



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

July 2019



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Contact

Inshore, Southland

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

Vessel made contact with a submerged object. The vessel was stopped and all void spaces checked and found to be water tight. The vessel was slowly moved ahead, no apparent vibrations. Divers to inspect at the soonest possibility.

Equipment failure

At berth, Canterbury

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

Thruster failed on berthing due to No.2 Generator Tripping. Generator restarted & Thruster operational prior to berthing complete. Two tugs made fast.

Steering gear failure

In harbour, Wellington

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

Whilst performing a rescue boat drill, the boat was lowered to the water prior to boarding, with no-one on board. The lifting strop caught below the steering wheel and when the weight of the boat came on the strops the steering wheel ripped out.

Injury Only

Offshore, Chatham Islands

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

A crew member received a cut to forehead after an altercation on board.

Collision

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

While trying to get the barge onto the ramp the operator made contact with another vessel causing the corner of the ramp to puncture the hull of a tied up vessel. The ramp gouged the hull of the vessel causing damage ten inches long and two inches deep. There was no damage to the barge.

Propulsion failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Main engine failed to start after lifting off the berth. M/E transferred to E/R control to manually turn over. Control given back to the bridge and engine started and operated with no further problems. The vessel was escorted out of the harbour by tugs.

Equipment failure

Coastal, Manawatu-Wanganui

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

Vessel lost trawling gear. The owner and other vessels in the area were informed. When the weather eased attempts were made to recover the lost gear.

Equipment failure

Coastal, Wellington

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

Master declared vessel Not Under Command whilst mid-passage. Reported "loss of control systems" to MOC. Control system regained after restarting systems

Contact

In harbour, Northland

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

Ship made contact with navigational mark on the starboard side at a position aft of the ship's gangway. After confirmation of intact hull integrity the vessel proceeded to berth to moor and carry out further inspections. The beacon remained lit and functioning. The vessel continued to the wharf without further incident. The inspection of the vessel revealed only paint damage with no indentations or damage to steel surface. Harbour Master notified of incident.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Canterbury

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

While a crane was lifting the sheave needle bearing fell apart. The crane dropped the grab off before continuing with another crane.

Collision

In harbour, Canterbury

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

A vessel was swamped when another vessel passed close by with excessive speed. There was no injury to any personnel and no obvious damage to the equipment on board.

Log Handling

At berth, Northland

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

When loading logs a digger was placed on top of the hatch cover. When the digger started moving on the hatch lid it started to slide and fell into deck. There was damage to hatch coaming protection bar and bulwark. Some damage to the digger. Incident did not cause any injury to digger driver or any other person.

Equipment failure

Inshore, Otago

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

The vessel was heading downstream when the port engine cut out while moving. The vessel was taken to a safe stopping point using the remaining engine. The engine was restarted and the vessel returned to port under the power of both engines. Upon inspection it was found the operator had not turned on the port battery isolator switch but the jump switch which is used if there is a flat battery.

Person Overboard

Inshore, Marlborough

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

Crew member fallen overboard. Crew member slipped when stepping around the Hauling Conveyor while washing down the work deck.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member was struck in the mouth by a loose swinging wire causing a minor cut to the lip and their teeth to bleed. Crewmember taken to the dentist and doctor.

Injury Only

Offshore, Canterbury

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

Crew member slipped when trying to push the rope down in a bin by standing on it. Trying to steady their self they put their hand into the rope hauler causing injuries to their hand. The injuries were treated on board before going to hospital once the vessel was berthed.

Near miss/close quarters

River, Manawatu-Wanganui

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

A vessel was entering a river after crossing a bar. Two kayakers were spotted moving in the path of the vessel. The ship used its horn to warn the kayakers and to get their attention. The kayakers did not respond so the loud speaker was used. Despite multiple attempts the kayakers did not move. Due to narrowness of navigable water in river and the fact that the vessel was committed on its course there was high chance of the vessel running over kayakers. To avoid that it would have had to change course towards shallow water and running aground. As the danger was increasing the loud speak was used again and succeeded in getting the kayaker's attention causing them to move. After safely passing the kayakers the vessel berthed.

Injury Only

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew jumped into a slurry tank and slipped causing a minor cut above eye. Used a bag of frozen peas to reduce swelling and put a plaster on cut. No further first aid was required, crewman resumed work duties.

