



Accident, incident
and mishap reporting
Monthly summary
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1 February 2013 – 17:50

Propeller entangled

Hobson West Marina, Auckland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	15.6

While reversing onto a small breeze the vessel moved slightly, which caused the vessel to get caught onto the neighbour's port mooring line.

The starboard shaft locked onto the mooring rope tightly. Consequently the starboard motor was turned off, the vessel jerked back then stopped, firmly fixed to the mooring line. The port side of the vessel was secured as it had drifted to rest against the end of the marina finger.

The deckhand entered the water and inspected the situation, it was determined that the rope was tightly secured around the shaft and firmly attached to the neighbour's port side mooring line. At this time the deckhand could not free the rope and exited the water.

A large rope was used to secure to the neighbouring vessel aft. At 18.30 the Viaduct Basin was contacted for assistance. The deckhand entered the water again and cut the neighbours mooring line, freeing the vessel. With aid of ropes from the aft and tender the vessel was secured at the berth

2 February 2013 – 16:40

Loss of stability – injury only

Auckland harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (NZISM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	7.3

The vessel was on passage from Auckland to Rakino Island. At the eastern end of Motuihe Channel while rounding the South Eastern extremity of Motutapu Island when the vessel encountered two consecutive hollow backed waves.

The sole passenger was standing in the cabin egress when the bow plunged causing his knees to buckle. The second wave lifted him to roof height then he toppled and sat on his leg breaking both tibia and fibula just above the ankle.

The vessel was traveling at a reduced speed and having made previous trips to Rakino that day, the passenger had been forewarned of the conditions.

3 February 2013 – 10:00

Injury only

Tauranga

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	36.02
Tonnage (tons)	409.72

The injured person was fuelling the skiff on the vessel. The skiff sits at the back of the vessel at a 45 degree angle. He slipped and fell 2 metres onto his shoulder, he felt instant pain.

3 February 2013 – 14:30

Collision

North of Allport Island, Queen Charlotte Sound

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational

Vessel Category	Yacht (sail)
Length (m)	10

The vessel was sailing under full rig, close hauled, pointing as high as possible to pass to north of Allport Island having come from Tory Channel. Another vessel was running downwind/broad reach coming from Momorangi under full rig. The other vessel's bow struck the subject vessel about 2/3 along port side from bow. Their pulpit/bow entangled the life lines pulling off port side of pulpit, portside push pit and port sections of arches. Neither vessel saw the other before impact, and neither vessel altered course before impact. The other vessel suffered minimal damage - bent pulpit and bow scar where bow rode up the hull. Damage to the vessel is significant.

3 February 2013 – 16:10

Near miss / Close quarters

Port Taranaki Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Kayak / Canoe
Length (m)	4.1

While kayaking within the Taranaki harbour a powerboat adjusted its course, lined up the kayaker until swerving at the last moment to avoid a collision.

5 February 2013 – 06:15

Equipment Failure

Pilot Boarding Area, Taranaki

Vessel	
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Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Chemical Tanker
Length (m)	191
Tonnage (tons)	47,500

The pilot was boarding the vessel when he felt the wooden step give way under his foot, the rope whipping had parted under the step. The rest of the ladder appeared satisfactory and the pilot was able to get on board.

The pilot brought it to the attention of the master, and another ladder was rigged for the linesmen to use when approaching the port. Port Safety Officer and Harbour Master advised.

6 February 2013 – 14:15

Injury Only

Mount Maunganui Wharf

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Bulk Carrier
Length (m)	179

A crew member fell between decks as he was lashing on logs. He fell around 4 – 5m. Ambulance and other services were contacted straight away and the man was taken by ambulance to hospital.

6 February 2013 – 17:00

Contact

Lake Camp, Canterbury

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	PWC

The jet ski was 500m off shore in the middle of the lake. The jet boat came around the PWC driver, turned away and changed tack and ended up doing a full loop at high speed around the PWC.

