



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

May 2017



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Grounding

In harbour, Auckland

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

While stopped the master put the vessel stern to windward to provide sheltered action due to a sea sick passenger. The master was distracted by an engine alarm code and returned to the central helm to address the alarm. They failed to notice the stern was being moved by the wind, and as the vessel was put into gear and turned the port propeller clipped a rock.

Injury Only

At berth, Tasman

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

Planned work was taking place on-board the vessel to remove the guide-on gear. While lifting the equipment using the ship's crane a contractor's finger was crushed between the guide-on gear and a hydraulic pipe that they had their hand resting on.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Waikato

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

A crew member was performing a float removal operation. With the mainline suspended they cut a strop holding a float but were unaware the strop was stopping the mainline from flipping over. As the strop was cut the mainline flipped, taking their feet out from under them, bending their ankle and taking them overboard. They were made comfortable for the journey back to the ramp for assistance.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Hawkes Bay

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

When the mooring man departed the vessel via the pilot ladder the manrope broke. Two additional ropes parted when tested.

Injury Only

At berth, Southland

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

Prior to departure the captain slipped and fell, dislocating their shoulder. They were transported to hospital for treatment.

Other

At berth, Tasman

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

While discharging an import vehicle the discharge vehicle collided with another discharge vehicle causing moderate damage to both vehicles. No injuries caused.

Contact

At berth/marina/boat ramp, Auckland

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

Vessel was being used for practicing "coming alongside" a wharf with students. In the final stage of the manoeuvre the student kept the engine in reverse for too long, stopping the forward movement and caused the vessel to go astern in one of the vertical rubbing posts on the dock.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Wellington

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

Vessel's starboard propulsion shutdown due to a loss of oil pressure on the starboard gearbox electric lube oil pump. The pump was removed and inspected and pressure gauges checked to ensure correct.

Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

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

A crew member collapsed due to a cardiac event and struck their head. CPR was administered and an ambulance called.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

All of the alarms for the boiler system activated. The boiler control panel power supply failed, which caused the economiser circulating pumps to stop as they are controlled from the boiler control panel. The vessel maintained service speed until through a controlled navigation zone, the load on the engines was then reduced to achieve an economiser exhaust gas temperature of less than 300 degrees. The vessel continued on reduced power using a temporary power supply to run both economisers circulating pumps.

Dragged anchor

In harbour, Auckland

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

On the high tide the spud wire was not let out enough to allow the spuds to remain in the seabed. This resulted in the vessel drifting 200m until the spuds were able to touch the seabed in a shallow bay. The vessel was towed back to the work area and the spuds released into the seabed.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

While transiting the harbour at 10-12kts another vessel passed on the starboard side then turned to port, requiring avoiding action to be taken.

Propulsion failure

A river, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Jet Boat (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	<12m
Tonnage (tons):	

Heading upstream engine number one lost power. The bot pulled into the nearest safe beach running on one engine, the engine bay was inspected, and the boat returned to base on one engine. A throttle cable was later found broken.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Approximately 100m from entering a marina the vessel was overtaken by another doing over 20kts.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Cargo
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Engineer reported oil leaking in the main engine. Decision was made by the master to abort the departure and return to berth to fix it.

Steering gear failure

At berth, Wellington

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

While carrying out routine maintenance of the port steering gear piston seal it was found to have a leak in excess of the normal amount. Steering gear test found with both HPUs running the rudder actuator was slow in manoeuvring. Found to be due to the failure of the internal piston seal of the rotary vane unit. The seal was replaced, the steering leak to be monitored, and the possible introduction of a flowmeter in the actuator oil return line.

Injury Only

At berth, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Cargo (NZISM)
Category:	Oil Tanker
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Crew member injured their ankle after tripping on the main deck while returning to the vessel in the evening.

Collision

At berth, Canterbury

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

While berthing the vessel the tug came into contact with the port quarter of the vessel, causing damage to the bulwarks of the tug and the shell plating of the container vessel.

