



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

May 2018



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Contact

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Barge
Category:	
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	

While using a tug to retrieve the barge bow anchor, the retrieving line parted. This required the barge to be manoeuvred back to over the anchor to self-retrieve. Once retrieved, the vessel was coming back alongside the wharf, when the current and wind caused the barge to drift and contact the wharf, causing slight damage.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Canterbury

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

Around 15 minutes into a trip, the port engine died and the skipper was unable to restart it. The vessel returned to the wharf under power from the starboard engine. On investigation, the skipper found the emergency fuel shut-off was in the "off" position. This was returned to "on", the system was bled, and the engine restarted. On further investigation it was discovered that drills were being carried out on the ship the previous day. They believe that all systems had been returned to a normal state, but one fuel switch had inadvertently been left off.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Engine lost power. The master investigated and found a high pressure line between the fuel pump and injector pump had fractured. The engine was shut down, all leaked diesel was contained on board and disposed of ashore. Vessel returned on one engine for repair. Vibration and metal fatigue thought to be the cause.

Injury Only

Offshore waters, Otago

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

Crew were looking to retrieve a lost craypot with a large steel grapnel. On the first attempt no contact was made with the pot, with the grapnel hanging just over the side of the boat. A crewman turned the control the wrong way, causing the grapnel to very rapidly come inboard, contacting a crewman's head and arm. They were airlifted by helicopter to hospital.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Approaching another vessel that required assistance, a patrol boat surfed off a wave into a trough. The inclination and sudden deceleration caused the engine oil to rush to the front of the engine. The oil pickup briefly drew air, causing the oil pressure to drop. The electronic control unit reacted to the low oil pressure and stopped both engines. After engine room checks were completed the engine was restarted.

Equipment failure

At berth, Waikato

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

Petrol found in the fuel tank well during maintenance. Tank was removed to be tested to find the leak.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

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

Passenger fell from a ladder while climbing down onto the bow deck, landing on their feet and injuring their ankle. Transferred to paramedics at the terminal for assessment.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

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

While exiting a door from the main saloon, a passenger lost their balance and put their arm in the doorway, with the door closing on their arm. Passenger stayed on the vessel but, due to continued discomfort, was later transferred to a medical centre.

Grounding

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel exited marina in thick fog. While re-adjusting radar range the vessel strayed from the channel and, while manoeuvring back, grounded on mud. Skipper manoeuvred clear, with high temperature alarms sounding shortly afterward. Vessel anchored and engines were shut off, with strum boxes then cleared of mud.

Propulsion failure

A river, Canterbury

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

Boat had a slight vibration, so the driver decided to cut the trip short. Passengers were unloaded and vessel inspected, with a bearing on the driveshaft found to be failing. Vessel pulled from water, motor removed, and new parts fitted and engine alignment checked.

Mooring line failure

At berth, Chatham Islands

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

A huge sea surge entered the bay causing a vessel tied to the wharf to break all its lines. Two crew members got on board in time and moved the vessel to its mooring.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Northland

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

During the outbound passage the vessel suffered a main engine emergency slow down after full ahead was ordered. The vessel continued the passage on dead slow ahead only.

Propulsion failure

A river, Canterbury

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

Loss on power on one engine caused the boat to veer to the left and ground. Passengers were taken off the boat and boat was reversed off the beach.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Auckland

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

The vessel's water pump blew off in the engine room. The vessel's bilge alarm didn't go off, and the engine room was flooded until the skipper noticed and resolved the issue.

Injury Only

A lake, Southland

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

On returning to the vessel, a passenger was short of breath and struggling to breathe. Soon after departing the wharf, their condition deteriorated so an emergency call was made and the vessel brought up to full speed to return to the wharf to meet an ambulance.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Lifting wire or brake failed causing a lift to drop approximately 1m onto the deck.

Grounding

Inshore waters, Foreaux Strait

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

Vessel was in an anchorage, anchored with heavy chain to mooring blocks while the crew were ashore. Overnight strong winds caused the vessel to ground on the beach. The vessel later refloated, with minor damage caused to the rudder.

Steering gear failure

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

During passage, there was a failure of the starboard side steering gear. Course was maintained with the remaining port side steering gear and bow thrusters. Speed was reduced and cause of the failure investigated. It was found to be a feedback belt coming loose and giving incorrect positions of the rudder. The crew was unable to rectify the problem immediately, so passage was resumed and vessel berthed with tug assistance.

Collision

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Two students were in a double scull travelling on the correct side of the river. After looking back to ensure there were no boats behind them, they looked forward and saw a yacht coming straight towards them at speed. The two vessels collided, causing minor injury to the crew of the double scull.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

Worker was placing dunnage between two aluminium ingot stacks when the right tip of their index finger was crushed between the stacks.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

A surveyor slipped on a ladder at the entrance to a tank and injured their ankle. They were assisted ashore and taken for assessment.

Grounding

A lake, Otago

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

Vessel nosed in towards a rock to unload passengers. As the vessel pulled away a larger swell caught the boat and pushed it sideways into the rock. The skipper tried to drive out but ran out of depth, with the following waves pushing the vessel further onto the rocks. Assistance was called, but after 20 minutes the vessel was able to be pushed off the rocks. Minor damage caused.

