



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

July 2018



What's in this summary

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Collision

Wellington

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

Yacht collided with a runabout while struggling with a new headsail. First time was a near miss, with the yacht tacking away, then when working with the sails the yacht drifted, and collided with the runabout when it was obscured by the headsail.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Brake failure on a crane caused a cage to be dropped while loading.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

A lasher working on a container had their hand slip and connect with a metal bar, causing injury that later required amputation of the tip of a finger.

Propulsion failure

A lake, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Main engine wouldn't start. Cause unknown.

Hit submerged Object

A river, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Travelling downstream the boat hit an old stump in the river, throwing all the passengers out of the boat. Everyone made it to the bank, with the boat later recovered by others.

Hit submerged Object

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Vessel transiting between a point and a rock struck an unsighted object. The depth sounder had been indicating 40/50m, then briefly showed the object, then back to 40/50m. Nothing was marked on the chart. There was vibration but no water entry, so the vessel went closer to shore for an under water inspection. Damage was found to the port leg, so the vessel returned to berth. A new set of props were fitted to allow the vessel to return to port for an out-of-water inspection.

Contact

Inshore waters, Southland

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

Vessel was under pilotage inbound to the container wharf. Course was altered as usual to allow for drift. The tug made fast informed the skipper of the vessel that the stern of the vessel touched a channel beacon, causing scratches to the paint.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Hawkes Bay

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

Starboard bridge wing RPM indicator found to display running ahead when the vessel is actually running astern, and visa versa.

Equipment failure

Inshore waters, Tasman

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

While carrying out tug operation with an inbound vessel the tow line to the port shoulder was shock loaded and parted at the ship's Panama lead. No injuries or further damage. A spare line was connected and the operation continued.

Contact

A river, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Jet boat (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Approaching a left hand corner before entering a pool, the boat went too wide, impacting logs on the starboard side. The boat continued into the pool where all passengers were checked, with the boat then proceeding downstream.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Bay of Plenty

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

Approaching the turning basin, the engine of a vessel stopped three times. Two tugs were made fast and the vessel berthed.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Southland

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

During operation, a grease cover attached to the crane block fell off and landed on the wharf.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Hawkes Bay

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

Crane hoisting wire jumped out from the top jib due to rough handling.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

A crew member was undergoing training while the vessel was tied up for bunkering. The crew member was tying a line and swung their arm around, impacting either the gangway or life ring bracket, causing a fracture.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Near miss between two vessels heading in opposite directions when one vessel cut a corner passing a rock.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

Yacht under sail had a power vessel pass in close proximity over several occasions.

Propulsion failure

A lake, Otago

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

Vessel lost power to the port engine while underway with a parasail with two passengers aloft. This was caused by a cell phone dropping and striking the ignition key to the off position. The skipper had insufficient power to keep the parasail aloft and not enough time to restart the port engine. The two passengers landed on the water approximately 10-20m from the boat, with both then recovered. An ignition guard to be fitted.

Fire

Inshore waters, Northland

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

While assisting a vessel, a fire alarm was heard. The engineer investigated and found an engine room fire. The port main engine was shutdown, which stopped the fire. Fire found to have been on the clutch used for winch hydraulics. Tug was able to continue assisting on one engine.

Mooring line failure

Inshore waters, Otago

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

Vessel broke off its mooring and drifted into mud bow first. Vessel was pulled off the mud at high tide.

Injury Only

At berth, Tasman

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

During unloading, a box of frozen product slid down and struck a crew member, injuring their knee, requiring them to be transported to hospital for treatment.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

As an inbound vessel was approaching the marina, another vessel was seen to leave the marina and slowly approach. The skipper of the inbound vessel failed to see the now stationary departing vessel, requiring a deckhand to put the inbound vessel into reverse to avoid a collision.

Contact

At berth, Auckland

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

While berthing the vessel's ramp made contact with the concrete abutment at the side of the ramp.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

A crewman stumbled while rigging the gangway and landed on their hands and knees. They said they were fine, but later reported pain in their wrist, which was found to be a fracture.

Injury Only

At berth, Marlborough

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

Unloading mussels at the wharf, one of the crew members stepped around the end of the wharf to hook up a mussel bag onto forklift. The crew member hooked the back of their gumboot under wood, resulting in them losing balance and falling off wharf sideways against the deck and side of a vessel, causing injuries.

Propulsion failure

A river, Otago

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

Port engine stopped with no warning. The driver restarted the engine straight away and continued without issue. Possible that the ignition had been bumped. The driver reported the issue and was advised to stop and swap boats as a precaution, with the boat removed from service for a mechanical inspection.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Helm called for full ahead. Shortly after, the engine room called and asked to reduce to half ahead, with a later call informing of smoke in the engine room. The vessel turned around and headed to an anchorage. Main engine #5 piston cooling oil temperature alarm had sounded. Damage found on the piston crown, so piston replaced with a spare.

Collision

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

After the pilot had boarded the pilot boat, the container ship made a turn to starboard, trapping the pilot boat alongside. The pilot boat rolled, forcing water onto the leeward deck, with the boat being sucked along the hull. The pilot boat called the ship and asked them to turn to port, allowing the pilot boat to leave.

Injury Only

At berth, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	Barge (BSC)
Category:	
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	

A crew member fell backwards when the rope they were pulling on freed up. Cut to the back of the head requiring stitches.

