



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

April 2018



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Collision

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

A yacht being sailed by students and followed by an escort launch collided with the corner of a salmon farm. The crew had experienced a wind shift during a tack which caused the yacht to stall then tack back again. The crew were not able to manoeuvre in time and collided with the farm at an estimated 3kts, causing minor damage.

Equipment failure

At berth, Hawkes Bay

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

Starboard bridge wing engine revolutions indicator showing opposite to actual. When going ahead the indicator shows astern and visa versa.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Hawkes Bay

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

Port windlass motor inoperable. This did not prevent the dropping of the anchor in the event of an emergency situation.

Injury Only

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

One passenger didn't follow instructions while crossing over a waterfall and leant back while the raft descended, leading to their eyebrow colliding with the helmet in front of them.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel A was observed 500m off the port bow of Vessel B. Vessel A's bearing did not change, and it was apparent to Vessel B, as stand on vessel, that a collision was likely. Vessel B stopped and 5 blasts given on the horn. No change in Vessel A's course and it passed in front of Vessel B's bow by 10 metres.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Hawkes Bay

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

Engine failure due to a melted plastic exhaust pipe. As the vessel was being towed, it started to take on water heavily and had to be abandoned.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

During cargo operations a 6m length of pipe fell from the ship's crane into the hold, causing damage to the vessel.

Grounding

Inshore waters, Southland

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

While tucked into a sheltered bay the master put the port engine into astern to move the vessel away from an outlying reef, and the propeller struck a rock. The vessel was manoeuvred into safe waters while crew inspected for water ingress and passengers for injuries. Divers conducted a hull inspection and found propeller damage.

Propeller entangled

At berth, Auckland

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

A stray line fouled the port propeller on departure.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

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

While hauling back the long line, it went slack and formed a loop, which picked up a crew member's fingers. The line then went tight, cutting two fingers off. First aid was applied and the vessel returned to port to be met by an ambulance.

Fire

At berth, Canterbury

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

A fire, which started in the accommodation area, spread rapidly, causing significant damage to the ship.

Near miss / Close quarters

At berth, Taranaki

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

Moving into the fuelling berth, the crew asked a number of fishers to move as the vessel was coming into the berth. The fishers moved their legs slightly, but as the vessel would overhang the wharf they were yelled at again to move. A crew member was required to jump off the vessel as it came alongside to hold the vessel away from the people still on the berth.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

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

Passenger fell from their seat while distracted with their camera.

Person overboard

Inshore waters, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Aquaculture
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	

As the vessel was leaving the farm block, a crew member was walking along the starboard side of the vessel returning to the wheelhouse. As they were making their way up the step to the wheelhouse, a large wave hit the side of the vessel, causing it to list, and the crew member to lose their balance. Despite grabbing a rail they fell overboard. They yelled loudly, the skipper and crew raised the alarm and the man overboard emergency procedure was instigated. They were thrown one end of the recovery sling and hoisted back on board.

Propulsion failure

A river, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Jet Boat (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

During a spin the starboard engine stopped. The passengers were transferred to another boat. Boat returned on the port engine. The starboard engine was found to have hydrauliced with water and stones found in the exhaust ports.

Injury only

A river, Canterbury

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

As the raft rose up out of a hole it hit the side of the canyon and rolled over. One passenger hit their elbow on a rock causing a cut.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Mechanical failure, suspected fan belt failure. Engine room temperature, engine temperature, and all gauges appeared normal. Crew advised to start mustering passengers. Small amount of smoke coming from alternator. Isolated main engine batteries, started the engine, and proceeded to shore.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

Crew member on board the vessel picked up the fixed bow line as the vessel approach the berth. During the process of attaching the line to the forward bitt the vessel was blown by a gust and moved away from the pontoon. The master attempted to correct by applying thrust, however the crew member's finger became trapped between the line and the bitt, causing injury. First aid was applied and they were transported to hospital.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Runner wire broke on a crane during unloading, with the grab falling back into the hold.

Injury Only

Southland

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

Crew member cut their thumb while gutting fish. First aid was applied and the injured person later went to hospital.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, West Coast

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

Vessel broke a shaft. Vessel anchored and organised another vessel to tow to port for repair.

Mooring line failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

A number of mooring lines broke due to strong winds. Vessel ended up hanging to the berth by only the forward lines. Tugs and pilot boat were called to assist and the vessel was slowly moved back onto its berth.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member fell from a log stack during lashing operations, falling approximately 6m onto the main deck. They were given first aid then taken to hospital.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

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

During departure gyro failed during a turn. This resulted in alarms and a loss of all gyro repeaters and heading references on the bridge. Departure continued visually without problems.

Fire

Inshore waters, Northland

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

While underway, a "trim failure" message appeared, followed by an "actuator failure" message and the engine shut down. Another vessel was called to assist retrieving passengers (parasailers) from the water. Smoke was later seen coming from the engine room vent. The hatch was opened to find the engine room filled with smoke and a crackling sound indicative of an electrical fire. The passengers were moved to the bow away from the smoke and the crew grabbed a fire bucket and fire extinguisher. The fire wasn't hot enough to activate the CO2 fire system so a fire extinguisher was emptied around the area where the fire had started. The crew then poured buckets of water on the area, isolated the batteries, shut off the fuel, and called for assistance.

Steering gear failure

A lake, Hawkes Bay

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

Steering cable broke while en-route. The skipper notified the land office and vessel was subsequently towed back to base. No passengers on board. Steering cable replaced.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Tasman

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

As crane operator is pulling heave out of hold, the hook caught a gusset in the corner of the hold. A D shackle holding the adjustment chain broke.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Canterbury

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

Crew member got a groper spike in their wrist while hauling longline.

