



# Accident, incident, and mishap notification

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## Contact

### Inshore waters, Gisborne

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

Contact was made with a small alloy runabout.

## Contact

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Cargo
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

On leaving the berth the vessel was informed a crew member was still on the wharf, so the vessel was stopped and proceeded astern. There was however enough drift for the port propeller to contact a concrete wall. The engine was shutdown and the vessel berthed with the starboard engine and bow thruster. A later trial run found no unusual vibrations from the port engine.

## Other

### In harbour, Southland

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

Pilot ladder found to be in poor condition and rigged crooked, with the gangway too close to the water. Later it was found there were no man rope stanchions, and while a new ladder had been fitted it was still crooked.

## Other

### Bay of Plenty

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

Crew member slipped on oil that had leaked onto the deck. No injury occurred as they were wearing a helmet.

## Grounding

### Inshore waters, Foreaux Strait

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Other Charter
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Dropping passengers off the vessel turned behind a rock, but failed to see another due to the glare. The vessel rode up the rock at 2-3kts. The vessel was able to reverse off, the anchor was dropped, and all compartments were inspected for water, with none found. A number of small scrapes were found on the hull.

## Injury Only

### Offshore waters, Marlborough

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

Crew member was setting the longline and clipping on the hooks to the rope backbone. The cotton clove he was wearing caused the hook tip to grab easier. His small finger was pierced. He received medical attention on board the vessel and given time off aboard for the swelling to ease. His wound was neither large or open.

## Collision

### At berth, Marlborough

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

Skipper was bringing the vessel into the wharf to berth. Wind caught the port side of the bow and pushed the bow towards wharf. Vessel could not be brought to a stop in time and the bow struck a vertical steel beam on the wharf fendering. Causing a large dent in the bow and a dent to the beam on the wharf.

## Injury Only

### Inshore waters, Tasman

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Passenger
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Two passengers were injured while boarding a tender from the primary vessel, both due to losing their balance due to movement of the vessel.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Cargo (NZISM)
Category:	Bulk Cement Carrier
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Vessel proceeding to berth found all equipment operating satisfactorily as per checklist. However commencing a swing to starboard the Master observed the bow thruster motors were not operating. Attempted to start them from the bridge without success. The engine room was advised and the anchor dropped to assist the vessel to swing. The Chief Engineer started the bow thrusters locally and the vessel completed the manoeuvre.

## Propulsion failure

### A lake, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Research
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Throttle control system seized in neutral with no forward motion but able to get small amount of reverse to get back to the boat ramp.



## Injury Only

### At berth, Northland

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

Vessel using spring line on the wharf bollard pulled forward and the line got caught up under the wharf. The crew member directed a deck-hand to move back to free the line. As deck hand was trying to free the line with boat hook the deck hands arm was crushed between the boat and pole. Crew member took care of the deck hand until medical attention was given at hospita, where no broken bones were found.

## Foundered

### At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Recreational
Category:	Launch
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel sank on its mooring

## Injury Only

### A river, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Skipper called get down approaching weir. Passenger got down but didn't hold on resulting in a head impact on the helmet in front. Passenger complained of a sore eye and head and after evacuation from the river went to hospital for a concussion test.

## Collision

### Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Recreational
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A larger vessel backed into an anchored recreational vessel, causing damage to the anchored vessel's bow rail. The larger vessel appeared to have been crewed by one person, who was away from the helm attempting to manually release the anchor winch on the foredeck. The skipper of the moving vessel suffered a hand injury in the collision.

## Near miss / Close quarters

### Inshore waters, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A charter vessel approaching a stationery boat from the stern, travelling at speed, missed colliding with the bow of the stationary boat by an estimated half to one meter.

## Injury Only

### Inshore waters, Auckland

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

The crew responded to a passenger who had fallen backwards down the upper deck stairs. The passenger was on the phone at the time of the fall. The crew made the passenger comfortable until the ambulance arrived and the medical crew took over.

