

Pastime

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“On Monday the Harbour Master at Edithburgh (Mr. Allen) telegraphed to the secretary of the Marine Board stating that if the whereabouts of the fishing cutter *Pastime* were unknown, there appeared reason to believe that she had been overtaken by disaster, as a dinghet usually towed by her, had been picked upon the beach between Stansbury and Wool Bay.

The cutter left Edithburgh on May 17 for Port Adelaide, having on board one man whose name was not known, but that he had mentioned that the craft was leaking badly. A subsequent message stated that the vanished dinghy had been picked up on Stansbury beach, and that the *Pastime* had left there on Saturday towing a similar dinghy. Perhaps it broke adrift the message ended. Enquiries by the Receiver of Wrecks (Capt. A. Inglis) showed that no one at Port Adelaide had seen or heard of the only man on board when she left Edithburgh, and as the cutter was leaking badly at the time, it looked serious.

Two oars had been picked up alongside the dinghy, but not in the craft. Mr. W. Russell informed a reporter that as far as he knew the *Pastime* was sailed by her owner (Mr. J. Wilson), and there was usually one or two men with him. He believed she had lost some of her sails when fishing off Kangaroo Island in the last blow. The fact of the cutter having failed to reach Port Adelaide pointed to disaster. Probably the man on board had been unable to cope with the leak and the vessel foundered.”