The boat was towing tubes, the ropes came over the front of the ski and took the driver off. The ropes broke around the PWC and caused damage to it. The boat and people on the tubes were fine.

7 February 2013 – 14:50

Propeller Entangled

Marsden Cove Marina

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Research
Length (m)	7.09

The research vessel was conducting a biosecurity survey in Whangarei Harbour. The area where the incident happened was in the narrow entrance to Marsden Cove Marina.

Wind was pushing the vessel close to the western bank, to counter act this, the skipper turned to port and applied some power to reposition into deeper water. This occurred when the crew were retrieving a benthic dredge. The starboard propeller came into contact with the dredge chain which then became entangled.

It was possible to manoeuvre safely with the port engine whilst crew freed the propeller. There was no substantial damage to starboard propeller and engine and the survey was safely concluded. A mechanic is to look at the engine and check for any damage not obvious by visual inspection, to check seaworthiness.

7 February 2013 – 15:40

Injury Only

At sea, Otago

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	19.5
Tonnage (tons)	90

Cause of illness/pain is unknown. The injured person complained of pain just below his ribcage, within half an hour of the initial complaint the injured person was found in the fish room in immense pain. At this point the skipper phoned for medical advice. The injured person was airlifted to Dunedin Hospital.

7 February 2013 – 23:31

Equipment Failure

Tory Channel

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	133
Tonnage (tons)	14,588

The vessel entered Tory Channel at 2325. At 2331 the Chief Engineer of the vessel required the port main engine to be shut down due to a mechanical failure. The vessel completed the voyage on the starboard main engine.

8 February 2013 – 21:00

Grounding

Rimariki Island

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Launch
Length (m)	14.3

The skipper left three people on watch when he fell ill and had to go to the bathroom. The skipper had checked the course using the cursor on the GPS chart plotter. He believes he was gone 10-15 minutes when the vessel ran aground.

He assumes one of the "watch keepers" adjusted the course on the auto pilot and inadvertently set the auto pilot mode to steer to GPS. This caused the auto pilot to travel to the location of the cursor.

9 February 2013 – 08:00

Mooring line failure

Napier Port Basin

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Tug
Length (m)	23.78

When berthing the vessel the mooring line was fast on the port shoulder. A short while after being asked to increase from towing easy to towing full, a couple of twinges were felt by the skipper. It was

initially thought that the winch was slipping but the tow line unravelled and started to part. At this point the pilot was informed and the vessel's deckhand tied a bowline in the line and the line was made fast again.

11 February 2013 – 12:30

Person Overboard

Chatham Islands

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	64.05
Tonnage (tons)	1,899

During the process of shooting the gear a crewman assumed that a chain had not been connected and grabbed on to it to prevent it going over the side. It had been hooked on, but the momentum caused him to lose his balance and topple down the stern ramp.

The Skipper stopped the shooting process, the crewman hung on to the net at the bottom of the stern ramp. The rest of the deck crew followed the MOB procedure and launched the Zodiac to retrieve him. He was uninjured in the incident.

11 February 2013 – 15:00

Injury Only

Auckland Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Tourism Activity

Length (m)	7.8
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A female passenger on board a jet boat failed to hold on when the boat went into a spin, she fell onto her partners lap and bumped her ear on the handrail, which resulted in a small cut on her ear.

12 February 2013 – 12:00

Capsize / Flooded

Nelson Haven

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Kayak / Canoe
Length (m)	2.5

The paddler operating the kayak lost balance, capsized and fell in the water. The paddler could not empty the vessel of water. The paddler was towed back to shore by a second paddler.

14 February 2013 – 13:00

Near miss / Close quarters

Okiato Point and Opuia

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Vehicle Carrier
Length (m)	23.93

Tonnage (tons)	117.75
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The vessel departed the Okiato Point ramp across the Veronica Channel on its standard course. Another vessel was making its way up the port side of the channel and was on the port side of the vehicle ferry. As the vehicle ferry crossed the Channel it was established that a collision course existed.

