



# Accident, incident, and mishap notification

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## **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 (1-31 July 2020).

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## Injury Only

### At berth, Nelson

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

A block of frozen fish was dislodged from a pallet being lifted from the hold by the stevedoring team. The frozen block fell back into the hold, glancing off a pallet standing on it's edge in the hold, striking the stevedore who was waiting for the lift to clear the hold.

## Flooded

### Offshore, Canterbury

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

After completing a crew transfer, the vessel departed for fishing grounds. The mealplant was found to have filled with a large amount of water afterwards. The vessel immediately deployed additional bilge pumps to divert water from the area. The main water supply pipeline that runs through the room was also isolated. After the water was removed and the vessel was fully inspected to determine the ingress of water was not from external source.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Hawke's Bay

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

After entering breakwater main engine did not fire astern, due to fuel pump lubrication issues and subsequent starting air failure. No injuries and no damage, vessel put safely alongside once main engines were back on line with tugs.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel suffered a partial power loss while departing the channel in strong winds and tidal currents. The vessel drifted towards one bank, contacting a channel marker, with the chain wrapping around the propeller shaft, causing the engine to stop. Both anchors were dropped, with the vessel swinging in the current, and the stern slowly running aground.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Marlborough

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

Vessel had just completed unloading at wharf. The vessel left the wharf to fuel up before the end of the shift. As the vessel pulled up to the wharf a crew member went to retrieve one of the spring lines to tie up to the fuel berth. As the crew member grabbed the line the vessel came along side the berth. The crew member did not manage to clear his hand from the side of the wharf in time causing his hand to be crushed between the side of the vessel and the wharf.

## Grounding

### In harbour, Otago

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

After finished trawling. Going from deck to wheelhouse checking gps position and radar. Went back on deck to lift stabiliser arms and secure trawl doors. Once completed returned to wheelhouse then switched off bright deck lights to aid visibility for entering a harbour channel. Checked position on fisheries data logger map. Zoomed in on gps and realised position was too close to shore. Quickly reduced engine rpm and turned hard to starboard in attempt to steer away from shore. Part way through turn vessel heeled over to port hitting partly submerged rock on port side forward.

## Grounding

### In harbour, Southland

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

During the early hours of the morning the vessel grounded in the harbour. The vessel was moored to a mooring buoy in the harbour. From inspection the mooring appeared to have parted at the mooring block end on the sea bottom.

## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Travelling in a westward direction in the inner harbour with watch keepers in the wheelhouse. Following a vessel with another vessel following behind. A vessel with no navigation lights approaching the port side on a collision course at a high speed, sighted by one of the watch keepers.

## Propulsion failure

### At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

Vessel was approaching the final position at a speed of .5kt. When crew asked for dead slow astern the engine failed to fire. Tugs used to arrest headway. Found to be due to a faulty sensor, causing a main engine start interlock to engage.

## Equipment failure

### In harbour, Canterbury

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

Prior to arrival, the Master informed the Pilot, that he had a turbo issue with his main engine. A tug was ordered to assist with the arrival to the wharf. The vessel transited the channel at reduced speed and swung off the berth for a port side to arrive.



## Equipment failure

### Inshore, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	Research vessel
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (ISM)
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500

During a time when the air compressor was being maintained a technician disconnected the airlines and closed the valves. During that time another engineer came along to do some troubleshooting and reopened the valves. This sent a shot of compressed air down the line that had been disconnected. No one was injured.

## Propulsion failure

### Marina/boat ramp, Northland

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

Anchored boat in cove and went ashore. Came back aboard tried to start motor, which turned slowly and didn't start. After joined the emergency parallel switch and tried again which had no effect.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Northland

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

Digger operator was stacking the last heave of cargo under a crane on starboard side. They picked up a log and slewed to stow it, but digger was sitting on a loose stow. As digger slewed the tracks under it turned the same direction as the logs, and causing the logs to move and a space to open up between them, with the digger falling into it. The operator was uninjured and able to were able to be assisted out of the vehicle.

### Lifting/Cargo gear failure

#### At berth, Auckland

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

During discharging of the vessel, an empty reefer has hooked up on another container and fallen into the water, sinking immediately. Personnel on deck were well out of the area at the time, away from any potential for harm.

## Fire

### Inshore, Wellington

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

Fire in one of the pans in a galley. It was extinguished almost immediately using a dry powder extinguisher.

## Collision

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

Skipper fell asleep, waking to find the vessel tangled in the middle of a mussel farm.

## Steering gear failure

### A river, West Coast

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

Leaving port following the harbour master vessel down the river the vessel's steering toggle loosened in its mount and became unresponsive. The rudder went hard to starboard, with the skipper immediately pulling the vessel out of gear. The vessel was then able to hold position using power before being towed back to the wharf.

## Gear/items shifting

### In harbour, Northland

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

Vessel departed a berth with the duty skipper at the helm and one duty crew member onboard. There were no passengers or vehicles onboard. During transit the loading ramp was inadvertently deployed and entered the water while underway. Loading ramp was lost in water. Vessel returned to a main wharf.

## Equipment failure

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Ship defect, X band radar not working, technician arranged to repair.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Wellington

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

Passenger got foot caught under gangway while boarding with scooter.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Marlborough

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

The rope bagger frame on the vessel fell out of its bracket, hitting an employee on the top of his head.

## Injury Only

### Offshore, Southland

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

Crew tried to hook the chain to the stopper but door swung out and chain move and got caught his hand slightly.

## Propeller entangled

### Coastal, West Coast

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

Vessel lost propulsion due to a net becoming entangled around the propeller. Another vessel towed them to an anchorage, and the net was removed with the assistance of divers.

## Injury Only

### Offshore, Southland

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

When the net came up on deck, the cod end slid over the inner bulwark when the boat got a swell, and one crew member, was caught in the middle.