

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MAVIS

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)