



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

October 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 (1-31 October 2020).

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If an accident, incident or mishap is notified to Maritime New Zealand more than once, it is only reflected once in the report.

Near miss/close quarters

Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

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

Awaiting vessels to depart and clear. Sounded two prolonged blasts as turning to port when clear. Made turn and sounded a few blasts as astern propulsion engaged. Backed into berth and punt impeded approach to a berth by moving to construction zone despite vessel manoeuvring.

Injury

At berth, Canterbury

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

The crew injured a finger when he was cleaning the screw feeder machine. At the time of the accident, he was unsupervised, however, he had been instructed on the cleaning procedure for the machinery.

Equipment failure

At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

The vessel was scheduled to drift outside in order for the container vessel on a wharf to depart. After drifting and proceeding to the wharf, the forward tug was made fast and while assisting and shifting to push the bow of the vessel to berth, the forward tug's line broke.

Near miss/close quarters

Inshore, Marlborough

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

Close quarters situation with small runabout at the northern entrance to a sound.

Injury

In harbour, Southland

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

During disembarking of passengers, one passenger did not see the steep stairway and fell.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Southland

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

The vessel was on outward bound course and slow ahead when the main engine failed. The Master was unable to provide clarification of why the main engine failed.

Propulsion failure

At berth, Auckland

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

Failure to start the main engine on departure. Ships electrician had somehow disabled it after repairing the bow thruster which had failed on arrival.

Injury

In harbour, Taranaki

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

Skipper's finger was crushed under a rope turn on the surge drum while lifting the cod end of net aboard in moderate to rough seas. The boat pitched propelling him toward winch. He reacted by putting his hand out to halt his momentum.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Hawke's Bay

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

Engine failed to go astern when berthing. Vessel stopped using tug and berthed without incident. After talking with Chief Engineer, Master advised that the cause was a start air distribution issue. Engine test to be completed prior to departure.

Injury

Beyond Offshore, Southland

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

A crew member was carrying out routine maintenance on a filleting machine. The machine was not being used for production at the time. Crew member was checking a replacement chain. In the process of carrying out the inspection the crew member energised placed his finger close to the chain where it became caught amputating/degloving the tip.

Injury

At berth, Wellington

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

Sub contractors were loading trucks and trailers onto ferry car deck. Employee has received crush injuries after being caught between other vehicles working.

Fire

At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

Skipper was awoken by smell of smoke, crew went down to vessel proceeded to find source which was smoldering wood which was located between deck and exhaust.

Propeller entangled

Beyond Offshore, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	Line fishing vessel
Category:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Length (m):	<45
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Vessel leaving port, with a fishing company staff and divers onboard. The vessel wrapped a trawl net around the prop.

Near miss/close quarters

Marina/boat ramp, Waikato

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

Unsafe snorkeling situation, master was coming in to dock to unload customers on his charter vessel. There was a snorkeler under the wharf in very dangerous positions.

Medical Event

Beyond Offshore, Auckland

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

Skipper had a medical event and had to be air lifted off the vessel, the other skipper took over and another crew member was brought to the vessel by coastguard.

Log Handling

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

When lifting a heave of logs a wet log slipped from the heave when being loaded into the hold and struck the rear of a digger working in the hold. The log was forced from the heave due to the heave slowly rotating and making contact with the coaming of the vessel. The lift was also on a slight angle.