



# Accident, incident, and mishap notification

March 2019





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## Injury Only

### Inshore, Northland

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

Passengers were being disembarked and taken onto a beach using a RIB. One passenger became destabilized with one leg on the beach and the other in the vessel. A surge caused the vessel to move which resulted in the passenger falling into knee deep water. They were taken back to the vessel for dry clothes. The passenger complained of a sore knee but was able to walk and continue with the tour.

## Steering gear failure

### Inshore, Auckland

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

Port engine lost thrust which affected steering by 10% in forward motion and 75% going astern. On investigation it was found the gearbox had blown an oil hose. The hose was bandaged and gearbox oil topped up. Vessel was then returned to port using one engine and only using port engine for control when berthing. There was no danger to people, other vessels or the environment.

## Grounding

### River, Auckland

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

After successfully rescuing another vessel from the mud, the rescuing vessel found itself on the mud. Another rescue vessel arrived 10 minutes later but was not able to pull the vessel off the mud. It was decided the anchor would be dropped to secure the vessel, the rescue vessel took the 7 people on board back to port before the crew would return and tow the vessel out. No injuries to either the crew or passengers.

## Injury Only

### Offshore, Canterbury

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

A crewmember got a fish spike stuck in their finger on their left hand. The skipper was notified of the incident days later when the finger was severely swollen due to infection and the crew member was in pain.

## Near miss/close quarters

### Offshore,

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

During rough weather a crewman lost control of the picking hook which started to swing widely nearly hitting other 2 crew.

## Medical Event

### In harbour, Northland

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

A passenger became sea sick and slumped to the floor. The passenger was assessed by a first aider. It was reported to the skipper and the decision was made to declare a medical emergency. The vessel then made for sheltered waters and prepared the vessel for a possible winch rescue. A paramedic was winched on board and conducted an examination. It was decided to transfer the passenger to shore on the coastguards rescue boat where the helicopter was waiting to take the passenger to the hospital.

## Equipment failure

### Inshore, Auckland

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

Fire pump hose split and sprayed water over the ceiling in the starboard engine room and genset control box. Genset shutdown and the bilge alarm light showed at the helm. Activated bilge pumps and closed seacocks to the genset and fire pump.

## Propulsion failure

### River, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Jetboat
Category:	Other Commercial
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Vessel lost power while on river. Vessel moored safely. All passengers safe with no injuries. Another vessel was requested to transfer the passengers to for the remainder of the trip. The cause of the incident was determined to be a flame out.

## Propulsion failure

### At berth, Canterbury

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

The master tried to start the bow thrust multiple times without success before the engineer confirmed it was not available. After a risk assessment was carried out it was decided to continue with the berthing using larger tugs which was completed without incident.

## Propulsion failure

### At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

When a vessel was pulled off the wharf using tug it failed to start due to starting air reading appeared too low. Vessel moored using tugs and secured. Problem resolved and vessel sailed without further incident.



## Medical Event

### River, Otago

Vessel information	
Type:	Jetboat
Category:	Other Commercial
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

During a trip two passengers indicated they were not comfortable on the boat with one feeling sick. The decision was made to drop the passengers off at a nearby jetty to catch the ferry back. Once off the boat one passenger was in discomfort and some pain so the decision was made to call an ambulance. A call was made to base requesting assistance. The passenger was taken to hospital accompanied by a member of staff.

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Auckland

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

A crew member stepped off the aft deck of the vessel from a height and rolled their ankle. Medical assistance was given and before being taken to hospital for x-rays

## Medical Event

### At berth, Hawke's Bay

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

An electrical contractor was found unconscious and foaming at the mouth, after a colleague heard a thump. The colleague checked vital signs and called for a medical response and assistance. A full medical response team immediately attended and found the contractor has regained consciousness but was disoriented and had no recollection of the incident. The contractor was able to walk to the infirmary where medical staff assessed the contractor. They were medically disembarked to a hospital.

