



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

August 2018



What's in this summary

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Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

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

A worker was water blasting the inside of the hold of a cement ship. The water blaster failed, which caused a possible hand fracture.

Injury Only

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

While approaching the pilot station three crew members started to lower the pilot ladder. The bosun was not wearing a safety harness and fell 3-4m, suffering bruises and a sprain. When the vessel later berthed, the bosun was taken for medical assessment.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Canterbury

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

While departing the wharf, the tanker observed an inbound ferry on a constant bearing. The master of the tanker blew the ship's whistle, with the ferry observed to stop and then proceed down the starboard side of the tanker. Ferry captain had been distracted, with the port/town lights behind the dark hulled tanker making it difficult to sight.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Marlborough

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

Crane was loading logs when a suspected brake failure caused the logs to fall uncontrolled into the hold.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

Fifteen minutes after leaving port, the high water temperature alarm sounded on the starboard engine. RPM was reduced and the engine compartment checked. The water pump back plate was cool, with no obvious leaks around the engine. Coolant was lower than when pre-trip checks had been done. Coolant was added and the engine kept running, however the temperature increased so the engine was shutdown. Trip continued on the port engine, with the starboard engine used briefly for berthing on return. Problem found to have been caused by an airlock in the system.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Northland

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

On departure, the main engine failed to fire ahead. Vessel was clear of the berth with both tugs pulling. The plan was to return the vessel to the berth due to a flood tide. However, the main engine was available again after two minutes, with the vessel continuing outbound with tug escort.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Loading logs in the furthest row aft, the crane operator placed the logs down on the row, released the wires, with the logs then slipping out. Five logs fell onto the deck in front of the accommodation, denting a mushroom exhaust, the main deck and a fuel oil drip pan guard plate.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Manawatu

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

Bridge navigation watch and alarm system (BNWAS) display unit shut down. The chief engineer checked and found no issue with the power supply. Possibly a malfunction of an internal part unable to be rectified on-board.

Injury Only

In harbour, Auckland

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

A passenger moving from below deck to above deck in open toed shoes stubbed a toe on a brass rubbing strake on the top companion way. First aid was offered but refused, with the passenger being taken for medical assistance on arrival.

Injury Only

Offshore waters, Canterbury

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

While setting, a crew member got a hook caught in their finger. The skipper cleaned and dressed the wound and the crew member was taken for medical attention when the vessel returned to port the next evening.

Grounding

In harbour, Marlborough

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

Vessel was on anchor. When the tide went out, the vessel was left sitting on the bottom. When the tide later came in, the vessel lifted anchor and left the harbour.

Fire

Offshore waters, Auckland

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

A dive contractor came onto the bridge asking for a fire extinguisher. The master grabbed the closest one and walked out with the contractor to extinguish the fire. The contractor's small genset had caught fire under its cover.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

While towing, the throttle was reduced but the engine remained at the same RPM. The cowling was removed and the carburetor manually closed to idle. Further inspection found a screw had come loose inside the tiller and fallen out.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Wellington

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

While loading logs, the runner wire on a crane failed. Loading stopped.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

A departing ferry sighted a departing container ship and an inbound bulk carrier. The intention of the ferry was to cross the shipping channel. However, on transit, the ferry realised that the container ship appeared to have increased speed and was approaching from the port side. Gaining a visual on the container ship was difficult with city lights in the background. At this point, the ferry's master realised they were close to the inbound bulk carrier. The bulk carrier slowed and continued their turn further to starboard, with the ferry turning to port. The bulk carrier indicated the ferry crossed less than a ship length ahead.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Gisborne

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

On transiting the channel outbound, the gyro was observed to be 2 degrees out.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

A crew member was dragging a stack of cases, when the hook slipped out, causing the crew member to slip backwards onto steel shelves. Found to have fractured a rib.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Wellington

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

Runner wire found to have begun to fail.

Injury Only

At berth, Tasman

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

A load of fish being lifted by crane had a bag of fish fall off, which hit a hatch cover and dropped back into the hold, bouncing off a structure on the way and glancing off a stevedore's helmet. An ambulance was called and the conscious worker was taken for assessment.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Jetski (PWC)
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

A jetski passed within 20m of a paddleboard well in excess of 5kts.

Equipment failure

At berth, Wellington

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

Overflow of water from open ballast tank lid into stabiliser space.

Tank was supposed to be pumping out at the time but some failure of the ballast system resulted in water coming back into the tank and overflowing when it reached capacity.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Hawkes Bay

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

RPM indicator at centreline conning position not illuminating. When navigating from the starboard bridge wing, the bow thrust was required to be operated from inside the wheelhouse.

