



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

November 2018



What's in this summary

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Injury Only

At berth, Otago

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

Passenger fell while picking up object from the deck. Sustained hip fracture. Area inspected and found without any defects, well lit by natural light and dry.

Injury Only

At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

Crew member unbalanced and fell down about 2.5m from gangway to wharf while preparing to keep gangway before ship departure. Incident reported to local agent. Cancelled pilot boarding due to incident. Crew member sent to hospital in ambulance with cuts and pain.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Crane driver pulling wires out of hold and the ferrule hit a rusted tank fitting. A piece of metal plate came off the tank and landed on the wharf, about 30m from any personnel as they were all in their safe zones. The scene was frozen and checks were carried out to ensure that no one was in immediate danger at the time of incident.

Near miss/close quarters

River, Manawatu-Wanganui

Vessel information	
Type:	
Category:	Canadian Canoe
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Jet boat approached two canoes from down stream. Canoes moved to the left of the river to shelter behind a large rock in an eddy, as they were already left side due to a rapid they were exiting. Jet boat continued to approach at speed and drove between canoes and the Canoes moved to the right side this time as it was closer, and jet boat again passed between canoes and the shore, a channel less than 5 meters wide. Both times there was at least a 20 metre space on the other side of the canoes that was safer, and wider to pass.

Injury Only

Coastal, Canterbury

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

A crew member was trying to clear a jammed carton in the freezer area. That activated a sensor and a pusher came down and snapped the crew member's neck, resulting in a fatality. Crew member found possibly 5-10 minutes later and then attended to by a medic but death may have been instantaneous.

Fire

Coastal, Canterbury

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

Small fire occurred which affected non-statutory equipment. Ship went to crew alert, evacuated a few cabins near the source but majority of smoke contained in one area. Crew isolated the power which was still off while they investigated. No injuries.

Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

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

Worker tripped and collided with a gear bin. Suspected fracture.

Grounding

Coastal, Waikato

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

Barge ran aground on an island that did not show up on the radar at night. All people on board OK. No damage to the vessel and no spillage. Other vessels called to assist and vessel waited until high tide and float off.

Steering gear failure

Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Hire and drive charter vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Loss of steerage on approach to berth resulting in inability to berth as allocated. Able to manoeuvre and temporarily tie up to a pole mooring on the opposite side of the marina until the boat was able to be manoeuvred to another suitable berth. Loss of steerage resulted from locknut on turnbuckle coming loose and the turnbuckle shifting along cog until jamming against the top steering pinion. No damage or injury resulting.

Collision

At berth, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Charter passenger vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Berthed vessel at haul out and informed haulout staff they could remove it from the water. Returned to vehicle. Saw another vessel approach the dock at a speed higher than expected. Heard a crash as the vessel came into dock in the adjacent berth. Subsequently returned to investigate and assisted the skipper by holding his bow and stern whilst haulout staff member boarded the vessel to park it in the available berth. There was visible damage to the second vessel's stainless rail on the stern. Skipper was visibly shaken and didn't say anything. Inspected first vessel for any damage and couldn't find any at the time. The following day an investigation showed visible damage to the starboard bow to the first vessel, just above the waterline. Damage was unable to be seen from the dock when the incident occurred. No one was injured during the incident.

Medical Event

Inshore, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Aquaculture vessel
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

One of the crew had a medical issue where they collapsed in the wheelhouse. The Skipper put out a Mayday call over channel 16. Patient flown by helicopter to hospital.

Propulsion failure

Coastal, Gisborne

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

Vessel headed out to pick up fishing lines in weather conditions of 1m swell and 25knots of south southeast wind. Vessel stalled due to fuel problem. Via VHF skipper called to another vessel for assistance which towed it to deeper water. Skipper on disabled vessel then changed fuel filters and proceeded to sea. Towing vessel sustained minor damage on the back stern quarter, aft railing and bollard by tow rope.

Injury Only

River, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	<24 m
Tonnage (tons):	

Head bumped the dashboard during a spin. Passenger assessed as having a minor injury and ice pack applied after trip had returned to base.

Steering gear failure

River, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Boat went for its initial river test with driver and technicians on board. They departed from the trailer, drove approximately 80 meters upstream, did a planing turn and headed back downstream towards the jetty. About 25m above the jetty driver noticed the steering was getting tight. Turned vessel near jetty to get a photo on its maiden voyage and the steering started to bind. Assessment from technicians on board ascertained the fault was in the column. The boat returned to the trailer and was taken to the workshop to investigate the cause. The most likely cause was inside the steering boss, with the outer diameter of a spacer contacting the internal diameter of the housing. System inspections and secondary checks prior to water testing gave no inclination that there were any issues with the steering.

Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

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

Minor injury to crew member's hand when cylinder head under repair slipped. The cylinder head was being repaired on the trawl deck. The vessel was alongside the wharf, upright and stable, i.e. no movement due to weather. Work stopped and crew member examined by the ship's physician who recommended he be taken to after hours medical centre as a precaution. An immediate safety briefing after the incident was held for all engineering staff involved in the Repairs and Maintenance work. Crew member was qualified and experienced and was wearing the correct PPE.

Contact

At berth, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Charter passenger vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Skipper berthed the ship alongside the wharf pontoon on the southern side when the ship touched the end corner of the pontoon. That pierced the vessel amidship above rubbing strake breaking a couple of boards and entering a deck locker which houses spare dingy fuel, LPG bottles and 2 stroke oil container for the dingy. The impact popped lid off dingy oil and squeezed content out which then leaked into water. Managed to contain most of it by removing oil container promptly and towelling oil from deck scupper and rubbing strake. Tipped dishwashing liquid between ship and pontoon and went ahead on engine to disperse what went in the water which resulted in a rainbow discolouration on water surface.

Near miss/close quarters

Wellington

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

Small yacht observed sailing from the vessel's port bow. Large vessel commenced a slow turn to starboard but the yacht then tacked towards large vessel's bow on a collision course. Sounded five short blasts on the ship's whistle and then turned large vessel hard to starboard but then had to go hard to port to swing the stern away from yacht. Police launch then attended the yacht.

Grounding

In harbour, Otago

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

Lost situational awareness in thick fog resulting in a soft grounding. Checked boat to be sound and returned to port.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Southland

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

While approaching underwater observatory wharf, port main engine did not respond and skipper managed to get alongside with starboard main engine only. Then the vessel returned safely to port, with manual gearbox selection. The failure was found to be mechanical.

Contact

At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Charter passenger vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Wind gust pushed vessel sideways when it was committed to the final approach to the berth. Wind gust was from the south (winds were 17kts, gusting 25kts) and left less room to manoeuvre on the starboard side. This left not enough room when the final turn to port was made to come alongside and the stern of the vessel made contact with the stern of another vessel which was further along the pontoon. Both vessels only sustained superficial damage, one to the rubbing strip and the other to the quarter chine.

Propulsion failure

River, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Port engine stopped during spin at the jetty. Cause was a wire that had chafed on an engine part and had shorted to earth.

Propulsion failure

Coastal, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Category:	Other fishing vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Skipper found that all batteries were drained. Sent PAN PAN message. Vessel had no other issues. Conditions good. Skipper requested batteries to be brought out or tow. Another vessel was able to respond relatively quickly and new batteries loaded aboard. Vessel steamed back to port.

Propeller entangled

Coastal, Otago

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

Rope tangled around prop. Vessel towed to port.

Grounding

In harbour, Northland

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

Vessel grounded on soft mudbank two hours before low tide. A kedge anchor was deployed by a passing vessel and vessel floated off without damage or spillage. Hull sound, no leaks.

Contact

At berth, Auckland

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

On approach to wharf trainee master under supervision had the helm. The approach was misaligned and the vessel made contact with a pile on the wharf at an approximate speed of 2 knots. The training master did not have sufficient time to take command and avoid contact. A safety announcement was made on final approach to the wharf requesting passengers to sit down or hold onto hand rails. On this occasion passengers were waiting on the lower deck to disembark and one passenger fell over. No injury or damage to the vessel occurred.

Chemical or harmful substance spill

Coastal, Tasman

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

Ammonia detection alarms set off in factory. Bridge alerted that there was a leak and all crew in the immediate area were evacuated to the muster point. Engineers donned ammonia masks and proceeded to check the area for the leak source. Decision made that it was not able to be fixed while at sea. Bridge advised that leak could not be stopped quickly and to vent to outboard of ship through hatches on deck. All crew advised to stay well clear of affected area. Vessel turned back towards harbour and repairs.

Injury Only

In harbour, Auckland

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

Crew member loading deck with vehicles stood on one of the tie down points, resulting in a broken wrist after they then tripped and landed on hand.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

When completing deck log lashing, put down crane and hook in a way that pressed one crew member's hand causing a finger to break.

