



5.3 Gladstone region

Table 15: Key characteristics—Gladstone region

Mainland coast	1 868 km		
Island coast	1 342 km		
Rivers and creeks	1 737 km		
Major inland waterways	Burnett, Fitzroy, Mary and Thompson Rivers		
	Lakes Awoonga and Monduran		
	Bjelke-Petersen, Boondooma, Borumba, Fairbairn and Wuruma Dams		
Offshore waters	St Lawrence to Double Island Point		
	Heron, Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave Islands		
Major harbours	Port of Gladstone (Queensland's largest multi-user port)		
	Port Alma (ocean port for the city of Rockhampton)		
	Hervey Bay/Urangan (hire and drive, recreational boating, whale watching, Fraser Island ferries)		
	Tin Can Bay (hire and drive, tourism, fishing)		
	Yeppoon (tourism, recreational boating, fishing)		
	Port of Bundaberg (sugar, fishing)		
	Maryborough (recreational boating, fishing)		
Registered recreational vessels 2007	39 291	Growth 2006-07	6.0%
Registered commercial vessels 2007	910	Growth 2006-07	0.8%
Reported marine incidents 2007	134	Fatalities	0
		Serious injuries	4

Gladstone region's recreational vessel registrations grew 6.0 percent in 2007, the highest level of growth of any region in Queensland. Commercial vessel registrations shrunk by 0.8 percent during the year compared to the state-wide growth rate of 1.3 percent.

134 marine incidents were reported in the Gladstone region in 2007, five less than in 2006 but above the four-year average of 106 incidents. Of the 134 marine incidents recorded, 63 involved recreational vessels and 80 involved commercial vessels (including six hire and drive vessels). The higher level of involvement of commercial vessels in marine incidents in Gladstone region contrasts with the Gold Coast and Brisbane regions where recreational vessels were predominant. The high volume of commercial traffic at Gladstone harbour has undoubtedly contributed to this outcome (see Figure 37).

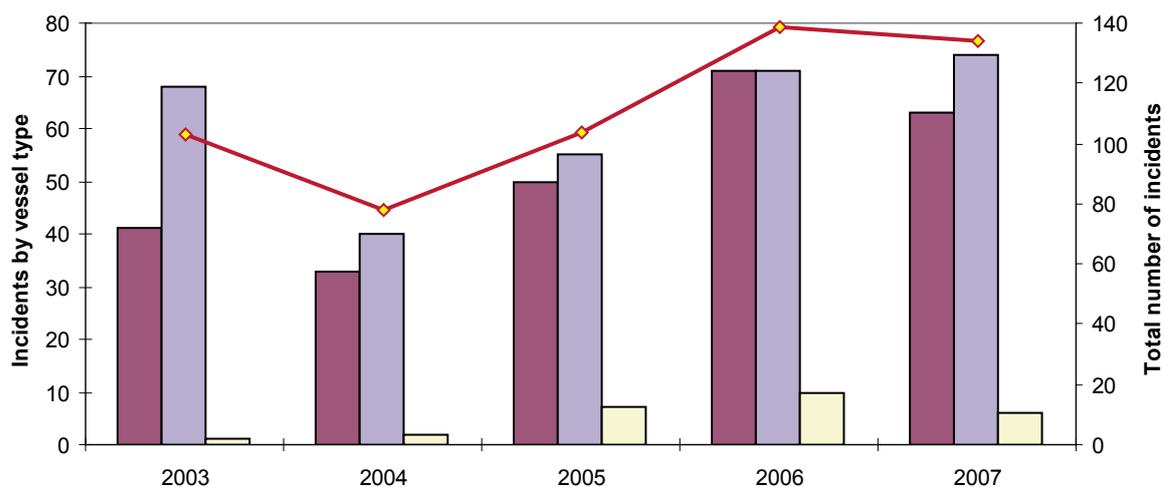
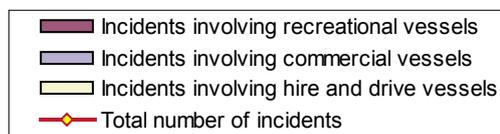


Figure 37: Marine incidents, Gladstone region, 2003 - 2007



Commercial non-passenger vessels comprised 25.6 percent of vessels involved in reported incidents in the region in 2007 and were the most frequently involved vessel type. Of the 35 incidents involving commercial non-passenger vessels 14 were close call incidents reported by the same vessel (see feature profile on page 16).

Unintentional grounding was the most common incident type reported in the Gladstone region in 2007 accounting for 20.2 percent of the region's incidents. Collisions between ships accounted for 8.2 percent of reported incidents (see Figure 38).

The Gladstone region did not record any marine incident fatalities and only four serious injury incidents in 2007. This represents a major improvement from 2006 when ten incidents resulted in the loss of four lives and seven people being hospitalised.

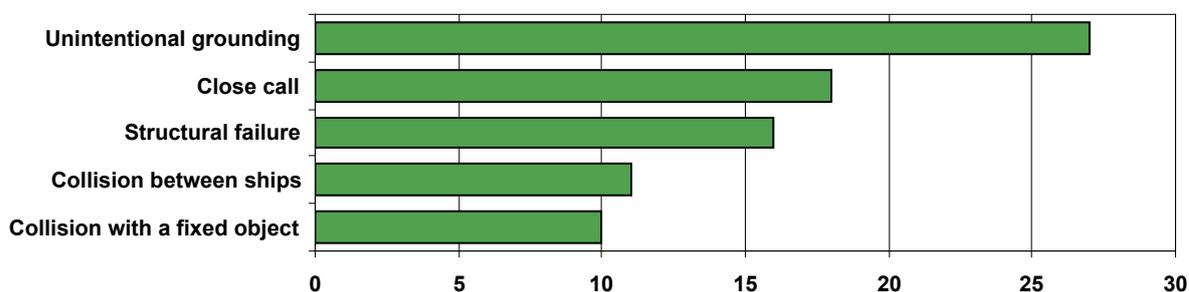


Figure 38: Marine incidents by incident type (Top 5), Gladstone region, 2007