## Other

### At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Dredger
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

A vessel was departing the wharf under only one engine, when the portside anchor became jammed into one of the wharf piles. Because the clutch was disengaged from the windless when the brake strap broke the anchor payed out. The crew were able to winch the anchor back and returned to the wharf. On inspection of the anchor locker they discovered a hole in the hull plating on the portside, however it was not clear if this was caused by the anchor issue.

## Hit submerged Object

### Inshore waters, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Tourism Activity
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

On disengaging from the launch tractor/trailer unit immediately on commencement of journey the vessel struck an unidentified submerged object causing damage to lower leg section of port outboard motor. The contact caused the lower leg to completely shear from the engine, and caused steering damage. The starboard engine was operable, passengers were kept informed of issues by the crew, and all passengers were already issued with lifejackets. The skipper and crewman made the trip using a manual steering option on the starboard motor. All passengers were safely disembarked returned to mainland later in day. The skipper/crew fixed a temporary steering rig and sailed the vessel back to the beach and successfully engaged with trailer/tractor unit.

## Flooded

### Tasman

Vessel information	
Type:	Kayak / Canoe
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Hiring a kayak and paddling approximately half way across the harbour a paddler noticed the kayak becoming increasingly hard to row and water bubbling out of the back. Approximately 15 minutes later the kayak became unstable and began to sink resulting in the paddler in the water and unable to get onto the other kayak. Being towed behind the other kayak for approximately 1km which took 45 mins the person was freezing, sick and had painful hands. On inspection of the kayak it was found to have a badly patched up hole in the bottom. The kayakers were taken back to shore by a passing boat.

## Other

### In harbour, Otago

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

Combination ladder found to be rigged poorly. The gangway platform was approximately half a metre above the launch deck, with the ladder approximately one metre below the platform.

## Near miss / Close quarters

### Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A boat was anchored close to shore when a large high powered vessel headed for their boat at speed. They tried to wave out to slow down but approaching vessel did not respond. The vessel past the stationary boat well inside 50m at more than 18-20 knots resulting in a large set of waves that hitting the anchored boat.

## Grounding

### Inshore waters, Southland

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

Vessel made contact with rocks on the starboard side when rounding a point at the entrance to a sound. Hull intact with no leak, confirmed by sounding of tanks and submarine inspection.

## Flooded

### In harbour, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Workboat
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

While doing routine checks, a member forgot to replace a hatch cover on the aft part of the vessel. The next time the vessel was used waves over the stern flooded the open space and much of the vessel was flooded. The bilge pumps were activated and the hatch cover replaced. Skippers have been made aware and reinforced to remember to replace items checked.

## Grounding

### In harbour, Otago

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

Vessel struck the breakwater while trying to enter the Harbour. The crew were safely ashore seeking hospital check-up due to the cold. The Vessel sank against the breakwater and was expected to break up.

## Person Overboard

### A river, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

The raft was pushed to the side while crossing a rapid, causing one passenger to fall out. They swam to the bottom of the rapid where they were picked up by a safety kayaker. They were found to be having difficulty breathing so were taken to the river bank, where a pre-existing medical condition was discussed as the likely cause. The passenger was able to walk around the remaining rapids before being picked up by a raft to return to the lodge. They continued to have difficulty breathing and chest pains, so an ambulance was called.

## Near miss / Close quarters

### In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Recreational
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Another vessel passed an estimated 10m away at approximately 20kts. The crew reported that the wake from the vessel came close to causing them to roll.



## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Jet Boat
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A jet boats engine stalled. Unable to restart the boat the anchor was dropped and the Coastguard called. They were towed back to their berth where on inspection it was confirmed as a fuel blockage.

## Contact

### At berth, Foreaux Strait

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Other Charter
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel had just tied up at the wharf about was about to start loading passengers when the tender from a larger ship tried to berth in front, colliding with the tied up vessel. The tied up vessel was checked for damage before loading passengers, with none found.

