



Accident, incident
and mishap reporting
Monthly summary
September 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.

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11 June 2013 – 13:30

Collision

Kaikoura Southbay

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Other Fishing
Length (m)	9.40
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

We picked another boat up on radar about 2 miles away then we spotted it by sight. As we were setting a net we did notice it getting closer it was not a worry. We stop to tie float on to our net. A minute later the vessel hit our starboard side. He was at fault he paid for the repairs.

10 August 2013 – 04:00

Injury Only

North of Hokitika Trench (42 10 S 171 50 E)

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

Narrative as reported

Tension died on net, drum failed to engage causing net to continuously run off the drum. The only tension that could be applied was when the up & down lever was pulled back. This slowed it down enough to apply a chain stopper to the wire bridles. After the port side was applied, the bosun tried to step over the slack wires, the chain stopper hadn't bitten the wires properly and slipped, causing them to tighten, catching his toes and flipping him onto his side landing on the side of the area. Stretched him off to the ship's hospital and was given a thorough check-over by the medic in consultation with

Medaire. Potential fractured ribs. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Asked engineer to check tension dial. Dial found to be faulty. New one ordered, being replaced. All crew (deck especially) reminded of hazards when applying chain stoppers and wires on deck. Report filed late due to uncertainty of injury sustained. Suspect fracture to ribs but doctor advised X-ray not warranted. Reporting as unsure of actual injury.

13 August 2013 –

Injury Only

Ohiwa Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	4.00
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

Vessel sustained two fractures in the port side of the hull. This was due to the guide rails rubbing on the vessel and wearing a hole. Member of the crew slipped and fell down the steps from the anchor deck to the deck below while making their way down this set of steps. They landed on their back and left shoulder/elbow causing bruising and (at the time) suspected breaks. They were conscious throughout, however in significant pain and vomiting. The casualty was given first aid and then medevac'd by helicopter direct to Kew Hospital after being assessed by paramedics. The casualty has been admitted, treated and discharged to home with bruising, but no breaks. Contributing factors to the slip/trip/fall accident are being investigated.

17 August 2013 – 01:00

Injury Only

Fergusson Wharf berth, Auckland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Unknown (ISM)
Vessel Category	n/a

Length (m)	n/a
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

Stevedore performing unlashng tried to loosen a twistlock on the bottom of a container by hitting it with another twistlock (i.e., trying to use a twistlock as a hammer, swinging it to loosen a jammed twistlock). He hit his finger with the twistlock, crushing his little finger between the two twistlocks and causing the finger to split open and causing a fracture to the end of the little finger. This is NOT normal practice and he has been trained to do this task correctly, but he decided to try using a twistlock rather than going to look for the correct tool. This was reviewed with the injured person and the shift manager. The procedure is also being reviewed by the Operations Performance Coaches who do the training.

19 August 2013 – 16:00

Injury Only

40 nautical miles west of Chatham Islands (43 55 6 S 177 43 0 W)

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	36.6
Tonnage (tons)	372

Narrative as reported

While hauling bottom longline gear a hook got stuck in injured person's left inside forearm and then got ripped out leaving a 60mm long gash in their forearm. We buoyed the gear off, administered on-the-spot 1st aid and headed straight for Chatham Islands for doctor's help. Arrived at Chathams. Picked up injured person at 2130 hrs by local police and MPI officer. They took them to doctor. Doctor put 14 stitches into his arm and returned him to vessel by 2230 hrs. By 0300 hrs we were back on grounds and fishing. Modified emergency stop button on machine (closer to operator) and moved standing platform so this would not happen again.

21 August 2013 – 15:00

Injury Only

Ohiwa Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	43.00
Tonnage (tons)	703

Narrative as reported

Crewman was pulling on a wire when his hand slipped off and struck a steel brace with his hand. He continued to work throughout the trip with only minor discomfort. When he returned home after about a week or so he went to his doctor who diagnosed a fracture to his hand (metacarpal). He has been trained in all deck work & was undertaking a routine activity when his hand slipped and hit part of the vessel. He will be retrained in deck SOP's on his return.