## Injury Only

### In harbour, Canterbury

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

While ship was lowering a line onto the deck of a tug, the line caught in the wind and made contact with a deckhand on the tug causing a minor injury and also came into contact with an engineer but not causing any injury. The conditions were rainy and windy. It was found that the monkey fist was not used on the line and the line was very big and heavy. The deckhand was medically assessed and it was confirmed as a first aid injury only.

## Near miss/close quarters

### Inshore, Waikato

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

Near miss with swimmers at the wharf.

## Extreme vessel movement

### In harbour, Wellington

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

Unusually high wind gusts and swell approaching the wharf caused the boat to roll more than usual. Due to the motion three passengers slipped off bench seats while the ferry was berthing.

## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Pleasure craft
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	<6m
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Vessel leaving harbour had its main engine overheat, due to this it changed course to port side as another vessel was approaching the harbour under a tow from 2 tugs. While checking the temperature gauge the vessel made contact with another smaller vessel which had not been seen. The smaller vessel's passengers were told to get to the back of the boat in preparation of being hit. All passengers had life jackets on.

## Equipment failure

### Offshore,

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

A storm caused one lifebuoy to be lost overboard.

## Flooded

### In harbour, Auckland

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

Crew member notified deckhand about an alarm sounding. The deckhand investigated and found major sea water ingress in the port side engine room from the raw water line. This was reported to the master and passengers informed of issue. Port side main engine and raw water intake valve shut off and vessel returned to basin on starboard engine with no further incidents

## Grounding

### Inshore, Waikato

Vessel information	
Type:	Pleasure Yacht
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Vessel was under motor and on auto-pilot. While at the nav station the skipper fell asleep, waking when the boat hit rocks. A MAYDAY call was made on CH16, with the skipper later picked up by Coastguard.

## Contact

### At berth, Northland

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

While leaving a pontoon the VHF aerial on the starboard side of the wheel house roof contacted a moored launch, snapping off the aerial. Departing vessel also made contact with a small inflatable tender, cracking the outboard engine's cowling.

## Capsize

### Lake, Bay of Plenty

Vessel information	
Type:	Pleasure craft
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	N/A
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Vessel began to oscillate between port and starboard chine (chine walking). Skipper reduced power, with their next memory being recovered from the water with injuries after swimming to shore.

## Person Overboard

### River, Southland

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft
Category:	Other Commercial
Length (m):	N/A
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

The raft was pushed into a rock, While returning to the current a customer fell out and was pushed into the wall and was between the raft and rock wall. They impacted their shoulder while out of the raft. The customer was helped back into the raft before the section was finished so the injury could be assessed. They were given the options to continue to raft until it was possible to walk or a rescue helicopter could be called. They chose to carry on until it was possible to walk where they were assisted by the crew before being taken to hospital.

## Person Overboard

### Inshore, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Aquaculture vessel
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

A crewmember slipped overboard while wearing waders and a life jacket. The vessel turned around and retrieved the crew member. While being helped aboard they received scratches on their arm from oysters on the rail. When back at port the arm was checked and anti-septic applied. Injury checked in the morning and was fine.

## Collision

### Inshore, Northland

Vessel information	
Type:	Charter fishing vessel
Category:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Vessel was at anchor approximately 1nm from the shore. A yacht was seen approximately 1nm away and on a steady bearing. Assuming the yacht would manoeuvre to stay clear due to the sea room on either side the skipper of the anchored vessel went to assist a passenger. A passenger later sighted the yacht less than 20m away on a collision course. The deck was cleared where the yacht would impact, with the yacht striking the yacht and riding up before sliding away across the stern. Damage to the anchored vessel's deck and bridge.