Injury Only

At berth, Southland

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

While shutting down the vessel at the end of the day, a crew member was attaching the sullage hose to the valve on the side of the vessel. While lifting the hose, they injured a muscle in their leg.

Steering gear failure

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

After entering clear water, steering was changed from manual to autopilot. The autopilot was checked and course was set with four steering motors on. The master started to hand over to the 2nd mate when a "Loss of TP" alarm sounded. This would usually activate when the quartermaster moves steering from autopilot to manual. Manual steering was however not activated, and it was not possible to move the rudder from four degree to port with another control. Speed was reduced, and the master observed that all four control lights for the steering motors were off. The motors were restarted, and the autopilot took over again. No further alarms from the steering motors, with later investigation finding no definite cause.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Southland

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

A passenger tripped on the sea sill when re-entering the aft cabin from the top deck. Believed to have aggravated an old injury and was assessed by a medical officer. Later found to be a more serious arm injury.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Yacht (sail)
Category:	Sail Training
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	

Lost power while underway motoring and sailing in light conditions. Another vessel was secured alongside to provide propulsion.

Injury Only

In harbour, Auckland

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

Approximately five minutes into the sailing, a passenger felt dizzy, fainted, and fell to the floor. Crew provided first aid and vessel returned to a berth to be met by an ambulance.

Electrical power failure

At berth, Canterbury

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

Ship lost electrical power while navigating a channel due to two auxiliary engines stopping. Two tugs were made fast for berthing. The emergency generator started automatically and steering gear resumed. Auxiliary engines were restarted, with the main engine later available again. Found to be caused by a governor leak, causing the governor to over speed and breakdown.

Propulsion failure

Offshore waters, Tasman

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

Vessel departed early in the morning, but elected to shut down the main engine during transit due to an issue with the fuel pump. The crew then found a sheared coupling, so arranged for a tow.

Grounding

In harbour, Northland

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

Vessel ran aground on a mud bank while motoring with no sail up. No injuries or damage. The helm was taken back from a passenger who had been helming under supervision and an attempt made to back off the mud. The tender was launched to push on the bow, jib sails were set, and all passengers asked to sit on the portside to try and shift the vessel to get the keel free. No success. The rising tide later freed the vessel, continuing to berth with frequent engine and bilge inspections.

Injury Only

At berth, Wellington

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

A crew member slipped on the deck outside the messroom and injured their knee. Vessel was in port, so they were taken to hospital for observation.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Wellington

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

Loss of power on the starboard engine on approach to a wharf. Berthed using emergency procedures on the port engine only. Suspected fuel blockage.

Collision

In harbour, Otago

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

Vessel collided with a moored vessel while also attempting to moor. Damage caused to both vessels.

Injury Only

A river, Auckland

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

A crew member lifted themselves up on the edge of a shelf to attempt to remove condensation from a bridge window. They overbalanced and tried to use a panel to support themselves, which couldn't hold their weight, and they fell two metres to the floor. First aid was given for a hand injury.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel departing after bunkering was travelling at 2kts and started to turn to port when a deckhand yelled that there was a small boat very close to the port side. The engines were put astern, but because the vessel was close to the pier, it collided with the wharf.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Otago

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

During voyage, the temperature of the main engine intermediate shaft bearing was observed to be increasing. The vessel was stopped, continuing at slow speed after the bearing temperature decreased. On arrival, the cover of the shaft bearing was opened for investigation, with the bearing to be replaced.

Equipment failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

A ladder rung came of the bulkhead while a digger driver was entering the hold.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Logs fell from the lifting gear into the hold, lift had been swinging and touching the coaming.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Northland

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

A passenger tripped and fell down a set of stairs while moving from the mid deck to the main deck. The vessel then returned to meet an ambulance.

Injury Only

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

At a waterfall, a passenger didn't tuck forward enough and was thrown into the first aid kit in front of them, hitting their nose. Passenger was treated for a potential fracture.

Collision

A lake, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel returning to wharf noticed a float plane also moving on the water. Vessel altered course to avoid risk of collision, however float plane continued to track towards the vessel. Vessel came to a complete stop and started to blow the horn, then started to go astern. The plane however struck the vessel's deck railing with it's wing and propeller.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Foreaux Strait

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

Crew member suffered an injury while bracing their hip against the dashboard handrail while taking a video looking forward in rough conditions.

Steering gear failure

In harbour, Southland

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

Departing the berth with hard lock to port on the steering and half throttle, vessel only just turning. The wheel was turned but vessel continued going straight toward the opposite wharf with the ebb tide.

Propulsion failure

A river, Otago

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

Travelling upstream the engine lost RPM then stopped. Another boat towed them to shore and the passengers were transferred to continue their trip. Engine was found to have a broken connecting rod in the #5 cylinder.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

During a turn, the starboard stabiliser was damaged in heavy swell. The deploying piston broken off from the end connecting rotating stock.

Injury Only

At berth, Wellington

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

Passenger boarded the vessel and made their way down the stairs. At the landing of the stairs, they tripped and fell forwards, injuring their left shoulder.