24 August 2013 – 08:30

Equipment failure

Near Port of Tauranga

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Cargo(NZISM)
Vessel Category	Dredger

Length (m)	62.62
Tonnage (tons)	942

Narrative as reported

I wish to advise you of an equipment failure on board an NZ Cargo vessel. On Saturday the 24 of August 2013 at approximately 08:30 the Port main Engine of the vessel suffered a cooling pump failure. The engine was shut down by the ship's engineer with the Master's permission. The engine cooling problems were resolved. Approximately half way through the engine cooling related repairs, there was a start air valve gasket blow out on the Starboard main engine. This required the Starboard main engine to be shut down as soon as possible which forced the Master to request permission from the port of Tauranga to Anchor the vessel as to safely make repairs to the Starboard main engine and complete the repairs to the Port main engine. I would like to add that at no time during this event did I feel that there was any danger to the vessel. I hope to have informed you sufficiently, however should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

26 August 2013 – 08:30

Near miss/Close quarters

Tamaki Strait, Auckland

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

Narrative as reported

Notification from a government department regarding an incident involving a Water Taxi and their operation in this morning's thick fog. At 0830 hrs as I approached Rangitoto Wharf, I noticed a small target on the radar hugging the coastline of the island. I stopped and sounded my horn to indicate where I was and as I monitored the vessels progress I noticed it was the Water Taxi so I called him to CH16 to let him know what my intentions but there was no answer. This company operates in thick fog and also at night by way of chart plotter only, in my opinion is highly unsafe especially for a commercial passenger vessel.

27 August 2013 – 03:45

Contact

No 4 beacon Shag Point, Pelorus Sound

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-Passenger(SSM)
Vessel Category	Aquaculture
Length (m)	25.08
Tonnage (tons)	107

Narrative as reported

While steaming out from Havelock Marina, the person in control of the vessel mistook the distance between the vessel and the beacon and the speed that the vessel was doing with the outgoing tide and river flow that goes around Shag Point and the vessel hit the pole a glancing blow.

27 August 2013 – 09:30

List & Flooded

Clutha River between Etrck & Millers Flat

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Non-passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Dredger
Length (m)	23.90
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

Dredging winch wire cable chafed through subsurface roller side plate and through forward port ballast tank hull wall. Temporary repair effected by crew.

27 August 2013 – 21:00

Contact & Equipment failure

Nelson Marina

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger
Length (m)	13.20
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

As reported by the owner vessel 1: I have heard that he had a malfunction with his vessel's gearbox linkage system. Collided with his starboard pulpit hooking my anchor, damaging his aluminium pulpit and driving my vessel backwards onto the marina jetty, damaging my anchor, starboard forward navigation light, my stern ladder and breaking various personal items inside my vessel. As reported by owner of Vessel 2: On returning to my berth at K Marina, the vessel didn't respond to gearbox controls when going astern. Vessel continued forward colliding with the bow of Vessel 1 then bouncing off and coming to a stop at a vacant berth. Damage included bent rails on Vessel 2 and a bent anchor and a broken nav light on Vessel 2." Reason for failure was the pin on the gear selector had fallen out as a result of the split ring working its way loose. Repairs include: replacing section of handrails and replacing split ring with 6mm bolt nylex nut, repair and replace damaged items to Vessel 1.

28 August 2013 – 14:30

Injury Only

Marlborough

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing Vessel
Length (m)	46.50

Tonnage (tons)	1,079
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Narrative as reported

Vessel rolled in heavy sea while hauling longlines at same time the injured person was putting his knife away into his sheath attached to a belt around his waist he missed his sheath and stabbed himself. This was a complete accident and could happen any time on rolling vessels while putting knives into sheaths - awareness of such occurrences will be made and spoken of at training/H&S meetings.

28 August 2013 – 21:30

Fire

Port Nelson

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Bulk Carrier
Length (m)	175
Tonnage (tons)	19,831

Narrative as reported

Bonnet insulation on Yuchai digger caught fire while digger was in the bottom of hold moving fertilizer. Fire was extinguished using digger fire extinguisher then lifted out onto wharf where it reignited and was extinguished again. Investigation findings: Fire retarded insulation surrounding exhaust turbo ignited spilt hydraulic oil that over the years has been absorbed by the insulation. Source of ignition was foreign material being in contact with turbo. Corrective actions: Steam-cleaned engine bay and replace worn/soaked insulation around motor. Other similar machine has been removed from service to have the same corrective action taken. Please note both machines are 2nd-hand and newly acquired and other extinguishing systems are being investigated.

29 August 2013 – 06:30

Equipment failure

Pilot boarding station, Taranaki

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)

Vessel Category	Bulk Carrier
Length (m)	182.50
Tonnage (tons)	23,670

Narrative as reported

When preparing to board the Foreign SOLAS vessel, the pilot ladder appeared to be in poor and weathered condition. Step whippings were loose and could be pulled apart by hand, disintegrating. I refused to use the ladder and ship advised to rig another one. The replacement ladder appeared in good condition and I boarded with no further incident. After berthing I had another look at the suspect ladder and found it to be poor condition throughout, so told the mate to not use it again.

