

## VII. HISTORY OF ACCIDENTS

**A. OVERVIEW:** This chapter includes a summary of accidents, near misses, and incidents reported to the Committee during the previous calendar year.

<b>Incident Summary</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Propulsion</b> (lost, lost but regained, limited, loss of pilothouse control)	10	11	8	9	17	19	11
Electrical	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Steering	0	1	1	0	1	0	2
<b>Subtotal Propulsion</b>	10	12	10	9	17	19	13
<b>Communications</b>						1	0
<b>Search and Rescue</b>						1	1
<b>Anchor</b>						2	1
<b>Pollution</b>						1	0
<b>Close Quarters</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Collision</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Other</b>	7	6	1	3	8	8	5
<b>Total</b>	17	18	11	12	26	32*	24

**B. SUMMARY:** The 24 incidents in 2023 were 6 fewer than 2022 but 2 close quarters situations (a ship with Jet Skis, and a tug and tow with a fishing vessel), and 1 collision of a ship and a fishing vessel).

1. 13 of the 24 incidents were issues with propulsion, 6 fewer than 2022 and 4 fewer than 2021, but the spikes in 2021 and 2022 were attributed to the many extra ships in our waters above normal, such as when 114 ships of all types were anchored or loitering (drifting) within 25-40 miles of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach during the COVID-19 backup October 2020 - November 2022.
  - i. The 13 Propulsion incidents in 2023 were broken down as follows:
    1. 2 were loss of or limited steering.
    2. 10 resolved themselves, were repaired the ship's crew, or were limited but not loss of propulsion.
    3. Only 1 was a loss of propulsion that required outside tugs to resolve (which were already alongside).

2. The remaining 11 incidents in 2023 were 1 Search and Rescue case, 1 inoperative anchor windlass, 2 close quarters (ship with Jet Skis, and tug and tow with fishing vessel), 2 collisions (ship and fishing vessel in fog, and ship with its assist tug), and 5 “other” incidents.
  - i. The 1 Search and Rescue case was a tanker that found a sailing vessel with no people aboard.
  - ii. The 5 “Other” incidents were:
    1. 2 ships with gyrocompass issues
    2. 1 ship with inoperative AIS (Automatic Identification System (AIS),
    3. 2 ships with inoperative radar,