Propulsion failure

At berth, Taranaki

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

When manoeuvring vessel to berth, main engines failed to start astern. The vessel was stopped, swung and berthed without the use of main engine, instead using two tugs and the vessel's starboard anchor.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	General cargo/multi-purpose ship
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Officer noted that during log loading crane No. 2 lifting block was slightly unscrewed from the swivel. The locking plate that keeps the swivel and hook together had been damaged/dislodged causing the hook to unscrew from the swivel. Ship's crew fabricated new locking plate fixing it with new bolts to secure hook to swivel once more. Surveyor attended and repairs found to be satisfactory.

Grounding

Inshore, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Aquaculture vessel
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel entering bay heading for dumb barge with one crew member on watch and skipper in wheelhouse. Skipper asked crew on watch a question and did not get a reply. Skipper then noticed that the vessel was close to shore. Skipper put the vessel astern but the boat still had forward momentum. Vessel made contact with seafloor and came to a stop. Vessel inspected for damage and none found. Moved vessel to dumb barge and woke remaining crew and conducted further inspections for damage - none found. Continued on with normal vessel operations.

Propulsion failure

Coastal, Chatham Islands

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

Fuel return line broke resulting in fuel going into the bilges and causing the motor to stall. Used spare anchors to hold vessel until the rope broke, then used main anchor which held until another vessel arrived to give a tow home.

Near miss/close quarters

Coastal, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Category:	Other fishing vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

A fishing vessel prepared to drop their dredge in an area where two other vessels were already fishing. One of these other vessels altered course to head straight for the port side of the newly arrived vessel. The skipper of the new vessel stopped setting his dredge and pulled his boat to idle. Words were exchanged between the two skippers. The skipper of the newly arrived vessel pulled their dredge on board as they had decided to go elsewhere but the other vessel was still chasing them down at speed, given the size of the bow wave coming from the boat. The skipper being chased got his phone out to start recording what was happening, but the pursuing vessel then departed.

Equipment failure

River, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Ran out of fuel. Fuel gauge failure resulted in the vessel not having enough fuel.

Equipment failure

At berth, Northland

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

Vessel loading emergency stopped due to apparent failure of on board hydraulically activated cargo valves. Engineer checked hydraulic system and added more hydraulic oil. Engineer checked valve operation, verified functional and resumed loading. Bulb on console for hydraulic power had failed without triggering any alarm. Lamp test on console for hydraulic power unit control to be carried out daily.

Equipment failure

At berth, Northland

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

While modifying in-hull petrol tanks it was found that three lines entered the sealed hull. The lines had been cut but not capped, which would have allowed fumes into the hull, creating an explosion risk.

Capsize

Coastal, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Recreational
Category:	Waka
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Two waka teams met to undertake a training session. Conditions assessed and considered suitable for long paddle. Upon return the teams (two canoes of 4 people) noted that surf conditions had changed with an increased swell. One team proceeded into shore and landed successfully. The second team proceeded to return to shore but canoe broached on wave with all occupants ejected. One occupant failed to surface, Second team saw incident and immediately swam out to assist. Remaining person located on surface and brought to shore. Assessed as having respiration distress by qualified member and given oxygen. Ambulance called.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Vessel suffered main engine failure just after departing the quay and was on dead slow ahead at approx. 2 knots. Tug had just been let go and the vessel was in hand steering. Bridge alarm sounded, and the master advised that we had lost main engines. The tug was instructed to re-attach its towline on the port quarter, and steering was maintained using a combination of tug and rudder. Engines were restored after a couple of minutes, and the tug kept until the vessel cleared the dredged channel. Caused by sensor failure.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Southland

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

After sea trials and when heading out the vessel DDEC control unit began to show signs of a drop in oil pressure. The vessel was placed into idle ahead while looking down to check the control unit and engine room camera. Wind blew vessel off the safe passage and into the channel marker, knocking it off the top of the pole. It sank quickly. Vessel returned to port to check damage which included small dents and a scratch.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Southland

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

While cruising, oil pressure began to drop rapidly and control unit alarm sounded. Vessel maneuverer to "safe" position for wind conditions where inspection of engine found oil being blown out of the dipstick. Vessel shut down, radioed to other vessel to assist in removal of passengers before it returned to tow vessel back to port. Discovered that an injector fuel pipe was loose and diesel fuel had entered into oil after recent maintenance.

