



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

June 2020



What's in this summary

The following text summarises the notifications of accidents, incidents and mishaps that have been made to Maritime New Zealand in accordance with Section 31 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and which have been recorded in our database in the last month (1-30 June 2020).

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Injury Only

Beyond Offshore, Chatham Islands

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

The accident occurred when the crew was tidying up on board and the mate had the fingers of his right hand caught in the net rope, causing injury and damage to three fingers. Medical assistance was administered.

Equipment failure

Offshore, Canterbury

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

While the vessel was towing, the starboard trawl block let go as the main pin has sheared off. The Pin has since been replaced and safety chains have been put on all blocks.

Injury Only

Inshore, Gisborne

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

Heavy weather event resulting in minor injury to four crew members. Vessel rolling in 3-4m seas after passing a cape resulted in the crew members losing footing or contact bulkheads.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

The main engine had occasional stops due to control and monitoring system errors. Maintenance arranged for next port visit.

Fire

Inshore, Northland

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

Steaming to location, started smelling a burning smell coming from the engine room, pulled out of gear to check, opened engine room hatch seen a small fire on the port engine behind starter motor, tried to put out with a rag but couldn't get at it, so master grabbed a fire extinguisher and put it out, the crew assisted with putting out fire calmly listening to instructions the master gave them.

Near miss/close quarters

Inshore, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Cray/Rock Lobster vessel
Category:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Another other boat arrived a short time after a recreational boat had commenced fishing and started dropping long lines around the recreational vessel, getting very close. Vessel then came back later to retrieve the lines, in a straight towards the recreational vessel, making contact with the bow.

Contact

Inshore, Otago

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

Vessel was in the centre of the channel with an unidentified fishing boat on course to cross from the port side. The unidentified boat continued on the apparent collision course so five short blasts were sounded. The boat passed close down the starboard side of the tanker.

Fire

Inshore, Waikato

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

Starter motor on port engine caught on fire, put out with extinguisher. No one hurt, headed back to port to repair.

Injury Only

Coastal, Canterbury

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

Crew member shut toilet door on own finger. First aid provided by vessel, crew member transferred ashore for medical treatment.

Equipment failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Handle on side of crane by side window dropped off and fell onto stow. Handle just fallen off as rusted through. No personnel near where handle fell.

Injury Only

At berth, Gisborne

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

Bosun slipped approximately 4 meters, whilst climbing down from #2 crane. Rain had made conditions slippery.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Gisborne

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

Main engine stopped while vessel on passage. After checking and restart vessel was away at full speed 45 minutes later.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

Master was coming out of starboard engine room from doing pre start checks, while climbing up ladder, his foot slipped off rung and he fell onto the metal hatch coaming, landing on his chest.

Equipment failure

Inshore, Marlborough

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

Main engine fuel line issue leading to shutting down the starboard engine. Aborted a channel exit until engine restarted and restored to bridge control.

Contact

Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Charter Yacht
Category:	Foreign SOLAS
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

The vessel was waiting to go to the fuel dock and has not paid attention to his position and has hit the side of destination causing damage, this was witnessed by the vessel which was on the fuel dock at that time and they contacted the marina to alert them of the incident.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

Whilst constructing the framing for timber exports onboard, the stevedore was leaning on some framing that snapped. The stevedore fell and sustained a fracture.

Fire

Inshore, Nelson

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

Whilst returning to port to unload, the vessel lost engine revs. The main engine emergency stop button was activated on the bridge to prevent possible damage to the main engine. A crew member who was cleaning nearby the engine room noticed smoke coming from the engine room stairwell. The fire alarm was sounded and the crew went to their muster stations. The 2nd engineer identified the source of the fire to be the shaft generator. It was quickly extinguished and the engine room vented. The main shaft alternator was disengaged, the main engine was restarted, and the vessel continued to port for further inspection. It is not known at this stage what caused the ignition on the shaft generator.

Oil Spill

At berth, Auckland

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

While alongside the vessel was engaged in routine de-ballasting of the double bottoms. After a de-ballasting an oil sheen was observed in the water on the vessel's port side. Operation was stopped as the sheen appeared to be coming from the vessel's overboard discharge.

Equipment failure

At berth, Wellington

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

Life boat was lowered and recovered without crew. Crew entered and the training was launched, after lowering commenced a hydraulic hose coupling blew.

Injury Only

Coastal, West Coast

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

While stacking boxes in the hold, a crew member got his jacket caught in the conveyor belt. This pulled his jacket around the end of the conveyor belt, squashing his hand in between the belt and roller as it passed around the end of the belt.

Contact

In harbour, Otago

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

Tug made contact with bulk carrier.

Collision

In harbour, Northland

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

The vessel hit a marker pole while heading out of the channel.

Extreme vessel movement

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Coming in to let go of cargo ship the tug boat got sucked in under the transom on the port quarter. Damage caused to funnel and funnel casing.

Injury Only

At berth, Northland

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

Crewman slipped on the wet deck and hit his head after his hard hat had come off while hitting the deck.

Collision

In harbour, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Tugboat
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Vessel contacted a beacon the channel, with the beacon now missing.