



Accident, incident, and mishap notification

November 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 (1-30 November 2020).

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Equipment failure

Coastal, Northland

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

While on route to the north the vessel was struck by two large waves in quick succession. This caused the ship's skiff to lift out of its rails despite it having been well secured. The heavy weather caused the skiff to be lifted up and down on the skiff ramp as the ship pitched in the confused sea. During this period it caused damage to the stern above water line, bending frames under the skiff ramp.

Propulsion failure

River, Southland

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

Loss of gearbox selector control(ahead/neutral/astern) for the starboard transmission.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Northland

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

While the vessel was outbound from the port with pilot on board, the bridge rudder angle indicator was not responding and the readings were inaccurate causing confusion to both the Pilot and the Master. The steering room, engine control room, and the bridge port and starboard wings rudder angle indicators were rechecked and found accurate, and the vessel continued to proceed to the pilot station without the assistance of tugs and without encountering any steering issues. The Chief Engineer inspected the rudder angle indicator and reported the likely cause as mechanical failure.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Taranaki

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

Vessel gyro was defective due to unknown causes, cargo hold forward stanchion ladder also found broken during loading in overseas port.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Hawke's Bay

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

Master reported a gyro not working and a steering pump very slow (not meeting SOLAS requirements). The company had been informed but was unaware of a time line for repair and/or replacement.

Propulsion failure

In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

On departure from port during pilotage ME shut down due to high oil mist concentration. When speed dropped down, pilots informed the port authorities and ask tug boat assistance.

Injury

Offshore, Canterbury

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

One crew member injured knee and transferred off.

Injury

At berth, Canterbury

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

During unmooring of the vessel after letting go headline and subsequently heaving up and storing on the drum. A crew member was helping guide the line onto the drum and signalled to the winch to be slowed, but the signal was interpreted to mean continue, causing the crew member holding the line to be injured.

Person Overboard

In harbour, Marlborough

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

Charter group returning to port. Two passengers still jumped off and swam ashore after asked skipper and crew several times and told them not to.

Equipment failure

In harbour, Wellington

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

The engine room fire alarm activated after the vessel was returning to berth after completing a swing of the compass. The Chief Engineer investigated and found steam on entering the engine room. The main engine was shut down as soon as vessel anchored.

Near miss/close quarters

Marina/boat ramp, Otago

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

During berthing of the vessel a missed telegraph movement allowed the vessel to move ahead of it's berthing position which caused the vessel to stop in close proximity of the vessel ahead.

Near miss/close quarters

In harbour, Northland

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

Close quarter situation with the outbound vessel and the inbound vessel.

Person Overboard

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

A crew member had fallen overboard from the offshore side of hatch whilst the vessel was loading logs at a port. The crew member is apparently uninjured and was quickly recovered from the water.

Lifting/Cargo gear failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

While stevedores were loading cargo on deck the ship's stanchion fell onto the wharf. Ship's staff investigated the area found the ship's stanchion locking pin was bent.

Equipment failure

At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Engine was blown by air and tested on fuel oil while moving ahead - in that time no alarm raised. When ME telegraph set to astern, raised ME injection quantity piston failed.

Equipment failure

River, Auckland

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

The crew were at stations preparing the vessel's ramp for berthing. The safety snap hooks were removed and made ready for lowering the ramp, when STB lifting and lowering chain parted causing the STB side of the ramp to drop into the water.

Contact

At berth, Auckland

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

Landed slightly off parallel during final berth approach with two fender piles aft touching slightly before the rest. Hull plating set super close alongside each of the first two piles.