

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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EVELYN

Location

Gabo Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S872

Date lost

1 May 1923

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Motor

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

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Departure

Lakes Entrance

Destination

Mallacoota Lakes

Owner

Mr Peter Neilsen

Master

Mr Peter Neilsen

Weather conditions

High seas on Mallacoota Bar

Cause of loss

Engine failure, driven onto rocks

Number of crew

2

Crew comments

Peter Neilsen and Carl Sorensen

VHR history

Argus 1st May 1923:
 Eden (NSW) Monday:- Following closely on the wreck of the Iron Prince at Cape Howe, comes advice of the wreck and total loss at Gabo Island, in the early hours of this morning, of the fishing ketch Evelyn, manned by the owner (Peter Neilsen) and Carl Sorensen. The vessel was bound from Lakes Entrance (Vic) to Mallacoota Lakes, but finding it impossible to cross the bar at Mallacoota owing to the high seas, it was decided to make for Gabo Island and try to get under shelter. When the Evelyn was close to Gabo Island the engine failed and the vessel was driven on to the rocks with terrific force, and sank immediately in deep water. Both men jumped overboard. Sorensen reached the shore, but Neilsen was not seen again.