

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM 1ST APRIL, 1936, TO 31ST MARCH, 1937—*continued*.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Class, and Age.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Remarks, or Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1936. June 22	Kapua, aux.m.v., 24 years	Ketch	6	3	Nil	85 yards shingle	Stranded; total loss	Wanga Point, Hauraki Gulf	S.	2	Owing to the helmsman altering the course before the vessel cleared Wanga Point, and without reporting such change of course to the Master, the vessel stranded and became a total loss.	F. S. Wyatt.
" 29	A.N. 2, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	96	12	..	Nil	Stranded	Off Fraser Island, West Coast of Australia	Various	2	The vessel struck submerged coral reef one mile seaward of nearest breakers and was held fast for a few minutes. On examination a slight leak was discovered in the bunkers.	K. Bordal.
July 4	Waimarino, s.s., 6 years	Fore and aft	1,752	31	Nil	745 tons	Stranded	Bluff Harbour	W.S.W.	8	When approaching the wharf the strong wind caught the vessel swinging her head on to the wind. Although nothing was felt apparently vessel touched bottom, as a scraping sound was heard. Examination revealed no damage to the ship.	J. Bruce.
" 6	Piako, s.s.; 16 years	..	5,114	65	Nil	Meat and general	Lost cable	Tokomaru Bay	W.	Gale	During a westerly squall of gale force the port anchor cable parted at the studless link connecting the anchor shackle.	H. E. Reilly.
" 16	Owhiti, aux.m.v.; 12 years	Ketch	6	4	Nil	75 yards shingle	Stranded	Near Matheson's Beach, Hauraki Gulf	N.E.	Strong	While going through channel after leaving beach, the vessel was caught by a strong puff of wind which swept the vessel down on the rocks at the entrance, damaging a propeller and fracturing a plank.	J. C. Ipsen.
" 18	Abel Tasman, s.s.; 19 years	Schooner	1,175	29	..	Timber and general	Stranded, total loss	Greymouth Bar	N.W.	Moderate	The Court found that the vessel was moored to the wharf in accordance with the usual practice and moored to the satisfaction of the Harbourmaster. Without warning the moorings parted, and the vessel was swept down the river and drifted on to the North Beach, becoming a total loss. Everything was done to save the vessel, and no apparent defect appeared in the mooring-equipment, but it is possible that there was a latent defect in some of the equipment, and the banking-up of debris and logs under the wharf may have been a contributing cause, but the evidence, in the opinion of the Court, was not conclusive enough for it to find that the casualty was due to a cause other than misadventure. The Court found that the casualty was not caused or contributed to by the wrongful act or default of the Master or any of his crew or of the Harbour Board and its officials or any other person. The Master's and First Mate's certificates were returned to them. The Court made no order as to payment of the costs of the inquiry.	W. D. Archibald.
" 20	Waipata, s.s.; 10 years	Schooner	1,063	30	Nil	3,000 tons general	Cracked hawse-pipe	Between Wellington and Auckland	S.W.	3	A slight leak was discovered into boiler under forecable head on the 18th July, and on vessel's arrival at Auckland a leak was found in the port hawse-pipe, the cause of which was unknown.	W. Whitefield.
" 30	Hertford, s.s.; 18 years	Schooner	6,888	57	..	1,939 tons general	Leaky boiler	Auckland	..	Calm	Boiler was observed to be leaking at the weld; opened up and repairs completed.	E. Wilson.
Aug. 22	Pukeko, m.v.; 8 years	Schooner	388	15	1	170 tons general	Struck wharf	Tolaga Bay	N.E.	5	When berthing the vessel's anchor came in contact with a spring pile, with the result that the hawse-pipe, spurling-pipe, and hawse-pipe collar were broken.	F. S. Bates.