

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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IVY FLORENCE

Location

West Channel, near Swan Island, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S349

Date lost

21/07/1918

Engine specification

10 HP oil engine

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

47.00 Feet / 14.00 Feet / 0.00

Year of construction

1916

Built port

Launceston, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Date lost

21/07/1918

Departure

Fishing trip

Destination

King Island

Cargo

fish

Owner

Stanley H. Kernnon

Master

Herbert Currow of Queenscliff

Weather conditions

Ebb tide. Light head wind

Cause of loss

Was at anchor when struck by S S Leura and sunk. "Smashed to match wood" (Rogers, 1918)

Number of crew

3

Crew comments

including master
 Lewis Rosenthal, aged 27, and Abe Parkkham

VHR history

The Ivy Florence was returning from a month long fishing trip to King Island. Had sheltered at Waratah Bay and Cowes. Due to tide and light head wind, was unable to enter the Bay and anchored Prince George Gas Buoy and West Channel Pile Light. At 11.15 pm, the outbound Leura struck Ivy Florence at anchor .
 The Captain of the Leura went to the assistance of crew of ketch, picked up one survivor, the captain. After trying voyage he and crew were resting after seeing everything secure and anchor light burning brightly. Captain of Leura claimed he did not see any light on ketch. Steamer undamaged, continued on its way to Sydney, after delivering survivor to Queenscliff Lighthouse Superintendent who had gone to rescue. Bodies of the two crewmen recovered from wreck later. Wreck towed into shallower water (20 ft) towards Swan Island