## Near miss/close quarters

### At berth, Auckland

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

As the vessel was about to depart a seaplane was spotted entering the basin close to the wharf, heading towards its pontoon berth. Due to this the vessel's departure was delayed, to monitor the sea plane's intentions. As the plane was going to berth with its starboard side along its pontoon the vessel was manoeuvred into a position that would take it further away from the seaplanes berth. When moving astern three short blasts were sounded and the vessel backed off the ramp berth after getting clearance from the crew member. With the sea plane being adjacent to its pontoon and clear of the vessel it backed away from the ramp. At this point the seaplane turn to its port and motored towards the vessels bow causing the vessel to continue astern more than was intended and make contact between the port quarter and a wooden pile on the wharf. The vessel tried to contact the seaplane but was unsuccessful. The seaplane continued to turn until it was able to return to its pontoon berth port sided.



## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Wellington

Vessel information	
Type:	Charter Yacht
Category:	NZ Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

There was vessel on the starboard bow after it's been altered onto the 315 track and monitored for a minute or so and determined its bearing to be constant. When the yacht appeared to be taking no action the master tried to sound the horn but when they pressed the button to give 5 short blasts it did not work. As it was taking too long to rectify the course was altered to starboard to pass astern of the Vessel. The master subsequently said the whistle should now work, but the pilot chose not to use it as they did not want the yacht to stop or change its course now that action had been taken. [Hard to follow this one]

## Steering gear failure

### In harbour, Nelson

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

Helmsman raised that steering had been lost with engines on half ahead. The rudder indicator was hard to port so two tugs were called for assistance. The vessel sheered to port with the tugs overcoming the sheer enabling the vessel to stay in the channel. it was learnt that a helmsman may have out the helm hard to port in error. Steering was recovered and continued without incident but had become close to grounding.

## Other

### In harbour, Canterbury

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

Loading 1 tonne pallets of hay into the vessel from the wharf using the harbour crane, a pallet being maneuverer into position clipped the corner of another pallet already in position on the deck. The pallet tipped over from a height of 2 metres onto the deck.

### Near miss/close quarters

#### Inshore, Hawke's Bay

Vessel information	
Type:	Workboat
Category:	NZ Non-Passenger (MOSS)
Length (m):	<6
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

A vessel was attempting to prevent officers from conducting a fishing inspection at sea in a dangerous and erratic manner which resulted in two separate near missed and threatened the safety of the officers and their vessels.

## Injury Only

### Offshore, Canterbury

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

An operator got his finger got caught on the chain when putting the hook on the stopper on the trawl door during hauling. He required emergency measures as his skin was badly cut and was assisted from the deck where medical attention was given immediately. Antibiotics were administered with continual monitoring. The main office was notified and steps taken to return the injured person to shore for hospitalisation.

## Chemical or harmful substance spill

### At berth, Nelson

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

During maintenance while ammonia system was being pumped down there was a leak from the drain valve on the auxiliary tank being used. Valve was closed and plugged, and the leak isolated.

## Foundered

### Inshore, Chatham Islands

Vessel information	
Type:	Cray/Rock Lobster vessel
Category:	NZ Fishing (MOSS)
Length (m):	<24
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Vessel was swamped by a rogue wave over the stern side. The skipper received a knock to the head. All three crew were rescued by another vessel but were suffering mild hypothermia. The medic on board treated the crew and when docked an ambulance took them to hospital for check over.

## Injury Only

### At berth, Bay of Plenty

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

Worker was unlocking lashing from a man-cage using a small unlock pole, pole slipped causing worker to hit little finger against the cage causing a fracture of his left hand little finger

## Collision

### At berth, Auckland

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

Jetway operator was asked to reconnect the air bridge onto the starboard side to allow passengers to board. Instructions were to lower the bridge then extend the ramp, however the ramp extended first, colliding with the starboard side of the vessel.

## Flooded

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel had returned from day trip with the only the skipper on board. Late that night the bilge alarm sounded. The skipper cancelled this suspecting it was caused by defrosting ice water that was running into bilge. The alarm sounded for the second time, on investigation the skipper found water running into the engineer room. The skipper called for aid, closed the open sea suction which stopper the water but there was a significant amount of water in the engine room.