Grounding

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

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

Vessel ran aground entering the harbour due to the entrance silting up. Vessel was towed off about 30-40 minutes later. Bilges and glands checked, no leaks found.

Grounding

Inshore waters, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel grounded in strong winds. No visible damage or pollution. A tug was put on standby to assist as the tide rose.

Foundered

Inshore waters, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	Rowing (scull, shell, skiff)
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

An eight oared rowing skiff with eight rowers and one coxswain on board was returning to shore following a training session. A powered vessel past nearby leaving a large wake. The skiff was caught with the bow and stern on wave crests and the centre out of the water, causing the boat to break in half. PFD were given to all those in the water, who held onto the coaching boat and were towed to the shore.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Two 6m yachts on starboard tack passed down the starboard side of the passenger vessel, also sailing on a starboard tack. The yachts then gybed 20-30m and 10m in front of the passenger vessel, claiming to have right-of-way.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Marlborough

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

Crane hoisting wire broke while loading logs.

Electrical power failure

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

Breaker for the shaft generator came out, causing the standby auxiliary generator to start and come online immediately. Engine power and steering was unaffected. The emergency generator started automatically but was not used.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Gisborne

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

Log lifting wire snapped and the load of logs settled back onto the trailer being lifted from.

Grounding

Inshore waters, Gisborne

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

A sea surge caused the vessel to hit a submerged rock while hauling cray pots. A small crack was later found in the hull.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Hawkes Bay

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

A low pressure alarm for the main engine, due to the fresh water cooling becoming air bound, activated the main engine safety feature and auto-reduced speed from 76rpm to 48rpm. Full speed was resumed after a few minutes. The crew later stopped the engine and reset the alarm, allowing normal voyage to resume.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Marlborough

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

Hoist wire on a crane broke. All operations ceased.

Grounding

A river, Otago

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

Vessel was travelling on a river when the water depth rapidly reduced from 7m to less than half a metre. The vessel grounded and stopped abruptly, injuring two of those on board.

Injury Only

Offshore waters, West Coast

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

Due to a problem with the engine, a crew member headed to the engine room and hurriedly stepped through a doorway, hitting the back of their head on the upper part of the doorway. The wound had stitches applied by medical staff.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

A crew member fell into a winch and cut their head, with Coastguard taking them ashore to an ambulance. Injury occurred during a gybe in 20-25kt wind. The main sheet was slow to come across, then moved suddenly, catching the crew member and throwing them across the cockpit into the winch. Sails were immediately dropped, first aid was given, and Coastguard called.

Collision

Inshore waters, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel passing through mooring approaching the beach collided with a dinghy tied to a mooring on a long submerged line. The dinghy suffered cracks in the fibreglass. Dinghy owner notified of incident.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

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

Proceeding inbound engine failed to fire astern. Tugs were used to slow the vessel with the bridge control of the engine later restored. When approaching the berth the engine again failed to fire astern.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Hawkes Bay

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

Vessel could not increase RPM due to the exhaust valve on a cylinder not operating because of a lack of lubricating oil. Air purging of exhaust valve actuator and lubricating oil pipe line carried out.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

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

On departure the pilot ordered half ahead, however the engine was unable to attain the required RPM. The vessel continued slow ahead while the engine room worked on the problem. The engineer advised the cause of the issue was a faulty temperature sensor on the number 5 cylinder, triggering the slow-down. The sensor was replaced and the engine returned to full power.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Bay of Plenty

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

A flexy return line burst on the starboard engine. The engine was shutdown and the vessel continued to an island on the port engine. Vessel later returned to port on one engine without passengers.

Propulsion failure

Offshore waters,

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

Vessel suffered a gearbox failure, causing a power loss. Unlikely to be able to be fixed at sea, so a tow was arranged.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Northland

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

Winch on the left side of the boom on a crane broke away and fell to the deck. Winch was not in use at the time.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Wellington

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

Crane runner wire began to unravel during loading. All operations ceased and runner wire was replaced.

Grounding

A lake, Waikato

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

Sailing vessel approached the shore in 12-15kts of wind with 1-1.5m waves to allow passengers to take photographs. The pull of the wind and the swell make the keel strike a submerged rock at the end of a peninsula. The skipper pulled away from the shore and made a visual inspection of the hull from above decks and a visual inspection below decks. Vessel returned to port and a further inspection found surface damage to paint on the hull under the water line, but no significant damage.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Northland

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

Main engine fault, vessel unable to move from anchorage.