



# Accident, incident, and mishap notification

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## **What's in this summary**

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## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Wellington

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

Engine failed during approach to the harbour. Approach was aborted and the ship turned hard to port away from the entrance. After communication between the bridge and engine room propulsion was restored and the ship continued.

## Propulsion failure

### Coastal, Bay of Plenty

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

Port engine revs dropped but engine did not stop. Further investigation found a partial blockage at the exit of the fuel tank. Passengers and crew transferred to another vessel to continue the trip.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Southland

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

Loss of propulsion due to a faulty o-ring in a fuel filter, resulting in a loss of fuel to the engine. New o-ring installed, fuel primed, engine started.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Nelson

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

While luffing down the crane started shuddering and clunking. When put into neutral the jib dropped approximately 1m. Found that the luffing wire had jumped off the sheave and was damaged, believed to be due to rough handling during loading.

## Injury

### Inshore, Tasman

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

A passenger was intending to jump off the vessel cabin top into the water, but changed their mind at the last second and in an uncontrolled descent hit the side hand rail before landing in the water. They were removed from the water and laid on the rear boarding platform. First aid given for shock, and emergency services called due to a suspected broken leg. Helicopter arrived and transferred paramedics, who treated the patient allowing them to be taken to shore by tender and then to the helicopter.

## Contact

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Heading out for a training run on an outgoing tide the waka approached a moored trimaran. The crew tried to correct but came into contact with the front of the vessel. Attempted to assess any damage, but due to abuse from a person on board the other vessel the waka departed, returning a short time later. Minor paint damage observed.

## Extreme vessel movement

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Recreational vessel returning to the ramp observed an aquaculture vessel at the wharf with significant prop wash behind it. Despite giving the wash a wide berth it hit the vessel with significant force throwing the vessel into the boat ramp. The vessel was turned through 180 degrees before it could escape the prop wash and vacate into clear water.

## Propulsion failure

### River, Tasman

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

Vessel had been serviced and repaired with several electrical components replaced previously and needing extra testing. After 30 minutes the vessel stopped and would not restart. Another vessel provided a tow, with the vessel taken to a maintenance facility for further assessment.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Waikato

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

Loss of propulsion due to blown hydraulic hose on the transmission. Deployed anchor and arranged a tow back to port. Oil in bilge was contained and removed from vessel.

## Grounding

### Inshore, Northland

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

Vessel grounded on a reef. The vessel was unable to be moved so all passengers were taken by another vessel. Grounded vessel was re-floated on the tide and towed to port.

## Fire

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Skipper saw smoke coming from the engine room vent, seeing a small fire when looking into the engine room. The fire was extinguished and a call for assistance made. Vessel was towed to its berth.

## Grounding

### Inshore, Chatham Islands

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Category:	Cray/Rock Lobster vessel
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

While trying to retrieve a stuck pot a large wave was seen forming. The vessel turned to head for safer waters but the surge sucked out and the bottom of the stern leg of the boat struck a rock, causing major damage to the bottom of the leg.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Waikato

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

Fuel leak detected. Inspection found the secondary fuel filter leaking. Repair made but not satisfactory. Called for a tow and the auto bilge pump was disconnected. On return bilge water was removed from vessel, the fuel filter refitted and inspected.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

In transit with three main engines on line with main engine number three supplying all the ship's power demands via the port shaft generator. With no indicator warning the breaker for the port shaft generator opened causing momentary brown out. The emergency generator and standby diesel generator came online automatically and promptly. Engine power was not interrupted, steerage was interrupted momentarily.

## Collision

### In harbour, Otago

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

During the pre-start for a race the vessel was sailing on a port tack along the start line was struck by another yacht, causing a large hole in the hull. Other yachts were quickly on the scene and assistance in bailing was given. The engine was started and the yacht motored towards shore. The engine became swamped and cut out, with a tow provided by another vessel.

## Fire

### Inshore, Southland

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

Crew observed smoke from the engine room vents. Alarm sounded in the wheelhouse. A small fire in the 240v wiring was found, put out by a fire extinguisher and the 240v system was isolated. A loose wire was found in the junction box. Rewired and an RCD put in place.

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Southland

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

A passenger fainted and fell, with ankle injuries caused by the fall.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Southland

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

A stevedore fell off an open hatch and broke both wrists. Taken to hospital.

## Injury

### Inshore, Nelson

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

Skipper and crew member preparing to leave the farm was struck in the eyes by a green laser light. Both the skipper and crew member were temporarily blinded for approximately 30 minutes.

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Southland

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

A passenger stepped backwards and fell down stairs.

