



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

December 2019



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 December 2019).

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Fire

Marina/boat ramp, Canterbury

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

Crew were welding plates in the ships refrigeration room. The acetylene hose ignited approximately 6 meters from where the welding was taking place. The crew member on fire watch noted the issue and the welder having confirmed the hose was leaking and on fire went to the deck and isolated the gas bottles. The alarm was raised and the ships fire party responded extinguishing the melted hose as the ship was evacuated. Fire and Emergency had been called and executed their planned response. On arrival, they determined no further action was required. The incident resulted in melting of the oxy-acetylene hoses and some burn marks on the wall near the leak from the hose.

Mooring line failure

In harbour, Auckland

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

Cyclone mooring chain had twisted over the shackle holding the rope, it then chaffed the eye parting the line. Vessel then ended up drifting onto mud bank which was retrieved later in the morning on the high tide. No damage to the vessel or environment.

Injury Only

At berth, Manawatu-Wanganui

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

The dredge had landed and sat down in the bottom of the basket (normal practice). After assessing it was safe, crews climbed out the back to remove the mesh from the dredge. Top skid was leaning on working area roof / cutter bar was up against basket guard. The hydraulics let go allowing skid to fall under roof moving the bottom of dredge and crushing one crew's foot.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Auckland

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

A company was loading from the wharf. Crane 1 was being used to load the hatch. A truck presented with scrap bin to be loaded, it was hooked onto the ship's hook and then lifted. When the bin was about 5m above the ground and about to lift and slew the scrap bin into the hatch the power was lost to the crane. The crane swung back and the brakes failed, the bin slowly lowering to the ground by itself. The crane operator reported that a big bang was heard inside cab at the time the power cut off. A surveyor has returned to investigate the cause of the incident.

Near miss/close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Vessel heading in an easterly direction was stand on vessel. 20m Motor yacht sighted on the port side bearing constant. The motor yacht took no avoiding action after giving some short blasts. Vessel took avoiding action by stopping all way. Reported to Harbour master.

Equipment failure

At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

Crew onboard noticed stanchion on deck, starboard side had parted at the base (broken welds) and stanchion leaned outwards at a small angle. All deck cargo loading was stopped and Maritime NZ was informed and attended, along with port health and safety. The vessel will not be loaded until class surveyor has attended and discussed with staff from MNZ. Stanchion will have to be repaired before departure of the vessel. Usual reason is stress or fatigue on the metal. No injuries.

Injury Only

Inshore, Canterbury

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

Deckhand was standing in ponds when boat rolled and lurched causing him to fall backwards trapping his lower leg on the fall while body twisted causing injury to left knee.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Canterbury

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

Prior to arrival at pilot station, engine and steering checks/tests carried out without issue. The Pilot boarded, power requested for thruster. Several minutes later ship lost power and emergency generator started. Vessel steered to port to clear any potential dangers as speed dropped, Pilot was on the bridge. Engine restarted and full control back with bridge. Main engine tested again without issue. The cause was attributed to incorrect valve opening when viscosity alarm sounded. This was rectified within minutes. Second power loss to engine and thruster occurred when approaching the berth after swing to starboard was almost completed. Thruster was running at the time. Cause is currently being investigated as no alarms activated. Suspect shaft generator overload, tests will be conducted shortly to ascertain issue.

Injury Only

At berth, Wellington

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

While ferry was berthed and not operating, deckhand accessed boat through port skipper window to look for something he needed. Skipper had left hatch open momentarily and as deckhand entered boat through the window he stepped down and fell into floor compartment.

Injury Only

At berth, Marlborough

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

The company owner and operator boarded the vessel while it was tied to the wharf to check on work progress. When he disembarked the vessel he stood on the unsecured lids and the lid slipped and he fell onto the vessel causing injury to his tail bone.

Near miss/close quarters

At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

The vessel was working in the cross-bay walkway when the walkway plate gave way underneath him. No injuries.

Contact

In harbour, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Bulk carrier
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Tug impacted the ship's hull causing indentation to ships hull. Vessel returned to wharf to inspect damage. Departure canceled.

Equipment failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Noted that gyro was drifting slightly over several days. The technician found that center pin and center support for gyrosphere had suffered damage over a period of time and could not support the sphere sufficiently. The vessel has full use of magnetic compass, can input headings into ECDIS manually and have radars on north up display with heading from magnetic compass. Have advised the port of the above. Plan to have spare delivered to vessel in next port of call. A temporary fix has been applied to the center pin, will assess if this is successful.

Person Overboard

In harbour, Auckland

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

Passengers jumped off the ferry from the top deck into the water while underway making way into the ferry basin. Has retrieved one person while the other person swam under a wharf. Police were called and the person was picked up afterward by police.

Near miss/close quarters

In harbour, Northland

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

Inbound tug and barge required to stay in the channel, small fishing vessel anchored in the middle of 5,6 sounded horn but forced to move out of channel to avoid collision. The pilot on board gave permission to exit the channel.

Extreme vessel movement

In harbour, Gisborne

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

Whilst positioning off the seawall to dredge a line along the wall the bow thruster jammed tripping both of the ship's generators and blacking the ship out. The prevailing wind then pushed the vessel onto the seawall mud bank adjacent to the wall. Generators were started and systems other than the bow thruster were back on line and the vessel was moved to clear water within the swing basin where a damage assessment was completed.

Injury Only

At berth, Marlborough

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

The lead crew member opened foredeck hatches for ventilation prior to trip. The procedure is to check that all hatches and other openings are closed before passengers board. The lead crew member failed to close hatches. The tour party with tour director boarded at the stern and a passenger walked to the foredeck and failed to see hatch open and fell into opening.

Fire

Inshore, Southland

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

A fire in the wheelhouse, probably caused by a teatowel on the drying rack above the stove falling onto the stove.

Extreme vessel movement

In harbour, Auckland

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

Reversing into a pier, clipped wooden post, which in turn pushed the other posts horizontally, damaging the lamp post to the point where it broke off.

Dragged anchor

Inshore, Marlborough

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

Vessel anchored in a bay, sheltering from storm force Nor-West weather conditions. Night orders issued specifying expectations of severe wind gusts, with orders to start main engines and call Master at any sign of dragging. When a strong wind gust hit vessel beam on, causing a significant lurch, off swinging. Vessel's speed observed to increase in a Southerly direction, aft to wind. Main engines engaged and vessel maneuvered upwind of anchoring position whilst recovering anchor. During this activity it was discovered that anchor warp had parted and anchor and shackle of the chain had been lost.

Injury Only

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

The safety officer of the vessel has phoned to report that they have had an incident on board regarding a woman who has suffered serious damage to her right hand. When she was accessing her cabin a gust of wind has slammed the balcony door closed on her right hand.

Medical Event

Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member had an ongoing infection in his mouth from a broken tooth, was picked up by the coastguard for ongoing medical treatment.

Person Overboard

At berth, Auckland

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

In port, at berth, container terminal, during routine gangway watch, deck cadet fell from the pier to the water while adjusting the gangway net. Due to vessel movement and draft changes constant adjusting by the gangway watchman was needed. At this instance bosun and deck cadet (gangway watchman) were adjusting the net. Cadet had lost his balance and fallen to the water.

Log Handling

Inshore, Hawke's Bay

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

The first container discharged at the start of the exchange. The container was stowed at height 90, so was not lashed into position and had no interlock equipment fitted – no twist locks. The container was in the outside row, so the only thing holding it in position was gravity.

Person Overboard

Coastal, Hawke's Bay

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

Man over board