Injury Only

Coastal, Southland

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

Due to an object being stuck on the bottom, a rope flung backwards causing a buoy to hit a crew member. Due to the heavy impact, the crew member was knocked to the ground and injured.

Injury Only

Coastal, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Category:	Other fishing vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Diver hit by vessel propeller resulting in serious leg injury.

Contact

At berth, Wellington

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

On approach to wharf, wind direction veered and speed increased, setting the vessel onto lee shore. Aborted berthing but vessel touch wharf pile and reclamation. Vessel then berthed and discharged passengers and cargo. Hull later surveyed.

Equipment failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

ISO equipment failed dropping logs 3-4 metres on to deck of vessel from crane. Scene frozen while Maritime Officer called to attend scene. No injuries. Engineers called in to check all rigging equipment.

Extreme vessel movement

River/harbour bar, Waikato

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

Skipper requested a report on conditions over the bar, was informed they were flat. Over the hour it took to reach the bar conditions deteriorated significantly, with a wave catching the stern and spinning the vessel to port then starboard. Skipper called for lifejackets to be worn, with the vessel then reaching calm water and allowing an inspection of the hold, which found a number of items knocked over.

Propulsion failure

At berth, Northland

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

Main engine failed to respond to bridge telegraph control during approach to berth. Two tugs were fast to the vessel forward and aft. Vessel was proceeding at dead slow ahead towards berth. Bridge telegraph was put to slow ahead position with no response. Engine was stopped, then telegraph was put to dead slow ahead again, engine responded but rpm dropped to zero after a short period. Control changed to engine room control, engine put to dead slow ahead, engine responded and maintained rpm. Vessel continued berthing using engine room control.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	General cargo/multi-purpose ship
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Crew member heard loud noise in hold. Approached and found container spreader chains parted.

Equipment failure

Offshore, Chatham Islands

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

Sewage valve holed, located on starboard side of engine room about 5m above ship's keel. Used cement box to make a temporary repair and reported event to ship's owner.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Marlborough

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

Hydraulic hose burst when stern door opening on vessel. Approximately 5 litres of hydraulic oil was lost overboard. Stopped pump immediately and the rest of the oil was contained on-board. Harbour Master informed.

Propeller entangled

Coastal, Auckland

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

Sampling equipment deployed in error when vessel was in reverse. As a result the gear damaging three blades on the starboard propeller. No injury to crew and vessel not incapacitated or in danger. Returned to home base to assess damage under own power.

Near miss/close quarters

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Sailing yacht impeded safe passage of container vessel due to yacht being becalmed in centre channel with no attempt to motor to safety. Container vessel had to stop engines and manoeuvre around the yacht using tugs. All appropriate sound signals had been made.

Contact

At berth, Southland

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

The vessel was alongside the wharf but the wind swell caused the vessel to surge on the wharf resulting in the starboard side bow cleat snapping off, leaving a small hole in the deck. The vessel was turned round on the wharf and made fast port side to the wharf. The vessel has been removed from service and the ship surveyor has been informed.

Injury Only

At berth, Southland

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

Vessel tying up starboard side to wharf. As the line was being made fast to a cleat, the line jumped off and caused the crewman's hand to contact a metal gate stop.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Southland

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

Vessel lost steerage and left the channel. In recovering the vessel both tugs eventually snapped. One tug has damage to hull which is under investigation. Unknown if the vessel touched bottom.

Oil Spill

Inshore, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Naval vessel
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Small fuel spill that resulted in approximately 15L of diesel being spilled over the side into the sea. Crew company reacted very quickly to isolate the source of the fuel spill and place absorbent pads to stop further spills over the side. Vessel launched small boats to disperse the visible slick for a period of approximately 40 minutes. Vessel departed area after deeming that the visible slick had been dispersed as effectively as possible.

Injury Only

Coastal, Canterbury

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

Crew member hit on the head by the handle of a manual fish pusher used to push fish around the deck. Crew member was in the process of picking up fish off the deck while another person was pushing fish into the hold with the pusher. The pusher slipped out of the crew member's grip with the handle coming into contact with the other person's head. The injured person complained of a sore head. The Vessel Manager was notified and told the vessel to return to port, after which the injured person went to local hospital for assessment.

Injury Only

Offshore, Canterbury

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

Crew member bitten on hand by a shark. Nets hauled in and vessel manager advised that vessel will be steaming to port to seek medical attention.