Other

Inshore waters

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Cargo (NZISM)
Category:	Container Ship
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

En-route water was found in forecastle store. Investigation found a hole approximately 100mm long on the port hull plating caused by the port anchor fluke hitting the hull plate. Temporary repairs were made with permanent repairs to be carried out within a month.

Steering gear failure

At sea

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

Vessel reported a defect with the bridge manoeuvring control system and that they were operating on local control. For arrival at port additional precautionary measures were made such as additional personnel at the control point on the bridge and having both anchors manned.

Grounding

A lake, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel grounded on soft silt. The first attempt to reverse and swivel was unsuccessful. A private vessel came to assist, and with a rope attached to the starboard stern and the passengers move to starboard, the vessel was reversed off.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Southland

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

Vessel lost main engine power without any bridge alarms. The pilot vessel assisted in losing speed and with steering. 100m abeam the end of the berth the starboard anchor was dropped and a tug called to return the vessel to berth.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Nelson

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

Crew were loading trawl gear from the wharf to the vessel using the ship's derricks. In the process of lifting the bottom trawl net the lifting strop/rope parted, causing the net to fall approximately 2m to the edge of the wharf and into the water.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Wellington

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

While approaching the harbour the propulsion to the starboard shaft shutdown. The chief engineer reset the system and propulsion was restored ten minutes later. The system was tested and the vessel proceeded with no issues.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Gisborne

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

Electrical engineer was working on the crane electrical panel. Engineer went to turn the switch on for the crane, which shorted out with a flash, knocking the engineer to the ground. Crew working on the deck saw the flash and went to the engineer's assistance.

Contact

Waikato

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

Pontoon was torn by a boarding ladder as two vessel's made contact.

Capsize

In harbour, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Boat was competing in an organised race. The boat rolled over while travelling at 9mph after contact with a sea swell of approximately 1m in height. The two on board were secured by five point harnesses with race helmets and face attached air supply systems. They were assisted out of the craft by rescue divers and medics via the emergency escape hatch in the hull.

Contact

At sea, Southland

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

As the vessel came up to the mooring the starboard engine stalled. In the processes of restarting the engine the vessel carried on past the mooring. When the engine restarted the master in training attempted to turn the vessel back towards the mooring the stern of the vessel came into contact with an overhanging tree. Minor damage was caused to the tender craft, with the vessel later found to not be tracking straight due to a damaged rudder, possibly related to the same contact.

Equipment failure

At berth, Marlborough

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

The port life boat release hooks were due for their annual inspection. The port life boat was cleared of all lashings and lowered to the water level and recovered. A technician boarded the life boat and boat was lowered to the water level for the inspection and service of the hydrostatic release mechanism and the on-load and off-load function tests. The boat was then being recovered at a steady pace. When in-line with the embarkation deck a jolt was heard inside the boat, the boat came hard against the ship's railings, and was stopped by the winchman. By this time the davits were out of synchronisation, the aft davit arm guide rollers were dislodged from the davit guide track, and the forward was still locked in the guide track making the falls uneven. The forward fall block and swivel assembly where the upper part has a pair of horns that is usually locked and housed into the davit head did not align and house correctly. This resulted in the pair of horns getting distorted and causing the davits to go out of synchronisation and alignment. The forward starboard side of the life boat was damaged by the forward davit chocking.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Another vessel was observed on a constant bearing off to port. VHF contact was answered 20 minutes later. However no alteration of course was made by other vessel, so due to an observed CPA of .5nm in five minutes the engines were stopped too allow other vessel to pass ahead.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Wellington

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

During outward passage there was a fuel pump failure on one cylinder. The main engine operated on reduced revs. The vessel was put to anchor to affect repairs.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

One person was injured unloading a motorcycle from the main deck. The front wheel appeared to slide off from under the vehicle due to a wet ramp, resulting in the rider and the bike landing heavily on the ramp.

