

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## WINIFRED

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### Location

Bass Strait, off Port Phillip Heads

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S737

### Date lost

1928

### Propulsion

Motor

### Engine specification

Twin cyl. 8 HP petrol moto( American Type) Redwing

### Length/Breadth/Depth

24.00 Feet / 9.00 Feet / 2.75 Feet

### Builder

G. Jones, Melbourne

### Year of construction

1927

### Built port

Melbourne, Victoria

### Built country

Australia

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## **Departure**

Fishing trip

## **Destination**

Torquay

## **Cargo**

Iron ballast, fish

## **Master**

Alex Hoppen

## **Weather conditions**

Big seas

## **Cause of loss**

Foundered

## **Number of crew**

2

## **Crew comments**

including skipper

## **VHR history**

Fishing vessel, part of fleet fishing off Torquay when big ocean swell came up. Fleet made for Heads. All but Winifred managed to negotiate the Rip. With seas too heavy to enter, vessel anchored about 3 miles SW of Point Nepean. Alex and Keith Hoppen (uncle and nephew) threw overboard the 2 tons iron ballast. Outside duty pilot steamer Akuna launched 18 ft rowing boat and took the two fishermen off Winifred to the safety of Akuna. Cost 300 pounds. [Ferrier's dates are not precise.]