## Injury Only

### At berth/marina/boat ramp,

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

Climbing up from the aft deck onto the gunwale to access the foredeck the crew member struck their head on a protruding rod holder. The clamp-on rod holder was primarily fitted to fly dive flags and shapes from. The hazard was removed and replaced with flush mounted holders on the cabin top.

## Injury Only

### Inshore waters, Otago

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

Passenger fell against the corner of a fixed seating unit causing a hairline fracture and bruising to the right cheekbone. The vessel was commencing sounding run lines in a beam sea and up until that time the vessel had been doing up/downwind runlines. Whilst reaching to save a computer screen which he saw move as the boat rolled he missed the screen and reached for a nearby handrail but missed and fell. The computer screen was secured with a lashing but moved enough for the passenger to instinctively reach for it.

## Lifting / Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Container Ship
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

A piece of steel fell from the ship's crane and landed on the deck approximately 2m from a cargo handler conducting hatch duties.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Gisborne

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Reefer
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Stevedore was moving pallets out of the loading cage and had not seen the other pallet mover behind them. Their foot was run over by their pallet mover when they raised the tiller arm to stop it due to momentum and the confined space between pallet movers.

## Extreme Vessel Movement

### Inshore waters, Tasman

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

The vessel travelling in inshore waters fell off an abnormally high wave. On inspection of the engine room the skipper discovered that the starboard fuel tank had broken loose. They stabilised the tank immediately changed course for port.

## Injury Only

### In harbor, Auckland

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

Winch handle came out of starboard winch being operated by a crew member. The end of the handle came in contact with a passenger's forehead causing a small cut and a lump. First aid administered and passenger monitored for the rest of the trip. Winch handle lock was not working correctly, and a new handle will be fitted.

## Injury Only

### A river, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

On a commercial rafting trip a client was thrown forward in the raft whilst it was negotiating a rapid. The client's face impacted on the back of the helmet of the client in front and they sustained an injury to their nose. Prior to negotiating the rapid the guide gave instructions to all the clients to hold onto the grab lines, get down low in the raft, and turn their head to the side.

## Capsize

### A lake, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Kayak / Canoe
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Kayaker capsized after wind increased. Guide managed to do self rescue into kayak. Started kayaking back to base when rescued by coast guard.

## Hit submerged Object

### Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Jet Ski (PWC)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

On completion of the jet ski tour the crew member noticed the engagement of the secondary bilge extraction. When investigated the PWC was found to have water ingress from a perforation in the hull. The guide hadn't noticed anything unusual in the client's route during the tour, speculating that the client may possibly have been closer to the bank than directed to avoid the current or had struck something while slowing to enter the harbour.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Cargo (NZISM)
Category:	Bulk Carrier
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Vessel berthing with pilot observing, predicted weather was 12-15kt wind with a possible ebb tide, so tug assistance ordered. Vessel was undertaking the swing to starboard in the basin with engines as required an bow thruster to starboard, stern thruster to port, and rudder set to 45 degrees to starboard. The tug was made fast on the starboard aft side out of the wash from the stern thruster. The stern thruster failed, was restarted, and failed again. The tug pushing aft assisted in completing the swing and the vessel was berthed four minutes later. Problem identified as overload.

## Equipment failure

### In harbour, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Bulk Carrier
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

Starboard side life boat's engine was damaged during life boat exercises while the vessel was anchored.

## Injury Only

### A river, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	

A passenger suffered a suspected fractured nose when they struck the back of the helmet of the person in front of them after the raft came off a falls and was under water. Photos of the trip appear to show the raft's line was good and the passengers had a good hold as instructed.

## Injury Only

### Inshore waters, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Aquaculture
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A crew member lowering the backbone of the mussel line into one of three lugs on a buoy caught their index finger between the backbone and the buoy. This caused laceration below the nail and a fracture to the top of the finger bone.