Injury Only

Inshore, Marlborough

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

Crew hurt his back getting into his bunk and called 111 so that he could be removed from the vessel. Taken to hospital by ambulance to be seen by a doctor.

Contact

In harbour, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Tugboat
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

During docking of container vessel, tug pushing on starboard shoulder of container vessel slipped on hull and tug mast came into contact with flare of bow. Tug reversed and realigned and continued pushing until docking operations completed. Tug then proceeded to normal berth. Top half of mast bent and top navigation lights damaged. Scratch on paintwork of container vessel. Weather conditions were dark and rainy, with light winds. Container vessel draft was several metres less than usual.

Near miss/close quarters

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Passenger/Vehicle Ferry
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	<600

Small runabout approached from behind at high speed passing in front of the vessel missing bow ramp by a couple of meters. Skipper sounded the horn.

Flooded

Lake, Otago

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

Vessel was beached with stern into southerly loading gear into the boat via the walk through bow. A wave came over the back and cut out the outboard engines. The boat washed onto the beach. The engine requires replacing. Hull requires repair on starboard side. Vessel was salvaged onto trailer immediately and taken away for repair. Surveyor notified immediately.

Collision

At berth, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Charter passenger vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Vessel readying for departure was berthed port-side to the pontoon with cruise ship tender berthed to the stern and a third vessel berthed in front, tied to the wharf not the pontoon. Departing vessel was ready to move off the pontoon and had engines engaged with all lines removed except the spring-line. The engines of the tender were also engaged and creating a wash. Skipper of departing vessel put engines into neutral to remove the springline. The wash from the tender caught the stern of the departing vessel and pushed it away from the pontoon. The skipper was unable to remove the spring-line and the vessel swung perpendicular to the wharf and the vessel berthed in front. The bow made contact with the forward port quarter of vessel berthed on the wharf, shattering windows. There were no passengers on either vessel and no injuries to the skippers.

Collision

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Pilot transferring to vessel which altered course as pilot vessel was approaching. Pilot vessel struck bulk carrier heavily on its starboard side and caused the port wheel house of pilot vessel to roll into the bulk carrier shattering the port side wheel house window and some damage to the fibreglass above the window frame. Pilot boarded the vessel after impact and pilot vessel returned to berth for a damage assessment.

Propulsion failure

Lake, Southland

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

Loss of port generator, low coolant alarm on starboard engine. Engine switched off but port engine remained running. Skipper left wheelhouse to check starboard engine, with a crew member at the helm. On inspecting the starboard engine an open flame near some wiring was noted. Extinguisher used and flame extinguished. Attempted to start port generator but unable to. Starboard generator started and vessel returned to berth on the port engine. On-call engineers called and wiring replaced. Spark then flame appears to have been caused by wire contacting metal. Wire sheathing had worn through due to rubbing of wire on metal. To prevent this recurring "P" clamps have been used.

Capsize

River, Otago

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

Raft flipped while negotiating rapid. All occupants ended up in the water, with one passenger dislocating a shoulder. First aid administered at the scene then moved to evacuation point and flown out by helicopter to hospital.

Capsize

River, Bay of Plenty

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

Flipped raft at falls, patient's left thumb got caught between rope and raft, and dislocated but relocated by itself within the same minute.

Flooded

In harbour, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	Recreational
Category:	Personal Water Craft
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Left island after an hour of freediving. Shortly afterwards within 400m of the island marker we took on large amounts of water very quickly. Boat instantly became submerged and those on board were forced out into the water. Boat remained afloat and police were called. Returned to island light marker and awaited rescue.

Injury Only

In harbour, Auckland

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

Spinnaker pole hit person in jaw and pushed him to the deck, resulting in a bang to the head and person was unconscious for approx 30 sec. Vessel dropped sails immediately and crew dialled 111. Took care of injured crew. Another boat with a doctor on board came to our assistance and transferred on board. Vessel then motored to the rescue centre to meet police and paramedic. Weather was calm and overcast, 2-3 knots of wind.

Steering gear failure

River, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Steering locked up when boat driving downstream through gorge. Driver dropped off the plan and manoeuvred boat to shore. Called workshop for assistance. Swapped to another boat and completed the trip. Boat returned to workshop - fault found within the steering held assembly. All boats removed from service for a fleet wide inspection .

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

Whilst loading the ships' gear bin, the general hand on the ship assisted with landing the unit into allocated stow. As the weight came off the ship's spreader, general hand's finger got pinched between the spreader and the container resulting in it being crushed. Attended medical centre and transferred to hospital.

