



# Accident, incident, and mishap notification

January 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 January 2020).

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## Injury Only

### At berth, Auckland

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

When the vessel was going alongside the wharf one of the crew got her lower arm hurt, the skipper completed the maneuver then took the crew member to a medical centre to be assessed.

## Mooring line failure

### At berth, Otago

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

When mooring up the tug a noise was heard coming from aft / drive units and one of the mooring lines was seen getting sucked into the starboard unit. Contacted local company via Harbour Control for removal, reinstated into service same day.

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Wellington

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

Crew member stated that he sustained a serious cut to his left thumb as mentioned in the medical report. He immediately attended the medical centre and informed his Supervisor of the accident. Due to the seriousness of this cut he was disembarked on medical grounds.

## Medical Event

### Inshore, Canterbury

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

Stewardess reported to the doctor with stomach pains. The doctor carried out an examination and admitted to hospital for further examination.

## Propulsion failure

### At berth, Auckland

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

Main engine problem whilst underway after departure from berth. Vessel could only proceed at slow ahead and proceeded to anchorage for repairs.

## Chemical or harmful substance spill

### Offshore, Southland

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

Cruise ship lost a few items overboard in heavy seas south of New Zealand. Assume they will sink but may float for a while. Could possibly be a danger to small boat navigation if it floats.

## Fire

### At berth, Canterbury

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

Master Pilot exchange completed, vessel 1.1nm from bouy when blackout occurred. Vessel steered to starboard to keep clear of any dangers. Emergency generator running, Engine room reports heavy smoke emanating from switchboard. Engine room reported small fire on one transformer for breaker switch, fire out and restoring power. Later power restored, main engine control handed back to bridge. Engines tested. Bridge systems reset, tugs made fast. After conferring with the Pilot vessel proceeded inwards for berth. Berthed without further issues.

## Contact

### At berth,

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

During shifting at berth and with pilot on board, vessel starboard quarter made contact with jetty which caused minor dent on the starboard side aft hull.

## Contact

### At berth, Canterbury

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

Vessel was proceeding shoreside to unload passengers and was given the inner pier port side alongside to berth. As the driver got closer to position he went ahead to make sure that the stern was clear of the aft part of the dock. As he was doing this a gust of wind drifted the tender down onto the pilings of the blue shop situated forward of the berth. The tender landed alongside the piling and the fender of the tender had a small mark from the landing and no visible damage to the pier after inspection from the ships Safety Officer and Harbourmaster. No injuries to any passengers.

## Equipment failure

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

From Master of the vessel bow thruster tripped whilst coming alongside. Vessel commenced swing for berth at safe speed with tug fast aft. During swing the bow thruster tripped twice. Control maintained throughout, using safe speed, helm, tug and engine. Berthed safely without further issues. Tugs arranged for departure, plan to trouble shoot once clear of port. Suspect that shaft generator was overloaded causing bow thruster to trip out.



## Contact

### Inshore, Canterbury

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

Vessel made contact with the fishing vessel while departing from the port. Vessel had dropped pilot, 15min later contact with fishing vessel, around mid-ship (port side). At the time of incident master was at the CON. There was no visible damage to the fishing vessel and all crews of boat are safe and sound. There are some indentation to vessel hull, but all crew also safe and there were no injuries.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Canterbury

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

Passenger fell while exiting the gangway and rolled to the bottom of the gangway, seems to have superficial injuries but has been taken to hospital for additional checks.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

As passenger descended the ramp she lost her footing and fell down and banged her left arm, she felt discomfort to her arm and was taken by wheel chair to the medical center where she received treatment from Ship's Doctor. Following an x-ray it was discovered that she has sustained a suspected fracture of her left humerus.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member awoke to use the toilet. When alighting from top bunk she placed her foot on the ladder and whilst trying to move herself out of the bunk fell down and banged her knee.

## Medical Event

### Inshore, Southland

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

Upset stomach, unsure of cause. Captain advised him to stay in cabin with regular interval checks by the crew. Captain informed the office that he had not improved and requested that he be taken to the nearest port for medical assistance

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Hawke's Bay

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

Person was trimming fish when the fish wriggled and he cut his left hand Index finger with a knife. The skipper treated the laceration, stemming the blood flow and issuing pain relief. The vessel then returned to port and the vessel manager arranged to get him medical care.

