

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## MAVIS

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### Location

Mornington Peninsula, possibly near Sorrento Back Beach

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S435

### Date lost

26/11/1918

### Propulsion

Motor

### Length/Breadth/Depth

20.00 Feet / 8.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

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### Departure

Cowes, Western Port

### Destination

Sandringham, Port Phillip

### Cargo

Ballast

### Owner

George O Mara, aged about 38, of Sandringham

### Master

Captain George O Mara

### **Weather conditions**

During morning a strong wind came up; causing a rough sea

### **Cause of loss**

Possibly swamped, wreckage found washed up on beach

### **Number of crew**

3

### **Crew comments**

Humphrey Jones, aged about 50, retired English civil servant of Hampton; P. Callaghan, 50, a painter on the Railways from Sandringman

### **VHR history**

The fishing boat Mavis had been at Cowes for the oyster-fishing season. At 6 am. on 26 November it was returning for summer fishing in Port Phillip. The two crew members were making the voyage to help O'Mara, who was regarded as one of the most skilful sailors in Victoria. Two O'Mara brothers had been drowned in similar circumstances thirteen years earlier. Another brother identified the wreckage found at Sorrento. O'Mara left a wife and six children between two and sixteen years. The other two men were married with grown-up families. (ID 9)