



# Accident, incident, and mishap notification

February 2020





## **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 (1-29 February 2020).

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## Contact

### In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Tugboat
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Aft port fender caught flare of transom of arriving vessel - vessel to vessel contact

## Injury Only

### Coastal, Hawke's Bay

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

Vessel tangled equipment due to weather conditions, while untangling equipment crew member had his left thumb caught in wire.

## Chemical or harmful substance spill

### At berth,

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

A report of a minor ammonia leak on board. Valve accidentally turned on and quickly turned off while in port. Accident was turned into a drill and the factory was evacuated.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

The engine room called the bridge to advise of a problem with the starboard engine and requested to pull back on the power for both engines while further investigations took place. Crew advised to standby anchor. Bow thruster readied for use, awaiting further information from engine room.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Wellington

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

Prop pitch control failure as they approached the berth.

## Medical Event

### Inshore, Gisborne

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

A crew member suffered a stroke and required immediate medical evacuation. Rescue helicopter was tasked and evacuated the patient, taking them to hospital.

## Medical Event

### Inshore, Southland

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

The doctor from the ship phoned RCCNZ directly to advise that a passenger was seriously ill and required a medical evacuation.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Wellington

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

As passenger was boarding at the Wharf, he missed the step and tripped on the edge of the gangway.

## Injury Only

### Coastal, Wellington

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

The guest slipped on a ramp while coming in from the outside deck; fell on her backside and left hand.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Canterbury

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

Crane block failure on crane one, stopped work and inspected crane two to find in same condition.



## Medical Event

### Coastal, Auckland

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

Master suffering seizures on board.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Canterbury

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

A flat rack was being discharged using the automatic over-height frame. During the lift the flat rack has fallen from the lifting frame falling into the ship's hold. There were no personnel in vicinity of the falling load. There were no injuries to personnel.

## Oil Spill

### At berth, Northland

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

An unexplained release of oil to sea in vicinity of vessel whilst anchoring on arrival.

## Extreme vessel movement

### At berth, Southland

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

On berthing with tugs attendance, a gust of wind appeared to sheer the bow to starboard from a parallel approach. Vessel landed moderately against concrete fenders and wooden capping, breaking a length of the capping and scratching the hull in vicinity.

## List

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Safe passage of container vessel impeded by an event crossing the shipping channel. Outrigger canoes and small powered craft blocking shipping channel. Vessel engine was stopped and vessel drifted in the channel while the pilot vessel proceeded to clear the boats from the channel.

## Grounding

### Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Workboat
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	<500

On a non-commercial trip, he anchored vessel. He then went ashore leaving the vessel. When he returned to the anchorage the wind had shifted and the vessel had swung and contacted some rocks.

## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel was travelling to harbour. In the bridge was the Master and the deckhand who was assisting with lookout. The vessel had radar, plotter and AIS operating. Whilst in the shipping channel the crew prepared to make a turn to port to head north. The master and deckhand spotted a small vessel approaching off the port bow with no navigation lights showing. The master reduced speed quickly to avoid collision, this caused both engines to stall.

## Chemical or harmful substance spill

### In harbour, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Tugboat
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Deckhand observed diesel coming out of breather of starboard double bottom tank. Engineer went to engine room to level out fuel. This stemmed the flow. When moored up return valve to starboard double bottom tank was found to have accidentally been left open, which caused the spillage.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Tugboat
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Stood on top of the lip on steps leading to aft deck and slipped. Missed the hand rail and pulled shoulder.

## Equipment failure

### At berth, Otago

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

The ship's digital rate of turn Indicator display at bridge front is lagging considerably behind the ship's true rate of turn. Once the ordered rate of turn has been held for a period of time - the digital rate of turn Indicator then shows the correct rate of turn.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Wellington

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

Loss of propulsion on port side due to main engine shut down. The reason for the shut down is not known at this stage and is under investigation.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Auckland

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

While transiting channel while pilot on board observed RPM dropping and eventually engine stopped. It was due to lack of fuel to engine when supply pump failed. All necessary precaution have been taken by the vessel in addition to putting extra man on forward and on the bridge, while we managed to steer the vessel safely in between the channel buoys. Pilot also called harbour control for tugs to standby immediately.

## Injury Only

### Beyond Offshore,

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

The person was engaged in cleaning the machine, used for removing squid tentacles. It would appear he removed a plastic cover, while the machine was still running. His hand has then come into contact with the drive sprocket. This has caused lacerations and potential fractures to his hand and wrist.

## Contact

### In harbour, Southland

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

Vessel made light contact with a salmon farm barge. The vessel was slowly manoeuvring to go alongside the barge, and when put into astern, the vessels bow moved to starboard causing the vessels starboard shoulder to graze the salmon farm. There were no persons within the vicinity of the contact area at the time, no injuries and no damage to the vessel.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Northland

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

When the crew were lashing the logs. The lashing wire was broken suddenly and the lashing block hit his right flank.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Nelson

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

A discharge rope tray with an empty chep pallet loaded into it, was being slewed around towards the vessel's hold access. As the hiab crane operator slowed the slew and proceeded to wire down to access the fish hold, a lifting eye, attached to the discharge tray, became dislodged from the main hiab hook. This caused the tray to drop down from the side dislodged, which in turn resulted in the empty chep pallet, loaded in the tray, to fall into the vessel's fish hold.



## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Waikato

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

The other vessel was on the port side of the vessel and failed to give way when the barge returned east to the mooring. Tried to reach them on the vhf but no response. Then throttled back to avoid collision and after calling the skipper on the phone that he was not in command of vessel but downstairs and his deckhand was driving. Deckhand does not have an srl.

## Injury Only

### Offshore, West Coast

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

While pulling in tuna line while trolling, he got some sting in his eye .

## Equipment failure

### Beyond Offshore, Auckland

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

Main engine (ME) governor actuator was out of order due to failure of reduction gear caused by damage of radial bearing. As result ME remote control was not operational. Main engine is currently operating from local control. Engine room is manned duly, engine staff watches were arranged properly. Crew is well trained for emergency operation of main engine from local stand.

## Injury Only

### River, Otago

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

Whilst the vessel was out of service, a crew member had opened a hatch to replenish stores prior to the morning cruise. The crew member had advised the rest of the onboard staff of the hazard, later a staff member whom was cleaning the ship windows failed to notice the open hatch and fell into the hold. Due to the fall, emergency services were contacted, and the employee was taken to the local hospital to be medically checked

## Flooded

### At berth, Nelson

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

Flooding in the bow thruster room was discovered. This was traced to a split in the suction line for the freshwater pump. The split had led to the contents of the freshwater tank to enter the bow thruster room. The valves were immediately isolated to prevent any more water entering the space and the split pipe has subsequently been repaired. It was noted that the bilge alarm in the bow thruster room had failed and this has also been repaired.

## Near miss/close quarters

### Marina/boat ramp, Taranaki

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

A loud bang was heard by marine crew. On investigation a piece of timber was found.