



Te Waka Wahine - Cause and Effect

Before we look at the causes, we need to establish the facts.
Answer the following questions using the information in the exhibition space and teacher presentation.

1 When did the Wahine disaster happen?

2 Where did the Wahine sink?

3 How many people were on board?

4 How many people died as a result of the Wahine disaster?

5 Look at the map behind the Wahine model. How many other ships have got into trouble in the Cook Strait area in the last 160 years?

6 In what century were most of the disasters?

7 Why do you think that is so?



Now fill in the chart on the next page.





- 8 There are many causes of any disaster. As you read or hear about the Wahine disaster, identify the problem and put a brief description in the most suitable cause box.

Causes of the Wahine disaster

Natural Problems (weather, land, sea)

Communication Problems (on sea and land)

Equipment Problems (including the ship)

Decision-making Problems

- 9 Count up the number of problems in all the squares. How many problems were:

technical?

human error?

acts of God?

- 10 Given that you cannot change the weather or harbour geography, what is the one thing you would have done to help avoid the disaster?