The vehicle ferry skipper sounded five short blasts and the other vessel made an alteration to starboard. The other vessel then went back to port at which time the skipper of the vehicle ferry sounded the horn continuously and brought the vehicle ferry to a stop. The other vessel then passed across the bow of the ferry at a distance of approximately 10 m.

15 February 2013 – 10:50

Injury Only

Fisherman's Wharf, Timaru

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	24.9
Tonnage (tons)	143

A fisherman was loading packaging onto the vessel, he was lifting a bundle of boxes, 2-3 kg, and on uplift immediately felt pain in his lower back. The crewman was moved from the factory deck to the mess deck to lie down where he was treated and taken away by paramedics.

15 February 2013 – 13:50

Near miss / Close quarters

Mana Marina approach Channel

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Launch
Length (m)	9

The skipper was inward-bound in the channel, approaching the marina on the starboard side and running up the leads. The other vessel came out of the marina and came towards the vessel dead-on bow to bow.

After a short time in this relative position, the other vessel made a brief move to starboard and the skipper maintained their course. The other vessel then made a quick steering change to port and across the vessel's bow; and came down their starboard side.

The ideal move to starboard was not available to the skipper, due to being close to shallow shoaling water and the final course change of the other vessel. The other vessel's original move to starboard did not instil confidence in the other vessel and the vessel elected to come to a stop.

16 February 2013 – 13:00

Extreme vessel movement / Person overboard

Anchorage, Abel Tasman

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Yacht (sail)
Length (m)	7.5

Whilst moving along the side of the vessel from the bow to the cockpit the skipper was hit on the head by the boom. This occurred during an unintentional gybe as the wind changed direction slightly.

The vessel was entering the mooring area of Anchorage from the north with a following sea breeze, under mainsail only. The skipper was wearing a life jacket when he was knocked overboard by the blow.

He surfaced quickly and the two crew on board turned the yacht about under motor to pick him up. The skipper was able to climb up on board and did not lose consciousness through-out the event. He suffered a laceration to the forehead. This was treated with the first aid kit and bandaged.

16 February 2013 – 19:00

Contact with bottom

Westpark Marina Channel

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Hire and Drive Charter
Length (m)	12

The vessel was travelling up the channel to the marina when the skipper noticed a yacht sideways across the channel 500 m ahead. The vessel was slowed and began to move to the starboard side of the yacht to ensure plenty of clearance.

Due to the very low tide the amount of space was misjudged. The side of the channel was hit, the vessel was stopped to check passengers and for any leaks. The vessel floated free shortly after contact and the vessel was able to proceed to its berth. The vessel was taken out of the water for inspection.

16 February 2013 – 21:00

Equipment failure / Grounding

Tauranga

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	13.38
Tonnage (tons)	29.51

The vessel lost propulsion and steering at about 2045 hours on 16/02/2013 and ran aground at the edge of a sand bank shortly after returning via the western channel past the WC12 marker. The vessel floated free off the sand bank and the skipper dropped anchor near the WC12 marker in the western channel. An attempt to return home with one engine was unsuccessful because of the strong current. At 2115 the skipper arranged a tow.

17 February 2013 – 07:25

Near miss / Close quarters

Napier Port

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Container Ship
Length (m)	144
Tonnage (tons)	29.51

The main engine of the subject vessel failed to fire astern within acceptable time. The tug in attendance was ordered to tow right astern which slowed the vessel down by which time the main engine did go astern.

There were no further problems with the main engine starting while berthing. On completion of docking the explanation was sought by the Pilot, and low air pressure in the cylinder appeared to be the issue.

17 February 2013 –

Propulsion Failure

Inshore waters, Northland

Vessel	

Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	11.40

The skipper encountered problems with the number 1 cylinder, he suspects a problem with the injector.

