



Accident, incident  
and mishap reporting  
Monthly summary  
**June 2013**





## **What's in this summary**

The following text summarises details of notifications of accidents, incidents and mishaps as reported by the person advising Maritime New Zealand in accordance of s. 31 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994. These summaries are provided for information purposes only, and are not intended to be, nor should be construed as evidence of any determination by Maritime New Zealand as to accuracy, cause, or liability. As far as possible the summaries reflect the language and terms used in the notifications, though some names and details have been withheld to protect the privacy of individuals involved and to avoid prejudice to any subsequent investigations that may occur.

This report was extracted on 0900, 31 June 2013 and only includes notifications reported before that date. For that reason this report does not necessarily include all reported notifications for the month and is not suitable for statistical or analytical purposes.



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## 5 May 2013 – 05:00

### Injury Only

#### Wellington Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Vehicle Carrier
Length (m)	200
Tonnage (tons)	60,401

#### Narrative as reported

Pilot injured while stepping over cargo lashings between pilot ladder and stairway (no clear access). The injury was initially suspected as a sprained ankle but was later found to be a ruptured achilles tendon.

## 10 May 2013 – 02:00

### Extreme vessel movement & Injury Only

#### Offshore waters, South of Stewart Island, Southland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Trawler
Length (m)	66
Tonnage (tons)	2,483

### **Narrative as reported**

1st Engineer was in workshop walking towards cupboards. Boat went over quickly to starboard throwing him onto work shop steel bench edge. He hit it with force on the left side below rib cage.

**20 May 2013 – 08:00**

### **Injury Only**

**Inshore waters, South east of Patea**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	12.24
Tonnage (tons)	18.13

### **Narrative as reported**

Crewman was hit by Eagle Ray barb causing severe pain and possible anaphylactic shock.

**22 May 2013 – 07:13**

### **Extreme vessel movement/Person overboard**

**Cannister Cove, Pitt Island.**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	12.21
Tonnage (tons)	15



### **Narrative as reported**

While in the process of hauling anchor the vessel was struck by two huge waves. The second wave caught the vessel on the starboard quarter. White water washed a crewman over the side of the vessel. The crewman retrieved within 25-30 seconds.

## **June 2013 –**

### **Equipment failure**

#### **Auckland**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	21.95
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

### **Narrative as reported**

Vessel observed water in the engine room bilge just after sailing, returned to port where the bilges were pumped into Tanker. Breather SS pipe from sea chest leaking where it was joined by a mild steel mac union. Repaired pipe.

## **1 June 2013 – 04:00**

### **Near miss / Close quarters**

#### **Approaches to Gisborne**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	General Cargo / Multi-purpose
Length (m)	179.90
Tonnage (tons)	24428

## Narrative as reported

**Account from Pilot on cargo vessel:** Upon entering the breakwaters the main engine was stopped once the turn to port had commenced. Upon Butler's Wall light being just forward of the bridge on the port side the order for dead slow astern was given. No response, the order for full astern was given, still no response. The forward tug was laid back and towing full to arrest the headway, the order to release the Port anchor was given. After a period the order to set the brake was given, ahead momentum was around 2.5kts still so the order to let go the stbd anchor was given, then to set the break. The vessel's headway was arrested, allowing manoeuvring and turning of the vessel to berth at #8 berth port side too. First line @ 0359 Hrs.

**Incident as reported by Skipper of the Cargo vessel:** During the process of the vessel being brought alongside Gisborne Port. The aft tug did not follow the berthing plan as discussed by the pilot and master beforehand. It did not makefast in the correct position as the pilot required. The second mate used the heavy line lead the tug by hand to make it fast. The tug kept away from the vessel and did not notify the ship's crew. The pilot eventually required preparation of the emergency anchors.

**Account from Pilot on Tug:** The Tug was positioned under the centre lead aft and as the tugs line was going up, the ship's crew dropped the line in the tide. Evasive action was taken by the tug master and assisted in the latter part of the berthing with one engine.

## 1 June 2013 – 17:30

### Near miss / Close quarters

#### Musick Point, Auckland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	<i>NZ Passenger (SSM)</i>
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	49.50
Tonnage (tons)	573

## Narrative as reported

At 17:30 hours while approaching the Musick Pt Channel markers from the easterly direction a launch was seen approaching the markers from the Tamaki River side. He was on our port side, turned through the markers while we kept to starboard near the green beacon. He then turned towards us so I used the horn. He then further panicked and cut across us to our starboard side forcing me to apply an emergency stop with reverse on all 4 engines. He passed about 10-15m off our bow. There would have been contact if we didn't stop.