Collision

A river, Bay of Plenty

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

Raft was swept under a tree, the client failed to get down properly and did not tuck their chin, allowing the left side of their head to collide with the tree.

Person overboard

At berth, Auckland

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

Vessel was in place against a pile for a welder to do welding on a beam. When the skipper noticed the wake of a ferry coming and called out to the welder as the waves were coming in. As the welder moved to a safe location the boat rolled and the welder lost their footing and fell into the water. Their lifejacket deployed and they were helped back onto the vessel.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

A bulk carrier failed to give way to a ferry. The master of the ferry called them on channel 16, but the bulk carrier advised they were going to continue their course, despite being the give way vessel. Due to an indicated CPA of nil in approximately 15 minutes the ferry conducted a turn.

Fire

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

The vessel had a dry exhaust stack from the engine, which caught fire while underway. The fire was located where the exhaust stack exits the coach roof and spread into the exhaust duct with fire damage to parts of the saloon and wiring. The fire was put out and brought under control by the skipper and crew.

Contact

At berth/marina/boat ramp, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Research
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500t

Vessel was docking at the wharf, putting her starboard shoulder into the north end of the wharf. A dinghy was tied up on the south end and was trapped between the vessel's stern and the wharf. There was a strong ebb tidal flow running and a large group of students on board the vessel who had moved forward briefly obstructing the skipper's view forward, with the skipper misjudging the available space to place the vessel clear of the dinghy.

Propeller entangled

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

Due to tide and fish a large tangle of mono backbone floated to the surface. The wind and tide then caused the vessel to drift over the tangle. While trying to manoeuvre the vessel away from the tangle a loop of backbone caught on the prop. Due to the tension on the line the tail shaft was pulled aft until it rested on the rudder. Vessel was towed to port and the vessel will have rope cutters added.

Injury Only

At berth/marina/boat ramp, Canterbury

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

A crew member slipped on a step on the side of the cabin while erecting a radio aerial. They dropped half a metre onto the sponson and twisted their ankle.

Fire

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Approaching the vessel's destination a fire started at the base of the recently repaired exhaust stack. The fire was put using dry powder as it was unable to be doused effectively with water. Coastguard was contacted and a nearby Coastguard vessel was waved down.

Injury Only

At berth, Southland

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

A crew member was releasing the stern line of the vessel and got their finger caught between the line and the bollard. The line then went slack and their finger was freed. The vessel was surging at the wharf slightly due to the weather conditions. The staff member received first aid on the vessel and was later taken to the local medical centre.

Person overboard

In harbour, Waikato

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

A crew member climbed down from the main vessel into a dinghy. The dinghy capsized and they fell into the water. As it was dark they had a headlamp and lifejacket on, but were unable to re-enter the dinghy or board the main vessel. They held on to the vessel until assisted out of the water.

Injury Only

West Coast

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

A crew member was holding the gaff by the shaft with the handle end resting on the deck. They then walked forward allowing the shaft to slide through their hand, and the point of the gaff slid up their forearm, causing a minor puncture wound and a scrape. First aid was given.

Equipment failure

At berth, Otago

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

Man ropes found to have eye splices in the lower ends, with the lower spreader bowed and several steps loose.

Other

At berth, Hawkes Bay

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

Vessel found to have a retrieval line attached to the bottom of the pilot ladder leading aft.

Grounding

At berth, Auckland

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

Propellers grounded at the wharf during loading. No damage found, engines and steering monitored.

Propulsion failure

A lake, Wellington

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

Skipper used the offshore breeze to take the vessel away from the mooring, but when they went to engage the engine it did not respond. The vessel was being taken towards the middle of the lake so the skipper assessed there was no immediate danger, oars were taken out, and the passengers and operational staff advised. The skipper checked the connections under the control panel and again tried the engine, which then started.