Flooded

Coastal, Bay of Plenty

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

While engaged in fishing the vessel ran over the purse net. To prevent the vessel drifting into the net the skiff was used to hold the boat off the net. The sea was rough and the skiff dropped down and when it came back up the lugs on the bow punctured the hull of the fishing vessel above the water line. The crew did not notice the hull puncture until the vessel was berthed as there was no pronounced impact noise or bump. There was no injury to any crew member and the vessel was not in danger.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

While crane was operating the wire had jumped the sheave at the top of the jib. The operator was loading the heave on a height stack slewing and pulling at the same time to get the wires out causing it to jump the sheave. No logs moved or fell and there was no risk of harm. Loads transferred to another crane.

Propulsion failure

Lake, Otago

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

During a trip the vessel lost power in the port engine before it stopped and couldn't be restarted. The vessel was secured using the starboard engine and a replacement vessel requested. Passengers transferred to the other vessel and continued the trip. The stricken vessel returned to base. On inspection it was found the timing chain had broken.

Injury Only

In harbour, Hawke's Bay

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

Crewmember cut their scalp on a bracket support screw while removing rubbish. They were assessed by the medic on board who determined medical attention was required and the injured crewmember was taken to the medical centre for treatment.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Marlborough

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

Auto shut down of main engine outbound. The auto shut down caused reduced propulsion for approximately 2 minutes. The engineer on watch started to prepare main engine as three engines would be required for the journey. The "oil mist alarm" was triggered for main engine which resulted in an auto shut down of the same engine. As soon as main engine was ready to use it was clutched in on port shaft. Investigation launched as to why the auto shutdown occurred.

Log Handling

At berth, Gisborne

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

Short log slid from the top of a heave as it was being lifted from shuttle trailer on to the ship. The incident was reported, scene frozen and photos taken before work continued. There were no injuries as all stevedores were in their safe zones when the log slid off

Propulsion failure

Inshore, West Coast

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

A vessel suffered major engine failure requiring a tow. The vessel had just undergone major works and survey and it was the first trip out.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Stern line passing through a panama fairlead parted during ahead movement of main engine testing procedure. Vessel was moored fore and aft, with an extra line each end due to 'infra gravity' or long wave activity experienced at the berth. The 'infra gravity' wave event had been well prepared for in advance, with blocking containers in position on the quay to shield the snap back zones. Each line was on it's own bollard ashore. It was HW for departure, so the lines were all tight prior to the additional loading due to the thrust of the propeller. The stern line parted at the fairlead, so chafe due to the surging of the vessel alongside may have compromised the load capacity of the line. Everyone clear of the lines and no injuries or damage sustained.

Contact

In harbour, Southland

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

Boat stopped beside emergency ladder to allow the crew to pick up crab trap line. Crew pushed the stern of the boat out to make room to pull up crab traps. This pushed the bow enough to align with an overhanging tractor tyre, lining the wharf as a buffer for ships. Unfortunately the tyre was small enough to be over the starboard navigation light housing. A passing boat's wake caused the exposed starboard navigation housing to rub up against the underside of the tyre and damage the housing

Injury Only

Coastal, Canterbury

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

Crew member slipped from a ladder falling into the cargo hold. The crew sought medical advice through a radio call and it was advised the injured crew member needed to be evacuated immediately. The injured crew member was airlifted to hospital for further medical examination.

Injury Only

River, Bay of Plenty

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

Raft came over a slight elevator and wiped out as it came down, as guide was holding inside rope. The skipper pulled arm muscles and fractured carpal bone

Propulsion failure

At berth, Northland

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

Vessel experienced start air pressure issues when testing M/E before departure with the issue being rectified. Once off the berth and proceeding outbound "reduce rpm" alarms sounded. After a few minutes issue seemed rectified. The vessel proceeded without further incident until the M/E stopped for no reason. Both tugs were on standby, anchors ready and Harbour Radio advised. After approx. 10 mins M/E started again and passage resumed. Causes of the problems were not identified.

