Only

Offshore waters, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	Fishing Boat
Category:	Fishing Vessel
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Crew member who was controlling the line hauler did not see a tangle in the line before it came over the side roller onto the line hauler. Before they could stop the hauler a loose end with a fishing hook attached caught them in the chin. They were assessed by the vessels medical person with a decision that the vessel would go to port to have the hook removed.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Crew member was walking across the stern deck to clear a nylon rope off the port rope when the boat rolled. He tripped on a pound board and landed on his left upper chest on the corner of the port stern bulwark. Boat was met by a Police launch with a paramedic onboard, and the crew member was taken to hospital. The crew member was given pain killers and sent home, and later given a full safety briefing.

Steering gear failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Research
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Steering cable snapped in calm water and light winds.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Cargo Ship
Category:	Bulk Carrier
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

The vessel lost engine power. Crew had to drop port and then starboard anchor in order to stop vessel from running aground. The port tugs were called and made fast. Master tested engines and vessel sailed safely. When vessel lost power it took out a beacon but did not run aground.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

Passenger on passenger vessel fainted and collapsed on floor. Skipper stopped the boat and went and checked, she was conscious and breathing normally, sitting up and supported by one of her friends. On arrival at destination, discovered passenger was bleeding from a gash on her lower leg. Called for ambulance and handed her over to their care. She was still looking unstable on her feet at this time.

Contact

Offshore waters, Canterbury

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

Hauling net, the trawl codend moved to one side and hit a crew member on the arm which pushed it into the bulwarks and bent up her wrist which snapped her wrist.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Cargo Ship
Category:	Bulk Carrier
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Edited version: Main engine failed to increase power required for flood tide departure. Departure aborted and vessel berthed at berth for repair. Maritime New Zealand local officer was informed thru MNZ Wellington.

Injury Only

In harbour, Auckland

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

Disembarking vessel at port and passengers toe was impacted by gangway. Passenger refused treatment, later confirmed as toe fracture (2 weeks later).

Other

At berth, Hawkes Bay

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	General Cargo / Multi-purpose
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Ship let go all moorings and started to back out slowly. When asked for a 2nd astern movement was told the ship had to dock as there were leaks and they had to tie up again. Ship was re-positioned and moored using ship's lines.

Capsize

A river, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Dinghy (motorised)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Boat capsized while crossing the river with four on board. The three men wearing life jackets were able to hold onto trees by the shore, but a fourth without a jacket drowned at the scene. Near-by duck hunters and a rescue helicopter were able to rescue the survivors.

Grounding

In harbour, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Launch
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Driving boat up channel in-between channel markers during an outgoing and approximately half tide. Ran aground in mid channel. Contacted harbourmaster and asked what was happening, told they knew about the markers being wrong and they were to get them shifted soon.

Inshore waters, Waikato

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

Skipper had heart attack and collapsed. CPR administered for approx 40min but skipper passed away.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Canterbury

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

Gutting fish, knife slipped resulting in cut leg.

Mooring line failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Edited version: Dinghy painter broke and dinghy lost and not recovered. Coastguard advised but dinghy not yet found.