**1 June 2013 – 20:30**

## **Grounding**

**Broughton Arm, Breaksea Sound, Fiordland**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Recreation
Vessel Category	Personal water Craft
Length (m)	10
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

### **Narrative as reported**

Weather conditions were extreme with high wind. The vessel dragged anchor and grounded. The vessel was subsequently abandoned. Potential oil spill reported by the regional council.

**2 June 2013 – 07:30**

## **Grounding/Oil Spill**

**Whitianga, Waikato/Greater Mercury Island**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	<i>Recreation</i>
Vessel Category	Personal Water Craft
Length (m)	10.90
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

### **Narrative as reported**

**As reported by the skipper.** Vessel heading back from Cuvier Island to the n6 end of Merc's to get back to Whitianga. The vessel ran aground and was abandoned. The vessel then drifted back towards the skipper at which time he jumped back aboard the vessel. The skipper got some flares and finally abandoned the vessel to swim to a rock. The skipper then signalled the coastguard with the flares and was subsequently picked up.

**As reported by the regional council.** 400 litres of Marine diesel has been spilt from a vessel due it sinking. The environmental effects are not known at the time. The regional council were monitoring the situation.

### 3 June 2013 – 13:30

#### Hit submerged Object & Propulsion failure

##### Waikato river between Port Waikato & Tuakau

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Workboat
Length (m)	4.500
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

##### Narrative as reported

Travelling downstream from the elbow boat ramp to sampling site at approximately 5 knots when a submerged log was struck with the prop. The motor cut out & bounced up (tilt bar was free not fixed). Attempted motor re-start but it would not start. After trying for 3 seconds oil began to leak out of the motor. We were then towed back to boat ramp (2.5k). Engine was tilted up and all oil retained on-board.

### 6 June 2013 – 14:00

#### Injury Only

##### Tutea Falls Kaituna River

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Raft
Vessel Category	SOP Raft - Adventure
Length (m)	4.40
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

##### Narrative as reported

A client's paddle hit the right wall as the boat was going down the waterfall (tutea) and struck the guides rib cage as they got down for the drop. He decided to continue to the finish point and then assessed him for damage to his rib cage after the trip. We then, once back at our base, transported him to A&E for a medical check.

## 7 June 2013 –

### Electrical power failure

#### Auckland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	26
Tonnage (tons)	133

#### Narrative as reported

Relay controlling power to Main Engine failed. System bypassed vessel returned to Port and problem repaired.

## 7 June 2013 – 19:45

### Collision

#### Waitangi, Chatham Island

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing(SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	9.10
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

#### Narrative as reported

The vessel clipped a rock approaching an unfamiliar mooring. This caused a small hole in the bow and flooding.

## 10 June 2013 – 05:30

### Injury Only

#### Half Moon Bay, Auckland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger / Vehicular Ferry
Length (m)	49.50
Tonnage (tons)	573

#### Narrative as reported

Injury occurred while pulling in a stern mooring line. The injured party felt a strain while pulling in the line. They continued on their shift until they realised the injury was substantial. They later visited a physio and were referred to a doctor.

## 11 June 2013 – 19:40

### Equipment failure

#### RFT 3, Interisland terminal, Wellington

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (NZISM)
Vessel Category	Ro-Ro Passenger
Length (m)	177.34
Tonnage (tons)	22365

#### Narrative as reported

A refrigerated transport unit began to emit smoke and flames from its exhaust on starting. It was switched off and there was no further incident.

## 12 June 2013 –

### Contact

#### Rangitira Knowl, Bay Of Plenty

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	15.70
Tonnage (tons)	45

#### Narrative as reported

During the morning of January 12, 2013 a charter vessel was in the vicinity of Rangitira Knowl, located some 25 nautical miles Norwest of White Island in the Bay of Plenty. At this time a floating line was snagged by a trolling line behind the boat. While the line was being freed, another fishing vessel rapidly came over with verbal abuse being hurled immediately. After a time this abuse was returned with the subsequent throwing of a heavy sinker from a crewman on board the fishing vessel. This sinker (a "puka bomb" judged to be 26 ounces in weight) narrowly missed a passenger standing up toward the bow of the boat and careened off a forward facing window. At this point the passenger vessel skipper elected to flee the scene at high speed rather than incur any further risk to passenger safety or boat damage. The fishing vessel followed at speed, eventually catching up to the passenger vessel when more verbal abuse and gestures were exhibited. This matter is also being referred to the police for action.