Fire

Beyond Offshore,

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

Fire in accommodation. Mustered fire part, checked all hands present. Electrical power switched off for accommodation. commenced fire fighting fire with fire hose wearing fire suit and B.A. Set. Boundary cooling all round the accommodation carried out. Main engine stopped. Fire in control and extinguished by fire fighters using fire hose. No damage to hull or machinery or injury to any crew.

Propulsion failure

River, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Other Commercial
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

During the last trip of the day, while heading up river the boat's engine cut out without warning. Succeeded in restarting the boat and kept the vessel's nose into the flow. After checking all gauges etc continued upstream but the vessel cut out once again. Threw anchor over the side, and while letting out rope contacted base to advise them of location and situation. The anchor grabbed and skipper restarted and idled the engine and increased in revs. Base asked assistance needed, and skipper agreed as vessel was some distance from base and skipper uncertain whether vessel could proceed without further engine failures. Anchor started to drag so vessel restarted and skipper decided to try and get further up stream to where the passengers could be offloaded and transferred safely to another vessel. Proceeded some way upstream but still not in a great position to get the passengers off. Drove vessel up the bank to put it in a safe position for passengers and also to enable the skipper could go to the back of the boat to look for anything obvious within the engine bay. Checked fuel filter for water and other fuel and electrical fittings but found nothing obvious.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Auckland

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

Returning to permanent mooring after a day sail, on approach to the mooring the main engine failed. Dropped anchor. Investigated and was able to restart the main engine, however vessel had no power. Weighed anchor and sailed onto the mooring.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	General cargo/multi-purpose ship
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Loading vessel using the ship's cranes. Stevedores loaded 2 pallets into a pallet cage and the crane hook was engaged to lift the pallet cage. As the weight was taken on by the crane the lower of two pallets' strapping broke approx 1.5m above the wharf structure and discharged part of the cargo. The crane lift was abandoned immediately. There were no stevedores in the immediate vicinity and no injuries to any parties.

Collision

Marina/boat ramp, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	Recreational
Category:	Jetboat
Length (m):	6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Waiting to load boat up from a boat ramp and was next in line waiting at one of the controlled stop-go signs. Several boats also waiting in line behind. Another skipper was impatient and tried cutting the line to get his boat loaded, everyone else in their boats were telling him to wait in line. Proceeded at about 5 knots to enter the entrance to the boat ramps when the other skipper came up behind me at about 7 knots. They drove their boat right up the back, passenger could reach up and touch their hull. That boat then slid off while skipper tried to control the vessel and not hit the wall of boulders which was beside them. The other skipper then drove their boat several times onto the back of the first vessel again causing more damage.

Electrical power failure

Coastal, Waikato

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

Scheduled trip with passengers and skipper. Light breeze and flat water with excellent visibility. Engine failed - 108V circuit failed with subsequent total loss of power to electric engine. Skipper called for assistance. On vessel all fuses checked. Plan was made to sail vessel back to harbour entrance where it would be towed in by another vessel for berthing.

Capsize

River, Bay of Plenty

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

Raft flipped at waterfall with an impact from a hard object to a passenger who surfaced in pain. Kayaker stabilised in water and emergency communications plan followed. Ambulance called and operator's vehicle driven to incident site so that the person could then be transferred to the ambulance. Taken to hospital for check.

Capsize

River, Hawke's Bay

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

Rafting guide was guiding the last of three rafts to run the final drop of a rapid. As the raft entered the drop, the guide grabbed a link but missed, and fell into the river, hitting a client on the head with force. Guide climbed back into the raft quickly. Client was shaken up and assessed as having no visible trauma, alert but sustained blow to helmet. Guide periodically checked with client during the remainder of the trip but later required medical attention.

Injury Only

Inshore, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Category:	Charter passenger vessel
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Left wharf with four people on board for scheduled trip. Inflated parasail for first flyers. All went well and for the next parasailers, the crew decided to change parasails as the wind was getting stronger. They deflated the parasail and set up other parasail for inflation. Upon inflating the second parasail one crew member stepped into the path of the chute as it deployed from the boat. The parasail webbing (yoke) struck crew member on one side of his head as it ran past the flight deck causing an abrasive like cut. Crew member was dazed and bleeding. First aid administered including a gauze pad and bandage, then vessel returned to wharf to take injured crew member to doctors for further assessment.