## Cargo shift

### At berth, Auckland

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

Routine unloading of 6m stainless steel in packets of three was being undertaken. Cargo of 18 packets was over the edge of the wharf when one packet came free and fell onto the wharf from a height of approximately 5m.

## Grounding

### Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

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

Vessel was parked for the day on a concrete ramp for maintenance. However the skipper was not able to move the vessel off the concrete before low tide, and the vessel grounded.

## Extreme vessel movement

### Offshore, Gisborne

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

Crew member was cooking when a large wave hit the vessel on the starboard side, rolling the vessel to port as much as 40 to 50 degrees. The crew member was thrown across the wheelhouse and landed on their tail bone on the step inside the entrance to the wheelhouse.

## Equipment failure

### At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

Lasher working from the gantry walkway was leaning over the safety rail to tighten the turnbuckle when the rail gave way. The lasher fell towards the containers but managed to brace their weight with their head until they could free their hands. The drop to the deck would have been approximately 3.5m. The safety rail at the top of the gantry are a series of rails bolted rather than welded in place. The bolts remain intact but the area of the rail which the bolts ran through had rusted, but been painted over, disguising the hazard.

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

A gantry hook became dislodged when a crew member was lifting mussel back bone. The hook struck them on the head causing no obvious serious injury. Their condition later deteriorated and they were taken to hospital.

## Medical Event

### Offshore, Nelson

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

Company advised of a crew member with a serious medical condition requiring hospital treatment. Weather conditions prevented helicopter operations in the area, so the vessel steamed towards the nearest port, being met by the pilot boat.

## Grounding

### In harbour, Chatham Islands

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

Leaving the harbour at low tide the vessel hit a reef.

## Person Overboard

### In harbour, Wellington

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

Loss of a man overboard during a yacht race due to an accidental gybe sailing downwind. The crew member had been holding the mainsail in place. After radio communication the following race boat retrieved them from the water.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Marlborough

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

Transporter moved after one chain had been attached, causing a part of the transporter to detach, hitting a crew member's leg causing a break.

## Injury Only

### Coastal, Wellington

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

The crew were changing trawl nets with the bosun assisting to push heavy chain weights on to the net-roller. The bosun's hard hat became dislodged, and while retrieving the hat the chain slipped and contacted their head.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Fit out work was being carried out with a worker lying on the bottom bunk bed applying wood stain to the base of the bed above with a rag. During the work a drop of stain dripped into the worker's eye, resulting in immediate pain and discomfort. A co-worker nearby accessed medical supplies and an eye bath was applied. The worker was then transferred to hospital.

## Collision

### In harbour, Northland

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

Heading out of the harbour the skipper accidentally put the steering into inactive mode. By the time they realised it was too late to avoid hitting a cardinal marker. The marker was struck at approximately 5kts, causing it to collapse on impact. No damage to vessel.

## Contact

### In harbour, Canterbury

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

Coming alongside another vessel the vessels touched harder than normal, resulting in damage to a hand rail and the MOB smoke float being activated. Harbour control was notified about the smoke, and once it had cleared the vessel approached again without issue.

## Fire

### At berth, Auckland

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

Smoke was seen coming from a hold. Cargo was non-coking coal. Fire service was called, who commenced dousing hotspots. Unloading continued two hours later.

## Other

### At berth, Northland

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

Crane driver turned the crane clockwise into the hatch, however another crane jib was in their blind spot and a minor collision occurred.

## Fire

### At berth, Auckland

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

Non-coking coal cargo found to be smoking. Crew spot cooled the hull and fire service called as a precaution.

## Equipment failure

### At berth, Northland

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

A stanchion post was detached at its base from a forceful impact with logs being loaded.

## Equipment failure

### At berth, Wellington

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

A rung on a hold access ladder cracked and moved when climbed by a digger driver.

## Mooring line failure

### At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

Ship's lines failed during mooring, with the broken line knocking the hard hat off one worker and narrowly missing another.

## Other

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew on duty found that the molasses cargo had overflowed the starboard cargo tank hatch. This was immediately reported to the duty officer and the cargo pump was stopped. Emergency signal was sounded and the vessel crew gathered and initiated clean-up operation. Estimated that 600L of cargo had spilled on the deck, with some escaping overboard. Cause was cargo tank valve not completely closed when changing tanks.

## Electrical power failure

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

Lost power to half of the main power distribution board.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Entering the channel on departure main engine alarms went off. Bridge informed the engine needed to be stopped due to high temperatures. A tug in attendance was made fast and arrested forward motion. The vessel was pulled astern back to the berth dead ship.