



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

December 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 December 2020).

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Steering gear failure

In harbour, Marlborough

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

There was an audible alarm on the bridge and engine room indicating that steering pumps were overloaded. Vessel still had full steerage available however the decision was made to abort the berthing and move into safe water. Engineers investigated the cause and found a hydraulic control valve block on steering gear pump was the cause of the overload alarm.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	General cargo/multi-purpose ship
Category:	Foreign SOLAS
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Cargo operations were in progress and stevedores were using crane to load containers. Observed metal pieces falling down from jib end area so they informed the duty officer and stopped operation. Inspection confirmed that a bearing of one of the luffing wire sheaves on the jib end had failed.

Fire

Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

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

Smelled a burning smell up in the wheelhouse, master slowed the vessel down and called the crew up in the wheelhouse. After lifting starboard side galley/engine room hatch lots of smoke has poured out. Crew have alerted the master to a potential fire, immediately engine was shut off as well as fuel, fans, and air dampers, and dropped anchor.

Propulsion failure

Coastal, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	General cargo/multi-purpose ship
Category:	Foreign SOLAS
Length (m):	>45
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Main engine fuel pump shaft bushing failure. Fuel pump shaft wobbles when main engine is running exerting strain on the shaft bolts causing it to fail.

Propeller entangled

Inshore, Northland

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

Vessel was crossing the bay when the skipper felt a thud from underneath the vessel, he couldn't see anything he had hit so he called the vessel owner to report it, the vessels owner told him to go into the nearest bay and dive under to see if there was any damage or rope etc. On the way into the bay the vessel started shuddering violently, the owner was called and skipper was instructed to take the vessel straight to a harbour where he was met by a diver who dived on the boat and found damaged to the hull and rope wrapped around the prop and rudder, which was cut away.

Injury

At berth, Canterbury

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

During the discharging from the vessel's forward hold an incident occurred when an empty cargo net with plywood sheet was being lowered into the meal hold. As the cargo net was being lowered into the hold, the plywood sheet within the net caught up and hung up on the rungs of the escape ladder. When it released it dropped free and the net assembly impacted an unloading contractor in the side of the head. They suffered injuries despite wearing a hard hat.

Near miss/close quarters

In harbour, Auckland

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

Both vessels were heading in an easterly direction. One of the vessels started to converge on the other, and crossed the bow with less than 20m to spare. The other was required to reduce power and go hard astern to avoid collision.

Injury Only

At berth, Northland

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

The spring line of the tug parted and snapped back and struck the right hand of the engineer, injuring thumb.

Near miss/close quarters

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Commercial fishing vessel upon entering the middle of the entrance, while departing the harbour, altered course, steering on a collision course with a recreational vessel at anchor to the east of the shipping channel.

Injury

Coastal, Taranaki

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

In the process of cleaning underneath the conveyor, it appears the crewman's hand was drawn into the gap between the conveyor belt and roller and the stationary outfeed conveyor of the heading machine.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Southland

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

After leaving berth, Chief Engineer called to bridge to ask if engine could be stopped “for a moment” due to an issue with “a pipe”. Vessel was in the channel so could not be stopped, engineer stated vessel was ok to remain at slow ahead.

Equipment failure

At berth, Canterbury

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

A hatchman was working the vessel and while looking up at a container stack, leaned back against a handrail, which broke, but without injury.

Equipment failure

Beyond Offshore, Southland

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

On hauling a huge cod end onto the vessel, one of the strops that was used to drag the cod end onto the deck of the vessel snapped, the wire that was at tension connected to the strop via a shackle whipped back towards the bridge hitting and smashing the bridge window facing the stern of the vessel.

Chemical or harmful substance spill

In harbour, Taranaki

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

Vessel was fumigated and found leakage of gas from hold. Managed to control the situation by ships crew sealing leakage areas.

Near miss/close quarters

Marina/boat ramp, Marlborough

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

Vessel involved in close quarters. A commercial vessel attempting a dangerous overtake maneuver before clearing the rock wall while exiting a marina.

Injury

Marina/boat ramp, Waikato

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

While disembarking a passenger ignored the clear instructions and examples of how to get off safely. She was being assisted by her family however she stepped out over the water. Her family had both her arms but she fell partly on the pontoon and then into the water.