## Collision

### Inshore, Auckland

Vessel information	
Type:	Pleasure Launch
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	<24m
Tonnage (tons):	<500

Launch under power was heading west into the setting sun at approximately 10kts on auto-helm with the skipper keeping watch. Due to a short distraction they did not see a yacht under sail crossing ahead in time to avoid a collision. Hit near the stern, causing minor damage.

## Oil Spill

### Inshore, Bay of Plenty

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

Vessel had a small on-board oil spill as a hydraulic pipe to a hatch lid burst/leaked and spilled

## Injury Only

### River, Canterbury

Vessel information	
Type:	Raft
Category:	Other Commercial
Length (m):	<6
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Rafting trip with 3 boats and 1 safety kayaker in the convoy. There were 5 swimmers and 1 customer stayed in the boat after hitting a rock. While trying to get the passengers back in the boat, The boat went left and got one big kick and came out of the hole. Swimmers were picked up by the other raft and the safety kayaker and returned to the boat. At the bottom of the section everyone was asked if they were ok. At this point was only minor injuries were raised, A cut on a finger, a sore knee and a pain in a passengers hip. They were all assessed. The decision was made to continue down river to get everyone off the water quickly, avoid the cold and to get a vehicle to the help the passenger with a sore hip up the hill. Once at the takeout when trying to move passenger with the injured from the boat the guides noticed that his hip was displaced so 111 was called for immediate evacuation. A Helicopter was sent and the guides proceeded to make the passenger comfortable and keep him Once on site Paramedics took over and administered drugs and loaded the passenger into the helicopter and he was flown to hospital.

## Person Overboard

### Inshore, Hawke's Bay

Vessel information	
Type:	Pleasure Yacht
Category:	Recreational
Length (m):	N/A
Tonnage (tons):	N/A

Man overboard from a yacht.

## Near miss/close quarters

### In harbour, Southland

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

Vessel engaged in unsafe acts of crew lashing logs with no safety harnesses, Permit to Work, Risk Assessments - working within 2 meters of fall into open hatch and over side. No security watch maintained at the gangway, no signage as required at the gangway, no visitor log in use.

## Medical Event

### Inshore, Southland

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

Chief Mate was found unconscious and was vomiting. They had no previous medical history. Medical advice was requested and the result was they needed immediate evacuation. The patient was safely airlifted by Helicopter Otago with assistance of the RRCNZ and taken to hospital.



## Equipment failure

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Ship's AIS reported position lagged behind the pilot's Portable Pilot Unit position. Radar and visual position confirmed the lag. GPS settings were checked and a position smoothing of 30 seconds was found, which when removed also removed the lag.

## Injury Only

### Inshore, Otago

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

A passenger was making their exit through the port side door when they caught their leg on the sea sill resulting in them falling over. The wind then caught the door closing it onto the passengers left causing a fracture.

## Other

### In harbour, Bay of Plenty

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

Digger slipped onto it's side when the bulk cargo it was manoeuvring over gave way.

## Injury Only

### In harbour, Northland

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

Lineman got hand caught in rope and bollard on wharf without gloves crushing their hand. An ambulance was called.

## Medical Event

### Offshore, Taranaki

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

A crew member was airlifted off the vessel by helicopter

## Near miss/close quarters

### Inshore, Auckland

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

Vessel travelling in the designated fast ferry lane, about to overtake three vessel to the port side. As overtaking commenced the first of the three vessel altered course to starboard across the fast ferry lane in front of the bow of the overtaking vessel. The overtaking vessel reduced engines to idle to allow the vessel to cross as a distance of 50M. The trip continued without any further incident.

## Equipment failure

### In harbour, Canterbury

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

Spring lines had just been run ashore when the vessel's fire alarm sounded and the bow thrusters stopped. The fire alarm was investigated with no fire found, possibly exhaust smoke setting off the alarm in windy conditions.

## Injury Only

### Inshore,

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

A crew member had a chemical drip into their eye while cleaning resulting in a chemical burn to the left eye. First aid was given on the vessel and the eye was flushed with water. The vessel returned to port and the crew member was taken to hospital before being referred to the eye outpatients.