## Equipment failure

### At berth, Marlborough

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

Pilot contacted Harbourmaster on voyage inbound and discussed condition of vessel and lack of an anchor. Vessel had engines demobilized for repair during stay. Shortly after leaving wharf on departure vessel's engines had to be stopped due to engineers request to the master. Master stopped main engine and advised pilot the need to anchor. Vessel anchored with assistance of one tug which was called back to attend. Pilot stayed on board and tug stood by until the main engine was available. Vessel continued passage outbound with no other issues.

## Steering gear failure

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

During steering tests found steering not responding to starboard helm order on a motor. When two motors used, helm and starboard had issues. Steering responded fully to local and emergency control. Non response was with remote steering control and override system. Problem has been identified as the micro switch limit for one of the cams, which is connected to the remote control system. The micro switch position has been adjusted and steering on remote control tested repeatedly. Remote control and override system now working.

## Contact

### Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Cargo ship
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Whilst berthing , starboard corner of ramp clipped the starboard aft belting leaving a crack.

### Near miss/close quarters

#### In harbour, Northland

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

The Master had shortened the cable to prepare for his departure after boarding the passenger vessel. After the master/pilot exchange was completed the anchor was aweigh. During the master/pilot exchange it was noticed a yacht was sailing in the vicinity of the ship but well clear. It was noticed that yacht was now out to port and approaching to cross the ships bow. Blast given on whistle to warn yacht. Yacht passes under ships bow losing sight of hull. Pilot boat crew witness incident and attempt to communicate with yacht but to no avail. The skipper had restricted visibility of the ship as he was on a port tack with his sails out to starboard thus putting his vessel and crew at risk carrying out a needless manoeuvre.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Auckland

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

Lifting strop failure resulting in timber being lifted into the ship falling from height on to wharf.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Auckland

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

Inadvertently stepped on the tail end of the bow rope rolling left ankle in the process. Resulting in a fracture to his left foot.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

Vessel fuel gauge faulty on portside fuel tank. 1 engine starved of fuel and stopped operating. Operations manager called to provide assistance with more fuel. Second Vessel taken with additional fuel for port side tank. Vessel taken to safe wharf for passenger transfer on 1 engine. Other vessel brought to wharf location, transfer passengers. The second vessel departed to port . First vessel fueled on port tank , reprimed using fuel pump attached to port motor . Returned to port with no passengers . Next day fuel tank accessed , faulty sender removed and replaced.

## Chemical or harmful substance spill

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

There was an odour of LPG on the raildeck. Engine room was immediately contacted to check LPG detection system to see if there was any alarm. This was checked and no alarms were present. Vessel's speed was reduced and ship's crew conducted an investigation on the raildeck to locate any leak.

## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel was proceeding. Another vessel was cruising the harbour and had been coming up on the stern for a while. At first one of the vessels was overtaking at a fine angle slightly away from another's path and with sufficient distance, but then it changed direction to a collision course.

## Medical Event

### Offshore, Canterbury

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

Medical situation - suspected perforated ulcer in crew member.



## Injury Only

### At berth, Taranaki

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

Engineer carried out washing strain filter, he found one screw bolt on it was seriously rusted then he tried to dismantle it with a hammer. He hit his index finger with hammer.

## Injury Only

### Beyond Offshore,

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

The engineer was performing maintenance on machinery, he forgot to lock-out the equipment whilst making adjustments to the machinery, he inadvertently triggered the machinery, the tip of his finger was crushed.

## Steering gear failure

### In harbour, Auckland

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

The vessel steering failed. Passengers were transferred to a ferry and vessel was returned on emergency steering.

## Chemical or harmful substance spill

### In harbour, Nelson

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

During rough weather, freezer trays stored adjacent to the by-catch plate freezer broke the chain holding them. The loose trays contacted one of the plate freezer flexible hoses causing the hose to be holed and a liquid ammonia leak. Requiring replacement of the hose.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Sheave bearing on boom end of crane broken. Pieces fell off during log loading.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Nelson

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

Patient apparently well until few minutes prior to consult, patient relates he was having lunch and says he stood up to get food but a chair was blocking his left side hence he turned to his right side of way and did not notice a step down by the window which caused him to trip and fall on his right side with his right foot stuck in place.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Hawke's Bay

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

It was reported by ship manager that Starboard PEM has a control fault which is preventing it's operation. Portside PEM is fully functional. To mitigate risk the sailing schedule to be adapted to ensure tugs are available at ports when arriving and departing.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Otago

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

Loss of port engine due to mechanical issue. Immediately returned to port on 1 engine (starboard). Vessel docked safely. All passengers disembarked. No injuries, no more damage to vessel.