



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

May 2016



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 (1-31 May 2016).

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Grounding

Inshore waters, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel ran aground while transiting to a site.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

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

Vessel went over a wave too fast, slammed down on the other side, causing a minor back injury.

Foundered

At sea, Wellington

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

Ship foundered in the dark after the chart plotter failed at a crucial time while the boat direction was being affected by wind and tide.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Edited version: A fishing vessel crossed the bow of a departing container ship. The container ship's pilot had contacted the fishing vessel, who indicated port to port intentions. The fishing vessel made minimal alteration, requiring the pilot to reduce engine and make an evasive starboard helm manoeuvre to pass clear.

Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

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

While lashing containers on board the vessel, the stevedore was struck on the shoulder by a twistlock that had fallen out of the pocket of a container that was being manoeuvred into position above his head.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Southland

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

The ship's lifting spreader had Cranston hooks fitted for the lifting of USLM strapped products. While being used to load aluminium ingots witnesses heard a bang and an ingot bundle dropped about 150mm. The bundle was still suspended by the 2nd hook, so the full lift was safely lowered to the ground. The hook housing was found to have failed, so was replaced and the others checked before continuing.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, West Coast

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

During passage the raw water pump failed, causing the engine to overheat and set off the temperature alarm. The skipper shut down the engine when they ascertained it was a pump failure. They then went into the engine room to check how hot the engine was, and while there noticed the sight glass on the heat exchanger was bulged badly, which burst while they were looking at it, causing serious burns to their face. They were evacuated by helicopter and the boat was towed to port.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Northland

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

One engine failed and vessel was blown against small jetty. An object on the jetty damaged the hull making a narrow cut penetrating the hull approximately 400mm long and approximately 600mm above the water line.

Injury Only

At berth, Otago

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

While stacking frozen cartons in the hold of the vessel a staff member had a box land on his thumb causing fractures.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Wellington

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

Vessel broke down during transit. They advised Maritime Radio that they had hove to and would be conducting repairs.

Collision

At berth/marina/boat ramp, Tasman

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

Berthed yacht was struck by a departing vessel.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Bay of Plenty

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

Whilst renewing a crane wire a crew member placed his hand in a position on the outer side of the rotating winch drum that caused their right index finger to be caught and amputated.

Injury Only

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

As the raft was going over the waterfall with everybody in a 'down' position a passenger's paddle hit the right wall of a waterfall, pushing in back into another passenger's ribs, causing a fracture.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Tasman

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

After departure the vessel experienced a 2knot drop in speed after a small jolt was felt on the bridge. No alarms were activated and the Chief Engineer was asked to investigate. Upon making his way to the engine room they found the starboard engine had de-clutched from the gearbox. They advised pitch be taken off so they could attempt to clutch in the engine again. This was unsuccessful so the Chief Engineer advised the Master the vessel would need to be returned for diagnosis and repair.

Contact

In harbour, Canterbury

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

The vessel passed the starboard buoy on their starboard side, but later lost visual reference of the shore and the old piles due to the shore lights and the king high tide. The vessel was brought to a stop to gain orientation back to all crew on the bridge. During this time the vessel drifted due to the current, and contact was made with the breakwater. The crew checked all was ok, with a quick internal check of the vessel. They backed slowly off the breakwater and headed back to the starboard marker. On the second attempt the mariner piles were located and the vessel headed towards the wharf. No water ingress could be found, and the vessel will be slipped for an external check.

Injury Only

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Crew member was working on the deck with a grinder. The grinder disc disintegrated and parts of the disc flew off and cut the man's lower leg, requiring six stitches.

Injury Only

At berth, Northland

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

A crane operator was loading logs onto the decks of the vessel. After delivering a heave of logs near a digger and while retrieving the Cranston hook and wires to send them back to the berth the operator brought them close to the crane to ensure they were being pulled away from the digger. In doing so the Cranston hook swung uncontrollably and came through the windscreen of the crane. The windscreen broke, the Cranston lightly struck the operator's chest, and the broken glass caused small cuts to the seated operator's knees. The operator was taken to A&E for a check-up then returned to work.

Equipment failure

A lake, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Petrol tank refilled with diesel. The boat broke down, with a tow back to the lodge arranged.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Approaching a buoy on departure with two vessels inbound in the channel a skiff crossed from port to starboard, then tacked ahead. The skipper altered course to starboard to pass astern of the skiff, however it then tacked across them again. The skipper turned hard to starboard and sounded the ship's horn, however the skiff tacked again, appearing oblivious to their actions.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Waikato

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

A crew member grabbed a float strop attached to a float and a piece of mussel shell cut the palm of their hand approximately 10mm long and 5mm deep. They worked the following two days, however the cut got infected, requiring a month off work.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	
Category:	Dredger
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	<500t

While steaming at 1700rpm the steering drive shaft sheered, leaving the vessel unable to be steered.

Extreme vessel movement

At berth, Wellington

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

While getting ready to depart the vessel was secured to the wharf by a spring line. The gangway was released from the locking mechanism and pulled up onto the top deck as per usual by the deckhand sliding the gangway on the boat. The skipper wharf side noticed the bow riding out slightly and returned to the helm to bring the bow back in. As they did so the stern came away from the wharf and the crew member lost control of the gangway. As they tried to pull it back the gangway slipped into the water. The vessel later returned with a deckhand and safely recovered the gangway, and the company has reviewed its berthing procedures, resulting in a bow line to be tethered as well as a spring line.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Manoeuvring the vessel alongside the wharf the vessel's pitch control system malfunctioned, preventing the bridge control from setting ahead pitch to avoid contact with the wharf.

Injury Only

Offshore waters, Southland

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

A crew member slipped in the fish hold when carrying cartons of product. He fell backwards onto his back. Arm was stretched out to stop the fall, boxes he was carrying landed on his right hand, hurting his little, ring and middle fingers.

Collision

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel was transiting a channel at 12-13kts, following close to the portside marker to avoid the pressure waves in the centre. However due to a fast tide the vessel was pushed off course and struck a marker buoy. The skipper checked for damage, then continued to the marina.

Fire

At sea, Auckland

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

Sailing with the engine running, as wind was below 10 knots. Kettle was on stove, and crew noticed flames from the cabin. Established fire was unable to be fought, so skipper abandoned ship to dingy. Activated EPIRB, and made a cell phone call to coastguard. Harbourmaster and Coastguard attended scene, recovered the skipper from dingy and started to fight the fire. However the vessel burnt to the water line and sunk.

Steering gear failure

A lake, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Workboat
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Crew started engine and prepared to leave location but found that the steering had failed. Were to continue with crew managing throttle and skipper steering by turning outboard manually.

Contact

In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	
Category:	Dredger
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	<500t

Wind on starboard side of vessel pushed vessel to port as it was coming into start of the channel. Vessel was put into reverse, but vessel swung to port, resting on port hand marker causing marker to lean over.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member was pulling twistlocks while on the lashing walkway. They moved sideways while looking up, stepping into an open walkway hatch, gashing their shin.

Collision

In harbour, Auckland

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

Race start and the boat crew was blinded by the spray of other boats in front of them. The race boat hit a low red channel marker, almost sinking the boat, and badly damaged the channel marker.

Lifting/cargo gear failure

At berth, Gisborne

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

Hoisting wire parted