## 12 June 2013 – 11:55

### Flip/Overturn

#### Kaituna River, Rotorua

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Raft (SOP)
Vessel Category	Unpowered Recreational - Raft
Length (m)	4.60
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

### **Narrative as reported**

The raft was the second raft of a two boat trip. The raft flipped at the bottom of Tutea Falls. The flip twisted the customers arm and dislocated his right shoulder. The customer was rafted to the takeout point and transferred back to base. At base we got him to lie on a table with his arm dangling over the edge and relocated the shoulder. He was then taken to Rotorua Hospital. They took X-rays and said everything was fine and discharged him.

## **15 June 2013 – 17:00**

### **Injury Only**

#### **Berth 5, Port of Napier, Hawkes Bay**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Container Ship
Length (m)	231
Tonnage (tons)	36,007

### **Narrative as reported**

Stevedore injured while working on board a vessel. During a container exchange, while guiding spreader onto lid, swell caused vessel to move and a finger was jammed between crane spreader and hatch cover.

## **16 June 2013 – 16:30**

### **Injury Only**

#### **Northport Berth 2, Northland**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	General Cargo
Length (m)	190
Tonnage (tons)	20,867



### **Narrative as reported**

On Sunday 16th June 2013 during the loading of the vessel located at Marsden point a crewman has entered the company's operational area without notification which has resulted in the crewman being struck with a log causing him to be hospitalized overnight. The crewman was injured when he was supposedly going forward to tighten the lines at the bow. He had no reason or permission from any company personnel giving him permission to be working in our operational area. Ship's duty officer did not inform company shift supervisors of any intentions of a crewman working in company's operation area. Crewman has made deliberate decision to enter company's operational area without permission from any company Supervisor or employee.

## **16 June 2013 – 16:30**

### **Extreme vessel movement & Contact**

#### **Maritime Museum Marina, Auckland**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Sail Training
Length (m)	18.30
Tonnage (tons)	31

### **Narrative as reported**

Extreme vessel movement due to weather caused vessel mooring cleat to explode. Bow swung around and contacted pile, riding up and becoming impaled. Stern made contact with marina pontoon causing damage to vessel.

## **17 June 2013 – 12:00**

### **Propeller entangled & Structural failure**

#### **Ruakaka Bay sea farm, Queen Charlotte Sound, Marlborough**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Aquaculture
Length (m)	19.10

Tonnage (tons)	n/a
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**Narrative as reported**

We were mooring the vessel up at the farm. A breeze blew the vessel off the mooring position. The rope from a tyre fender got caught around the prop, resulting in the stern leg suffering damage. We inspected the stern leg for damage and judged it to be seaworthy to travel to the closest port (Picton) on a single stern leg (the other motor). I notified my manager of my intentions and ensured the bilge systems were running prior to our departure.

**18 June 2013 – 03:30**

**Injury Only**

**CQ4 Berth, Lyttleton Port, Canterbury**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Container ship
Length (m)	264
Tonnage (tons)	41,899

**Narrative as reported**

Cargo lashman working bay 41 FWD end stepped 0.5 metres down from hatch and rolled right ankle.

**18 June 2013 – 09:45**

**Near miss / Close quarters**

**Berth 3, Port of Tauranga, Bay of Plenty**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Cargo Ship
Vessel Category	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Length (m)	175
Tonnage (tons)	18,179

### **Narrative as reported**

Cargo vessel was preparing to let go mooring lines. A Tug was under the bow of the Cargo vessel making the towline fast for departure. Without warning, the Cargo vessel port side (seaward) anchor was released, narrowly missing the Tug. A further 2 shackles of anchor chain (approximately) continued to drop into the water. No damage to harbour tug, however this incident potentially had much more serious consequences.

## **18 June 2013 – 16:15**

### **Chemical or harmful substance spill**

#### **Refining NZ Jetty No. 1, Northland**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Chemical Tanker
Length (m)	185
Tonnage (tons)	30,636

### **Narrative as reported**

4 drums chemicals fell from pallet into sea while hoisting on board vessel by ship's crane from tug boat. Pallet appears flimsy.

## **20 June 2013 – 19:00**

### **Mooring line failure**

#### **Interislander Ferry Terminal, Wellington**

<b>Vessel</b>	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (NZISM)
Vessel Category	Ro-Ro Passenger
Length (m)	177.34
Tonnage (tons)	22,365

**Narrative as reported**

Vessel mooring failure at berth in Wellington during very high winds.