

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELIZA DAVIES



S218 ElizaDavis BassStrait
HistoricView

Location

Bass Strait, 10 miles east of Wilsons Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S218

Date lost

02 Aug 1924

Official number

93584

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Auxiliary ketch One deck, round stern, carvel built, billet head, onebulkhead. Vessel re-measured and re-registered 4/3/1912 Not metal sheathed - bottom painted

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.60 Feet / 20.80 Feet / 6.20 Feet

Builder

George Frost

Year of construction

1887

Built port

Brisbane Water, New South Wales

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

4 of 1912

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

02 Aug 1924

Departure

Wynyard

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Timber

Owner

Charles Christie Thompson, timber agent, 90 Queen

Master

Captain James O Neill

Cause of loss

Foundered at sea whilst under tow , 10 miles east of Wilson s Promontory.

Number of crew

4

VHR history

One of the last of sailing traders, the ketch Eliza Davies was loaded with timber when it was disabled in a gale. The steamer Chronos attempted to tow the vessel to safety, but it sank ten miles to the east of Wilsons Promontory.