Equipment failure

Coastal, Marlborough

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

Crew untangled the trap and disconnected the grapple pulling it on board vessel. Discovered backbone was leading under vessel. Crew instructed to let rope out allowing slack as skipper drove around to port to get line on the correct side of vessel. It was noticed that rope was caught around the rudder of the vessel leaving the skipper unable to engage the gearbox. Skipper made contact with onshore support

Equipment failure

Inshore, Northland

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

Gyro compass failure

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

A link in the chain connecting the crane with the grab has failed. This has caused the full grab to fall back into the hold from height and land on top of the product. No personnel or equipment were in the hold at the time.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

In harbour, Northland

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

While stowing a lift of logs the cranston nut and split pin have come off causing the bolt to come loose and release the lift approximately 1.5m to the deck below. All logs remained on deck and all personnel on the vessel and the ground were in designated safe zones. No injuries or damage.

Injury Only

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member was knocked over by a long line. They hit their head on the hatch nut knocking them unconscious. Vessel returned to port as unsure of circumstances.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Canterbury

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

On approaching berth, vessel failed to operate immediately after being dead slow ahead ordered. On then another ordering, it was discovered that all the control air had been lost from the previous manoeuvre. Tugs used to slow the vessel down and get the vessel alongside. Final berthing position was made using tugs and lines.

Log Handling

River/harbour bar, Gisborne

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

Two logs fell from the starboard side of the vessel and landed in the water. One log washed alongside the berth and was recovered, the other made its way out of the harbour over night and ended up off the beach and there was no danger to boating or shipping and a recovery operation launched.

Dragged anchor

At berth, Gisborne

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

Vessel taking on water while at its berth.

Log Handling

In harbour, Canterbury

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

When discharging containers the container auto twist lock partially engaged while removing container, But then disengaged causing container to fall off Starboard side into harbour.

Propeller entangled

Offshore, Chatham Islands

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

A vessel lost a section of headline off the fishing trawl, last depth reading was at 425 meters. The vessel tried to locate the missing section using the bridge search light. After the event they immediately informed the Vessel Manager and all the vessels in the near proximity of the possible hazard.

Fire

Coastal, Marlborough

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

The main engines were started with the genset already going. A crew member checked over at hold door as they thought they had seen smoke. On investigation it was found there was a fire which had been caused by an LED light internally combusting, the alarm was raised and the crew member went to wheel house and turned off all motors. The power was isolated and Galley All staff got fire extinguishers. The fuel was shut off and fire flaps deployed. The crew made a mayday call. The flames were extinguished using a fire extinguisher via the bulkhead into the hold. A crew member put on diving gear so they were able to breathe whilst putting out the rest of the flames and checking for damage. The hold doors were left open to vent rooms. Managers and engineers informed about incident, started motors and steamed back to port whilst periodically checking to make sure fire was completely out.

Injury Only

In harbour, Wellington

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

Elderly passenger slipped and cut their head while walking up the stairs. They were escorted to the medical room in a wheel chair and were transferred to the ships hospital where first aid was administered by a travelling doctor. The stairs were examined and nothing untoward found.

Injury Only

Inshore, Auckland

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

Crewmember was spiked by a black ray on their upper left arm. First aid was administered by cleaning and dressing the wound. On return to port the medial helpline was then contacted for advice and it was decided that the crewmember will be monitored and be taken to hospital.

Contact

In harbour, Marlborough

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

A vessel was backing into berth when a strong gust of wind pushed ship's bow starboard, causing vessel to be set on to the long arm. This resulted in some minor damage to mid ships shell plating. While manoeuvring vessel across onto her berth due to a miscommunication about the distance from loading pontoon / ramp. The vessel made contact with loading pontoon at approximately 1.5 knots. This causing damage to pontoon and the ramp. The vessel had a slight indentation in stern. No cargo was discharged. All areas were inspected by Duty Master.

Explosion

Inshore, Auckland

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

Batteries in battery box below floor gassed off hydrogen, due to a failed regulator. Gas was trapped below the floor boards of parts of the saloon. Starting the freshwater pump ignited the hydrogen causing injury to one person.

Propulsion failure

River, Otago

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

Twin engine jet boat was travelling downstream when it lost the starboard engine while under power.

Grounding

River, Canterbury

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

Driver started a spin but the boat failed to turn and proceeded straight. Driver put the boat into reverse to minimise the impact of hitting the adjacent rock before the contact was made.