1 September 2013 – 11:00

Injury Only

40 miles west of Greymouth

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Trawler
Length (m)	64
Tonnage (tons)	1,899

Narrative as reported

Injured person presented to the bridge of a 64 metre freezer trawler on Sun morning 1st Sep, with health issues of concern – abdominal pain, vomiting blood. Contact was made with Dr around 1100hrs (approximately) regarding the persons health. She spoke to both 2nd Mate/ Medic and injured person at this time. The doctor then spoke to the skipper and advised that injured person needed to go ashore for medical attention. Skipper then started to haul and proceed towards Greymouth. I called 2 contacts in Greymouth re options on transferring injured person ashore. I left messages with both of them. Shortly after, I was contacted by Police. He was engaged on a SAR exercise at the time with Greymouth Coastguard, and said he would be able to get the injured person. A transfer from vessel was affected at 1430hrs to Rescue Boat. The injured person was admitted to Grey Hospital around 1600. They are still in hospital, following tests & scans, and anticipates being discharged tomorrow Wed 4th Sep 13. I understand that a diagnosis has not yet been confirmed, but they've been advised it may be a severe reaction to a virus.

2 September 2013 – 10:00

Flip/Overturn

Approx. 1.5-2km out from Algies Bay

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Kayak
Vessel Category	Unpowered Recreational – Sea Kayak
Length (m)	4
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

Noticed kayak becoming unstable and appeared to be taking on water. Proceeded to head back towards Algies Bay and kayak rolled and could not be re-entered as it was holding too much water.

8 September 2013 – 09:44 Equipment failure & Propulsion failure

Waikeri Island

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Hire & Drive Charters
Length (m)	8.50

Tonnage (tons)	n/a
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Narrative as reported

Skipper contacted me to advise the starboard was running but wouldn't go into gear. Skipper turned back on port overboard in a safe manner with no assistance required.

8 September 2013 – 00:40 Mooring line failure

New Plymouth Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Fishing vessel
Length (m)	18.54
Tonnage (tons)	54

Narrative as reported

I was asleep at the time and was awoken by a crew member advising we were alongside another boat. I rushed upstairs and saw us alongside the other vessel on her port side. Our mooring shackle pin had come out causing us to drift through the mooring and other vessels. Mooring line came fast on the other vessel mooring chain stopping our drift. Myself and 2 crew freed the mooring line without incident or damage to the other vessel, we then reversed out through the mooring and dropped anchor for remainder of the night after retrieving mooring line. Port authority and other vessel's owners were advised that day. Pin on shackle had worn its thread down and come out due to suspected electrolysis. Big surge movement in harbour contributing to damage to shackle on the sea floor.

9 September 2013 – 02:45

Electrical power failure & Propulsion failure

Tauranga Harbour, vicinity of A Beacon

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	General Cargo/Multi-purpose
Length (m)	184
Tonnage (tons)	16,801

Narrative as reported

While proceeding inbound under pilotage the vessel was in No.1 reach. Having just passed the A Beacon it experienced a total blackout causing the loss of all electrical power, the main engine and steering gear. The rudder was stuck on 5 degrees to starboard causing the vessel to slowly turn to starboard and out of the channel. The tugs were called. The port anchor was let go followed by the starboard anchor and the vessel pulled up without grounding. Tugs were made fast and after 15 minutes power was restored, anchors heaved. Vessel towed astern to safe water then under its own engine power safely proceeded to the anchorage for assessment.

9 September 2013 – 08:00

Injury Only

Doubtful Sound

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Tourism Activity
Length (m)	40
Tonnage (tons)	693

Narrative as reported

A member of the crew slipped and fell down the steps from the anchor deck to the deck below while making their way down this set of steps. They landed on their back and left shoulder/elbow causing bruising and (at the time) suspected breaks. They were conscious throughout, however in significant pain and vomiting. The casualty was given first aid and then medevac'd by helicopter direct to Kew Hospital after being assessed by paramedics. The casualty has been admitted, treated and discharged to home with bruising, but no breaks. Contributing factors to the slip/trip/fall accident are being investigated.

10 September 2013 – 14:00

Injury Only

Okere falls, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Raft (SOP)
Vessel Category	Tourism Activity

Length (m)	4.40
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

The customer was out of the boat and was unable to get back to the raft, he swam down a small rapid, and this resulted in him straining the muscles in his lower back.

11 September 2013 – 22:15

Propulsion failure

Off Cashin Quay, Lyttleton Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Container Ship
Length (m)	260
Tonnage (tons)	n/a

Narrative as reported

Erratic response with astern movements on main engine.