## Grounding

### A river, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Jet Boat (SOP)
Category:	
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

For safety reasons the skipper elected not to try and drive through a shallow section of river. Stopping, intending to turn around the skipper could not proceed due to insufficient water depth to enable the boat to plane, this resulting in the boat floating into shallower water and grounding. The boat was assisted back into deeper water, restarted and able to carry on with the passengers not leaving the boat at any stage.



## Equipment failure

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Chemical Tanker
Length (m):	<45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

The Vessel was preparing for departure. As the gangway was being brought home at deck level the gangway lifting wire parted. The gangway fell approximately 6 metres back down to the dock resulting in the gangway being extensively damaged.

## Grounding

### Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Research
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Vessel struck a rock working in very shallow water in poor visibility. Three blades of one prop made glancing contact, and the vessel was able to float off.

## Injury Only

### Inshore waters, Marlborough

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

Skipper and crew observed smoke coming from a rubbish bin on the aft deck. They turned on the generator and used pumps to extinguish the fire. Fire believed to have been started from a cigarette, so the plastic bin to be replaced by a rubbish bag, with a metal tin for cigarettes to be provided.

## Injury Only

### Inshore waters, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Research
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A student on board became sea sick, blacked out, and hit their head on the side of the wheel house. First aid was administered to the student, who recovered reasonably quickly.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Canterbury

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

Passenger boarding from the wharf via a gangway slipped off a step on the vessel. The captain and a crew member were assisting passengers across the gangway but the passenger had refused assistance. They were given first aid for a suspected sprain, with an x-ray advised.

## Propulsion failure

### At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Foreign SOLAS (ISM)
Category:	Ro-Ro Cargo
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500t

During berthing no main engine was available when requested by the pilot. The vessel left the basin with tug assistance and dropped anchor. A second tug was arranged and the vessel berthed without engine. Approximately ten minutes after coming alongside the main engine was operational again.

## Fire

### Inshore waters, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Other Charter
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

Fire broke out in the dry stack through years of drying and insufficient ventilation.

## Other

### In harbour, Hawkes Bay

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

Gangway found to not be secured to the vessel's hull. The ladder's retrieval line was lead aft (should lead forward), and the manropes appeared undersized.

## Propulsion failure

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel was completing berthing and running final lines. The master went from the wing control console to switch control to the engine room, however while doing so the pitch defaulted to approximately slow ahead, causing the vessel to start moving down the wharf. The tug had just let go but the line was still on the ship. The line was made fast after being requested to pull back, and in doing so made contact with the transom of the vessel, causing minor damage to the tug. The master regained control of the pitch and the vessel was secured in its original position.

## Flooded

### Inshore waters, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	NZ Non-passenger (SSM/MOSS)
Category:	Work Boat
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	

A repair was done on a rip in the sponson. While underway in calm conditions, the repair patch came apart and water flooded into the vessel. The vessel slowed down and immediately headed for the nearest beach. On slowing it was found the water intake reduced significantly. Bilge pumps were activated, bucket and bailer were used, and another vessel working alongside was contacted to transfer crew. Three crew transferred to other vessel who carried on with the response mission that was underway while a skipper and crew monitored and returned to the berth at slow speed.

## Near miss / Close quarters

### Inshore waters, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

Anchored vessel in an estuary outside the marker buoys was approached by a boat travelling well over 5 knots and only approx 10m away from the stationary vessel. The skier being towed by the vessel turned and stopped within metres of potential impact.

## Propulsion failure

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Inward bound and lined up with berth after completing swing to port the engines stopped without going ahead or astern resulting in the vessel drifting toward shallow water. The aft tug managed to stop the vessel. The engines restarted four minutes later and the vessel docked without further problems.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore waters, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Power boat / jet boat
Category:	
Length (m):	
Tonnage (tons):	

The cable to engine snapped, causing the engine to fail, requiring the crew to be collected by another safety vessel. Coast guard was contacted and towed the boat to town.