



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

August 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 August 2020).

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Steering gear failure

Lake, Bay of Plenty

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

The vessel lost both bow thrusters in high wind conditions due to a malfunction of the bridge controller. While attempting to berth contact was made with another parked vessel causing minor damage. Vessel then berthed with assistance from a local jet boat.

Injury Only

At berth, Otago

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

A cargo handler for the port, lashing containers on the ship for departure. Twist lock fell from first landing on his hard hat sliding down onto the bridge of nose below safety glasses.

Flooded

Coastal, Gisborne

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

Alarm sound in steering stand, steering command then failed, with gyro repeater indication lost. Master order to emergency steering and crew discovered steering room flooding. All crew in steering room started bailing out water, with water found to be coming from a corroded air pipe.

Electrical power failure

At berth, Auckland

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

Ship blackout of all electronics and lighting when attempting to get bow thruster started for berthing. The main engine was stopped at the time. The steering gear was operational throughout, the vessel steered away from berths, tugs attached, the situation stabilized.

Propulsion failure

Offshore, Taranaki

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

Main engine "High water temp and level Main engine" alarm sounded in the wheelhouse. Chief engineer investigated and shut down main engine to effect repairs.

Collision

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

The vessel collided with a navigation beacon. The beacon has been substantially damaged with the structure now below the waterline creating a navigational hazard.

Mooring line failure

At berth, Marlborough

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

The vessel broke its mooring and drifted SE from the port area. The vessel came to rest on a beach on the western side of the bay.

Equipment failure

Beyond Offshore, Auckland

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

The vessel reported that the fire alarm system onboard is malfunctioning. The fire alarm panel is showing fault and the zone indicator lamps are always on.

Flooded

Offshore, Marlborough

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

Was trawling when the bilge alarm went off. Water found in the bilge on inspection. Put pump onto manual and put deck wash pump over to bilge. Both pumps weren't keeping up, so cut hose from main motor and put in the bilge. Water level started to lower. Hauled trawl gear and notified another vessel of the situation and steamed to port. Hauled boat out off water straight away found a hole in the hull. Found rest of boat in good thickness with a single spot where the electric bilge pump sits been causing electrolysis.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Northland

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

The vessel at anchor had engine problems overnight.

Injury Only

At berth, Marlborough

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

Passenger disembarking the vessel sustained a suspected broken ankle.

Injury Only

Coastal, Bay of Plenty

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

Chief cook was burned with hot water.

Injury Only

Beyond Offshore,

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

Crew had light chemical burn from using caustic soda to clean the fishmeal plant. A small quantity splashed back out of the plant.

Fire

Offshore, West Coast

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

The crew in factory locker room noticed a gas smell coming from the domestic chiller. Engineer checked the domestic freezer located next to the chiller noticed the freezer room was full of smoke. No flames were seen but due to the amount of smoke the fire alarm was raised and the fire crew deployed.

Steering gear failure

In harbour, West Coast

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

Whilst maneuvering to depart the lagoon the bow thruster failed.

Injury Only

Marina/boat ramp, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Barge
Category:	Other commercial
Length (m):	>45m
Tonnage (tons):	>500

Crew that was unhooking the load caught his middle finger on the left hand between the load and hook.

Propeller entangled

At berth, Marlborough

Vessel information	
Type:	
Category:	Foreign SOLAS
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

While mooring the vessel, accidently ran over another mooring.

Mooring line failure

In harbour, Southland

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

A vessel has broken its mooring and subsequenly ran aground.

Injury Only

At berth, Gisborne

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

A Stevedore has been struck by a log wire from a crane.