Injury Only

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

A passenger hit their nose on landing at a waterfall, unsure of what they hit. First aid given.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Yacht was drifting with no sail up. A catamaran was sighted heading straight for them with no apparent change in course. The crew on the yacht started their outboard to move out of the way, with the catamaran passing in close proximity. Two people were observed on board, both busy with a task and with their backs to the other vessel.

Equipment failure

At berth, Wellington

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

A three degree gyro error was found on arrival.

Fire

Inshore waters, Foreaux Strait

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

After setting nets using the dinghy the crew returned to the vessel and noticed smoke coming from the wheelhouse. Upon boarding the vessel it was discovered that the switchboard had almost caught fire with a hole burnt into the back. Vessel's electronics shut down. Vessel started manually and returned to port. Investigation found a short between the engine and the fuse box.

Propeller entangled

Inshore waters, West Coast

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

While fishing the vessel began to shake. The skipper thought they must have picked up rope around the prop so increased revs, with vibration increasing. The revs were dropped, with the engine speed increasing rapidly a short time later. There was no prop wash and no forward movement, so a broken shaft was considered likely. Another vessel was called to provide a tow.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Wellington

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

Main engine shut down, with the batteries found flat. The port switch was found to be in the off position. The skipper jump started the main engine from the house batteries.

Other

At berth, Hawkes Bay

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

While loading logs an excavator suffered a mechanical failure that caused the hold to fill with smoke. Six people in the hold were exposed to smoke. They were treated at the scene and taken to hospital for observation.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel had a potential near miss with a fairway marker while entering the harbour. The crew found the brightness of the leading lights made them reflect off the water, and also impacted their night vision.

Propulsion failure

A lake, Waikato

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

Engine cut-out for no obvious reason, and could not be re-started. Coastguard called for assistance.

Contact

At berth, Auckland

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

Attempting to dock at the wharf in high winds and at the night, wind blew the vessel into another moored vessel. Scrapes and dents sustained.

Capsize

Inshore waters, Gisborne

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

A sudden severe squall hit the vessel soon after launching. Crayfish pots were secured to the top of the bow area. A short sharp chop began filling the boat faster than it could be bailed, and the vessel became unstable and rolled over. All three on board were wearing lifejackets. The pots were released and the vessel righted. The VHF radio was retrieved and a mayday call made.

Extreme vessel movement

At berth, Auckland

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

After unloading passengers a large vessel wake struck the vessel and the pontoon. The gangway jumped and broke its tether. The deckhand pushed the gangway back onto the vessel, suffering a muscle strain while doing so.

Grounding

In harbour, Auckland

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

At dead low tide, coming into the marina, the vessel slowed to less than 5kts, with very restricted space to manoeuvre due to outbound traffic. Vessel grounded on mud. Put buckets into reverse and the boat became unstuck. Shore side engineering alerted to possible mud sucked through the port engine.

Collision

In harbour, Auckland

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

Yacht was anchored in a harbour for the night. At around 2am, with the wind strengthening, a large launch that drifted hit the anchored yacht. The drifting boat tried to motor forward but appeared to catch the yacht's anchor chain. The crew on board the yacht attempted to hold the drifting boat off as best as possible, with the anchor chain eventually flicking over and releasing. The drifting vessel attempted to re-anchor without success, later heading across the bay, and was out of sight by morning.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Otago

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

Crew member reported a sore neck and nausea, later being found unconscious. Medical attention was given and a paramedic later winched onto the ship.

Grounding

A river, Gisborne

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

Vessel ran aground.

Propulsion failure

A lake, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel had engine troubles while departing a bay to return to the marina. Another vessel towed the vessel back to the bay, and Coastguard were then called.

Electrical power failure

At berth, Marlborough

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

Vessel blacked out due to a crew error when changing over engines in port while alongside. Power was restored a few minutes later.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

Passenger was re-entering through the main cabin front entry door when they tripped on the threshold sill, grazing their shin. First aid was administered.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Hawkes Bay

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

A crane protection guard fell and landed in the hold near a digger. Loading was suspended, the guard was re-welded and the other cranes checked.

Injury Only

A river, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Stand-up-paddleboard
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

A group of paddle boarders on a river were moving towards a 5kt marker. The hazard was pointed out, however one paddler continued towards it and was caught by an eddy. They jumped off the board but their leash became hung up and they were unable to get it undone. A member of the group assisted them, cutting the leash. The paddle boarder had however taken on water, CPR was given, and they were later evacuated by ambulance.

Injury Only

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

Going over a waterfall, a passenger held their paddle sideways and it hit another passenger on the head, causing a concussion. The passenger was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Northland

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

Entering the harbour, there was a loud bang from the rear of the vessel, propulsion was lost and the vessel was pushed into a rock by the outgoing tide. The vessel bounced off the rock and moved back into the channel. The skipper monitored for any ingress of water and found the hull appeared intact. The vessel was assisted by a number of surfers. A surf club boat then towed the vessel to the ocean side of the harbour entrance and took the passengers ashore. The vessel remained anchored overnight with crew on-board and was towed in the following day.

Propeller entangled

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

A vessel underway was informed of a mooring line drifting in the water well out into the harbour. Seconds later the vessel ran over two lines catching one on the starboard propeller or rudder. After trying to free the line with a boat hook, the line was cut.

Propulsion failure

At berth, Tasman

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

Main engine failed to go astern from bridge control and engine control positions when approaching the basin. The vessel was held with tugs until the engine could be operated from the emergency position. Believed to be an issue with the governor.

Flip/Overturn

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

Raft twisted and dump tugged left side over to right side. One passenger suffered minor facial injuries.