



Accident, incident, and  
mishap notification  
September 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 September 2020).

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## Equipment failure

### Inshore, Marlborough

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

During the passage through a sound, duty master noticed that the port rudder indicator was not following the helm movements. On investigation by duty engineer, it appeared that the port rudder was not following the starboard rudder. Once in open water the steering was tested in all modes with operation satisfactory.

## Explosion

### At berth, Auckland

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

Electrician was carrying out a routine check on a set of batteries. At the station the charger was shut down. After some time the main was disconnected from the set of batteries. Test the batteries with load tester and both the batteries failed. After reconnecting the battery terminal one of the batteries exploded. Considered likely that the batteries had been overcharged, with the load from the tester or reconnection sufficient to cause the explosion.

## Injury

### At berth, Gisborne

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

Whilst carrying out lashing, hook slipped and contacted hand.

## Propulsion failure

### Inshore, Waikato

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

Vessel had reported piston rings of one of the main engine cylinders worn out.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Auckland

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

Vessel forward crane housing collapsed while under load. No injuries, scene frozen.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Canterbury

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

While the stevedore was coming up on the hook of the crane with a grab full of product while still in the hold the grab chain snapped causing the grab to be hanging by chain.

## Electrical power failure

### Inshore, Canterbury

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

The ship's generator cut out blacking the ship out. Emergency lighting activated and the ship's UPS kept the wheelhouse/navigation aids running. The main engine remained running so the ship maintained propulsion. Upon investigation it was discovered an aftercooler pipe had failed at the flange, spraying water over the aft end of the switch board. The vessel lost power from the shaft alternator.

## Injury

### River, Tasman

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

Crew member was hit on the jaw by a gantry hook while lifting backbones up.

## Lifting/Cargo gear failure

### At berth, Wellington

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

Crane loading 'A' grade logs into hold. Heave lifted from wharf and taken over ship's side. Crane driver has lowered the lift down the starboard side coaming and one of the log wires has broken. The heave has fallen onto the stow.

## Medical Event

### Beyond Offshore, Canterbury

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

A crew member with possible appendicitis.



## Equipment failure

### Inshore, West Coast

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

Lightning strike on mast above bridge causing issues with fishing monitors and sensors only.

## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Marlborough

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

Yachts racing close quarters with ship. Yachts crossing and impeding ship. One yacht sailing close to quarter waved away restricting ability to turn ship. Engine was stopped at one stage and steering was lost moving through fleet. Whistle sounded numerous times.

## Medical Event

### In harbour, Canterbury

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

Crew member had severe case of back pain.

## Propulsion failure

### Offshore, Canterbury

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

Whilst preparing to deploy fishing gear, the main engine unexpectedly shut down.

## Steering gear failure

### In harbour, Otago

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

The vessel taking longer than usual to respond to helm orders. Initially thinking the helmsman was slow on the turn, so monitored their actions. The helmsmen turned the wheel promptly to order but the rudder angle indicator responded extremely slow.