Person overboard

Offshore waters, Chatham Islands

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

While shooting the last end of a longline set, an experienced crew member was present training a crewman. The inexperienced crewman threw a GPS buoy overboard without waiting for the trainer to stand clear. The trainer was pulled overboard by the rope and buoy, before being recovered by normal MOB procedures shortly afterwards.

Extreme vessel movement

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

Boat rolled in a big swell, and a bin full of rope holding the backbone slid from the opposite side of the boat and struck a crew member, trapping them against the side of the boat.

Injury Only

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

A crew member banged into the hauler, hitting their back. They continued working but pain increased over several days.

Hit submerged Object

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel outbound in darkness struck a partially submerged log. The vessel was stopped and the log identified in the water using a spotlight. Vessel returned to berth to inspect for damage.

Contact

At berth, Waikato

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

Vessel was caught in a back current when docking, pushing the vessel off course. The starboard bow rail contacted the pile, pushing the vessel toward the dock where the port side contacted the jetty, resulting in damage.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Gisborne

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

Crane pulled the wires out from under the heave, with the wire jumping off the pulley.

Oil spill

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

Port stern tube developed a leak, causing approximately 80L a day of oil to enter the water.

Hit submerged Object

A river, Taranaki

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

Travelling up a channel the vessel hit a submerged object, pushing the boat sideways into an overhanging branch. The branch hit a screen that a passenger was holding, cutting and breaking their finger. Vessel turned around and returned to the ramp.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Tasman

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

While berthing the vessel the main engine was ordered dead slow ahead. The engine however twice started turning astern. The vessel dropped anchor and control was gained with tugs. Vessel berthed without use of the engine.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

While the master of a passenger vessel was making rounds of the engine room, an experienced crew member was helming. During this time, the passenger vessel passed an estimated 10-15m from an anchored vessel, with the direction of tidal flow increasing the risk of a collision.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Northland

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

A power boat passed within close proximity to an anchored boat at an estimated 12-15kts. The owner of the anchored boat was about to alight from a dinghy into the boat, with the wash of the passing vessel forcing the dinghy up onto the anchored boats rudder, to the point that water washed over the gunnel of the dinghy.

Injury Only

Inshore waters, Auckland

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

A passenger tripped on a raised carpet, causing them to fall and hit their shoulder on the deck, requiring them to be taken to hospital.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

Passenger proceeding down a stairwell missed the third from bottom step, falling forwards and landing on their lower leg, causing a possible fracture.

Oil spill

At berth, Wellington

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

An engineer was filling a hydraulic header tank that had had a new sight glass fitted earlier. The glass was not correctly fitted and when oil reached the poorly fitted seal it ran onto the deck and a small amount into the water. Harbour authority was informed and vessel procedures followed.

Near miss / Close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel departing sighted a vessel entering the basin on a track to pass starboard-to-starboard. Intentions were requested via radio, with both vessels eventually coming to a stop before slowly passing port-to-port. Uncertainty existed regarding specific guidance for the area to pass on the non-standard side.

Injury Only

At berth, Auckland

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

A group of children on an educational experience were being shown around the berthed yacht. While showing a child the helm, the child stepped away from the wheel, walked behind the master, and fell down the galley stairs, landing on their back and hitting their head. First aid was administered and the child was later transported to hospital with a suspected concussion.

Fire

Inshore waters, Tasman

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

Cooking oil in the deep fryer in the galley overheated and caught fire, possibly due to a faulty thermostat. Galley assistant raised the alarm and immediately used a fire blanket to contain the flames. The fire was then put out using a fire extinguisher. A full response was activated on-board, with the situation quickly under control.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Southland

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

Salt water pump for main engine water cooling broke down while the vessel was close to shore. Vessel towed home.

Near miss / Close quarters

Inshore waters, Foreaux Strait

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

A number of near misses with another fishing vessel, alleged to be intentional.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Cook Strait

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

Main engine number three shut down automatically, resulting in the loss of propulsion on the starboard side, as main engine number four was out for maintenance. Multiple attempts were made to restart it, but the engine would shut down again shortly after due to a false high HT water temperature alarm. Fault was found within the alarm and monitoring system, with an input/output board and a processor board replaced.

Lifting / Cargo gear failure

At berth, Canterbury

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

While lifting a cherry picker from the hold using a ship crane, the cherry picker flipped due to incorrect positioning.

Injury Only

At berth, Wellington

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

A crew member was in the fish hold and pushing up on the fish chute, believing someone was going to lift it out. However it was pushed off the guide rail and dropped onto their leg, causing a laceration. First aid was applied and the crew member evacuated by ambulance.

Injury Only

In harbour, Canterbury

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

20kg bait boxes were being dropped from the wharf to the deck of a vessel, to be caught by a crew member. A crew member catching the boxes injured their elbow and forearm due to the weight.

Propulsion failure

Inshore waters, Foreaux Strait

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

Main engine failed. The vessel was in no immediate danger, so a company vessel was dispatched to provide a tow.

Other

Inshore waters, Southland

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

A passenger complained of being unwell, with contact made with a medical centre for advice. The passenger stayed on the vessel but continued to be monitored. The next day, the pain had increased so a helicopter was called to evacuate the passenger.