18 February 2013 – 21:00

Electrical failure

Wellington Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	198.15
Tonnage (tons)	32,346

When the No 2 thruster was started up to be used for berthing it overloaded the junction box and this created some smoke, but no fire. The junction box fed back into the main switchboard and knocked out all power for 16 minutes.

The loss of power occurred when the vessel was in the harbour. At the time of the incident a pilot was on board and two tugs in attendance. When the vessel was ready to come alongside the wharf, main power had been restored to one engine.

19 February 2013 – 08:00

Injury only

Kaiteriteri Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Tourism
Length (m)	7.49

Whilst the vessel was on its trailer, the skipper walked along the edge from mid-ship to the bow, holding the head height grab rail with his left hand. As the skipper put his foot forward it missed the edge and he fell off the boat approximately 1 metre to the ground. The skipper was still grasping the grab rail, causing the injury (hand fracture).

20 February 2013 – 00:40

Fuel oil spill

Port Nelson

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	42.5
Tonnage (tons)	1048

Whilst bunkering, fuel oil was spilled via the port side vent, spilling into the Harbour. The oil was contained and cleaned up in an efficient and timely manner. The Harbourmaster and Council were notified at 0045. The spill has been estimated at 26 litres.

23 February 2013 – 15:10

Collision

Aotea Quay, Wellington Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Tug
Length (m)	32

While undertaking a trip with passengers the vessel was passing close to another vessel. The top of the vessel's funnel came into contact with a protruding retractable mooring platform.

The collision caused some damage to the subject vessel, the skipper is unsure if any damage was caused to the other vessel's platform.

23 February 2013 – 16:30

Slip / Trip / Fall / Person Overboard

Lake Rotoroa, Hamilton

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Power boat / Jet boat
Length (m)	4.3

The skipper was using one of the club patrol boats to retrieve the course marks after the last race of the day had been abandoned. He was manoeuvring close to a mark when one of his feet slipped. He fell forward against the steering wheel and pushed the throttle lever forward.

As the boat accelerated and turned he was thrown out into the lake. The boat continued moving quite rapidly. The incident was seen from the club house and the other patrol boat was used to check on the skipper.

One of the course marks had fallen over board and its anchor rope had become tangled around the fuel tank, flipping it upside down, so air was drawn down the fuel line and the engine spontaneously stopped. The skipper was uninjured and no damage was done to the patrol boat.

23 February 2013 – 21:00

Near miss / Close quarters

Tauranga Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Recreational
Vessel Category	Power boat / Jet boat
Length (m)	4.42

While attending to a fouled propeller, another vessel was seen approaching from the stern. The other vessel was travelling quite fast and 250 - 300 metres away. The subject vessel was lit up like a Christmas tree, with additional underwater lights.

A torch was used in an effort to warn the other skipper but to no avail. There were many people partying with the apparent skipper and the cabin lighting was all on so it was assumed his night vision was affected.

The propeller was able to be freed and the vessel was moved to avoid a collision within seconds of a potential impact. The other vessel was directly astern at about 10 m.

24 February 2013 – 07:20

Near miss / Close quarters

Tauranga Harbour

Vessel	
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Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	311
Tonnage (tons)	137,276

Whilst approaching the Number 1 berth at Tauranga aboard the vessel, end on to the berth, at a speed of approximately 1 knot ahead, the distance between the berth and ship approximately 60 metres. A chartered fishing vessel passed between the vessel and the berth.

The vessels whistle was sounded and VHF contact was attempted on channel 12 but there was no reply.

27 February 2013 – 11:15

Injury Only

Port Timaru

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	46.5
Tonnage (tons)	1079

A contractor was replacing sealant on the steering hatch cover. He had been working for 50 minutes when he was seen leaving the work area in distress. He tripped on the step between the hook room and factory, falling and landing in the foot bath.

He was attended to by contractors and the ships medic immediately. He appeared to be concussed and showed signs of chemical inhalation. The contractor appeared to be extremely disorientated. An ambulance attended and he was taken to hospital for observation.