



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

May 2019



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 May 2019).

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Lifting/Cargo gear failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Crane's side pulley fell into the hold. No injuries.

Explosion

In harbour, Hawke's Bay

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

A stevedore working on board a ship moved a refrigeration cord that was draped over a hatch cover that required moving. In doing so the refrigeration plug blew up and water leaked from the connectors. There were no injuries and the incident was reported.

Contact

Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

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

An unoccupied craft that was anchored, dragged and impacted two vessels becoming lodged in the second vessel.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Prior to master/pilot exchange the main engine failed. Engineer restarted and no other issues experienced during passage.

Injury Only

At berth, Nelson

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

A stevedore fell 5M from an access ladder after their foot slipped off a rung, landing on a lower deck despite trying to halt the fall. The stevedore received injuries and was off work for 2 weeks.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Crane runner wire unravelled whilst loading logs into vessel hold. The operation was ceased immediately until wire could be replaced and a new survey conducted.

Injury Only

In harbour, Southland

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

Crew member slipped while walking out of a hatch injuring their back. Ambulance called.

Injury Only

Inshore, Waikato

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

Crewmember was using utility knife to open oysters when their hand slipped cutting their ring finger on their left hand. The cut was deep. The crew administered first aid to the cut to stop it bleeding and wrapped the wound. The crewmember finished the days work and on the journey back decided it would need further medical attention. They went to the doctors before being referred to the hospital.

Capsize

Inshore, Southland

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

During a boat race one competitor lost control and the vessel capsized. The race was immediately red flagged. Safety boats attended the scene immediately. The boat was righted with divers in the water who detected no fuel/oil spillages and that the boat was undamaged so no debris in water. It was moved back to the ramp allowing the race to be restarted. Incident was reported.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Engine failed to fire ahead on departure meaning tugs controlled vessel in the turning basin until the engine fired ahead. Master advised one valve was sticking. The vessel proceeded to sea without further incident.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Engine failed to fire astern after letting go. After 1 hour delay engine was tested and fired.

Injury Only

In harbour, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Research vessel
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<6
Tonnage (tons):	

Engineer rolled his ankle while stepping on to gangway breaking their foot.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Auckland

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

Propeller touched the bottom meaning the engine stalled. Vessel waiting for high tide before completing the operation. No one was injured.

Collision

Inshore, Auckland

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

Vessel backed into the marina pile breaking it off at sea level.

Collision

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel made contact with a special marker while heading down the harbour. The vessel was taken out of gear and tried to adjust course but it still made contact with the marker. A deckhand yelled a warning as it impacted. The vessel carried on to its anchorage and the operator notified the relevant people.

Collision

In harbour, West Coast

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

A vessel heading south south west had to boldly move to its port to avoid a collision with another vessel travelling north east after not being able to make radio contact despite numerous attempts. As the vessel passed it was noticed the crew were at the stern pulling in fish. Having altered its course it turned to follow the vessel heading north east. A crew member accidentally hit the hit dodge switch causing the vessel to turn to port and collide with the other vessel. The vessel was in neutral before the contact. There were no injuries suffered and the cause of the collision was deemed to be human error. The damages were repaired at the expense of the vessel that caused the contact.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Southland

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

Vessel developed a mechanical issue with the gearbox. The vessel returned to port to get the gearbox repaired as they were unable to resolve the issue at sea as the skipper believed it was too dangerous to head out the distance planned with the damaged gearbox. The vessel was docked but the gearbox couldn't be fixed as parts needed to be ordered. Later that night skipper decided to sail without resolving the problems. Observer declined to join the vessel as they didn't believe it to be safe. The vessel departed the next day without the issue being resolved.

Near miss/close quarters

River, Bay of Plenty

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

As the vessel passes the river entrance it sounds a horn to warn people fishing to wind in their line so the vessel can have clear passage. Some do but many do not. The vessel caught a line which was not visible causing the pronged sinker to rise and strike the cabin at head height narrowly missing a passenger.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Main engine was running astern, order given to stop engine. Master shifted telegraph to stop. Initially the main engine revs were dropping, recheck and revs were increasing. The master checked the telegraph and stopped and revs starting. Berth completed using tugs and thrusters without further issue.

Electrical power failure

Inshore, Wellington

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

All of the vessel's electronics failed, meaning it had lost navigation lights and the ability to start the motor. With only 1 person on board the vessel was tacked into the harbour. The operator tried to reef the sail. In doing so the vessel was driven towards rocks where it became lodged and was unable to manoeuvre off. The police were called and assisted by towing the vessel off the rocks and into the bay.