12 September 2013 –

Near miss / Close quarters

Hold 2, Berth 7, Port of Tauranga

Vessel	
Vessel Type	<i>Foreign SOLAS (ISM)</i>
Vessel Category	General Cargo/Multi-purpose
Length (m)	199
Tonnage (tons)	25,483

Narrative as reported

Piece of crane block fell into Hold No.2 and just missed a Stevedore.

13 September 2013 – 09:00

Equipment failure

Oil Berth Mt Maunganui

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Cargo (NZISM)
Vessel Category	Cargo
Length (m)	183.00
Tonnage (tons)	27,795

Narrative as reported

Winch failure on the rescue boat after motor being disconnected for load test.

14 September 2013 – 09:50

Injury Only

Mid Chatham rise area

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	FCFV
Length (m)	81.70
Tonnage (tons)	1,913

Narrative as reported

The injured person states they fell over on deck and hurt their back and left hip and this became progressively worse to the point where they were immobilised and in severe pain. The owner was contacted then passed on to shore contact who then in turn contacted RCCNZ for assistance.

14 September 2013 – 13:00

Grounding

Whangaparapara Great Barrier Island

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger/Vehicular Ferry
Length (m)	37.95
Tonnage (tons)	361

Narrative as reported

Vessel was on Whangaparapara ramp with ships ramp down in position, but needing 5m shift to port. As engineer took weight of ramp on controls a sea rolled in (random), lifted vessel's stern and moved vessel back less than 1 meter and 0.75 metres to port. As vessel dropped down again port engine stalled (propeller struck object). During this period and prior, wind at Channel Island gusting 40-45 knots.

15 September 2013 – 06:30

Electrical power failure

Approaching Tauranga Harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Container Ship
Length (m)	140.66
Tonnage (tons)	9,935

Narrative as reported

After boarding the vessel for pilotage inwards to Tauranga ship suffered power blackout. Power was restored almost immediately. This ship has a history of engine problems at this port. Pilotage continued without mishap with 2 tugs standing by.

19 September 2013 – 16:30 Injury Only

No. 3 Wharf, Port of Timaru

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Fishing (SSM)
Vessel Category	Trawler
Length (m)	64.50
Tonnage (tons)	1,899

Narrative as reported

At 1630 hrs an employee of the contracted company, was operating the UHP lawn mower in conjunction with the UHP blaster operator. While relieving the blaster operator the employee tripped and the UHP nozzle went across his foot. Causing significant injury to his foot. Treated at Timaru hospital and released to his hotel for the weekend. He will be re accessed on Tuesday for full discharge. Full investigation is under way.

22 September 2013 – 02:45 Propulsion failure

Auckland Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Container Ship
Length (m)	246
Tonnage (tons)	39,906

Narrative as reported

Main engine failed to start on two occasions during arrival manoeuvre.

24 September 2013 – 17:15 Contact

Waitohi Wharf, Picton

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (NZISM)

Vessel Category	Ro-Ro Passenger
Length (m)	124.90
Tonnage (tons)	13,906

Narrative as reported

Whilst berthing the ferry made heavy contact with the wharf.

24 September 2013 – 21:15 Contact

Devonport Wharf, Auckland

Vessel	
Vessel Type	NZ Passenger (SSM)
Vessel Category	Passenger Ferry
Length (m)	27.06
Tonnage (tons)	341

Narrative as reported

Whilst berthing at Devonport wind gust pushed vessel sideways Master was unable to compensate and vessel made contact with navigation mark. Navigation mark (a pile) was knocked down. Due to conditions crew were unable to secure pile and it floated away. Weather conditions were monitored for rest of shift and due to tide change at 2300 the last sailing was cancelled.

25 September 2013 – 07:00 Lifting / Cargo gear failure

Berth 10 Port of Tauranga

Vessel	
Vessel Type	<i>Foreign SOLAS (ISM)</i>
Vessel Category	Bulk Carrier
Length (m)	179.90
Tonnage (tons)	20,924

Narrative as reported

Crane #4 took a lift of logs approx 20jas over the portside stanchion to the centre of deck #were the runner wire has snapped approx. 1.5m above the deck. The logs have landed on the deck without causing injury or damage.

25 September 2013 – 11:00Equipment failure

Wellington Harbour

Vessel	
Vessel Type	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Vessel Category	Bulk Carrier
Length (m)	169.30
Tonnage (tons)	16,960

Narrative as reported

Boarded ship using a pilot ladder which had damaged rubber steps at bottom of ladder. Then found gyro was u/s and magnetic compass had 8 degree deviations on various headings. Master was very difficult to understand due to poor level of English.