Equipment failure

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

A vessel lost its mast and sailed in a moderate sea with four people on board. The mast and rigging were cut free. A vessel was then spotted bearing down on the stricken vessel. Two red parachute flares were fired one minute apart. The ship heaved to and shone a white spot light on the vessel from 600M. It signalled the vessel by turning the light off and on for three minutes and proceeded to the harbour. After it was confirmed the vessel was free from any rigging it proceeded to harbour under motor. The sea was building to heavy. When possible the coastguard was contacted and met the vessel at the harbour entrance before escorting it to the berth.

Grounding

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel with a broken rudder ran aground on the boat ramp

Injury Only

Inshore, Southland

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

Passenger was in the process of going back into the cabin. Whilst walking through the door their finger caught in the closing door where it was squashed and severed.

Near miss/close quarters

Inshore, Canterbury

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

Skipper had commenced fishing with his fishing lights on in position when the cargo vessel came within approx 50 metres of his vessel. Skipper advised it gave them a fright and he wished to submit a complaint against the vessel adding he would follow up with a MNZ Incident report when he returns to shore.

Grounding

River, Northland

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

Yacht has blown aground and is now stranded near high water mark, but may refloat during spring tides if not already holed. Has an anchor on warp without any chain and appears to have been abandoned.

Injury Only

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Stevedore hand crushed between pulp and spreader.

Propulsion failure

River, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	Research vessel
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<6
Tonnage (tons):	

The vessels outboard engine stopped working with what seemed to be a fuel pump issue. The engine would run intermittently. Filters were clean, petrol was new and there were no signs of failure in the fuel lines. The vessel was rowed back to launch site.

Medical Event

Offshore, Southland

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

The crew member collapsed for an unknown reason, hitting their head on the breakfast bar. The crew member was treated for concussion. The initial injury treated for was concussion, there was consultation with the company Doctor after the incident. The Doctor provided advice on signs to watch out for. The crew member was monitored continuously for 24 hours following the event. The crew member didn't return to work until 5 days after the event but then continued with light duties until they docked. There were no signs of concern which the Doctor had advised to look out for. As a precaution, the crew member saw a Doctor on shore for assessment, they advised further investigation at the hospital which occurred.

Grounding

Inshore, Marlborough

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

The vessel lightly grounded on a sandbank. The skipper reversed off the sandbank unaware in the thick fog that the strong tidal current had pushed the stern at a right angle across a narrow channel. The vessel reversed into rocks on the point puncturing a hole in the transom above the waterline. Crew carried out grounding drills and inspected the hull internally for damage. No water was entering. The vessel was slipped. upon further inspection it was found that no other hull damage had occurred.

Injury Only

Inshore, Northland

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

A crew member had their foot stuck in an adjustable foot strap and fell forward when an IRB went over a wave. This caused fractures to their foot.

Steering gear failure

Inshore, Southland

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

A vessel suffered steering failure after finishing a tow. It was unable to determine cause at time and was towed to port by another vessel. The vessel will be slipped to determine cause.

Injury Only

In harbour, Southland

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

A stevedore slipped from cross deck ladder and hurt his lower back after lifting operation was stopped due to rain.

Contact

Inshore, Auckland

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

While sailing around a turning mark during a race, two vessels collided. One vessel sailed into the stern of another causing damage to paint and filler on the transom but due to the slow impact speed (<2kn) the damage was only superficial and did not impede the vessel finishing the race.

Injury Only

Offshore, Southland

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

While inspecting a rag caught in the drive belt of the banding machine a crew members middle finger was pulled into the machine. Vessel returned to port to seek medical attention.

Propulsion failure

Inshore, Gisborne

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

While manoeuvring vessel to depart, vessel locked in astern. The main engine was switched off. The vessel glided back into a wall at 1 Knot. After drifting off the main engine was started. The vessel was assessed and a diver will be assessing for any under water damage.

Grounding

In harbour, Auckland

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

The vessel grounded on a reef in shallow water while conducting search grids. The vessel drove off the reef later with the assistance of an off shore swell. There was no damage sustained to the vessel and the operations continued without further incident. The hull was checked by divers to confirm there was no damage.

Near miss/close quarters

Inshore, Southland

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

Vessel heading away from shore spotted another vessel heading towards it. It looked like it would be a port to port pass with the other vessels. It's port light was visible. The other vessel suddenly turned to starboard and went across the bow. The outgoing vessel was put out of gear and went astern to avoid a collision and when the vessel had passed it continued on the original course

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Whilst removing a pulp spreader from a hold an individual got their right hand caught between the spreader and the hatch lid. The individual has been transported to hospital for treatment of the injuries