

FISHING CUTTERS SUNK AT EDITHBURGH

Drifting Boats Cross the Gulf

The big blow last week played havoc with the fishing fleet. On Saturday morning Mr. Nelson Barrett's boat "Ada May" and Mr. Charlie Domander and his cutter, "Anna" were not at the moorings. A boat owned by Mr. Short of Coobowie Beach, sank at the moorings

and a valuable pair of paddles, with brass rowlocks attached is reported missing. M. C. Dalwood with an assistant searched the shore during the gale, from Edithburgh to Coobowie Beach for any signs of the missing man. On returning to Edithburgh it was reported that about a foot of the mast of a boat had been located some 500 yards north-east of the jetty. On Sunday morning Keith Johncock and Clarrie Natt, rowed a dinghy to the

rie Natt, rowed a dinghy to the sunken boat and found that it was the "Ada May." Attempts were made on Tuesday and Wednesday to get the boat up. In the meantime a dinghy which had drifted from Normanville, was located at Wattle Point, near Troubridge. It was reported that another boat, also believed to be from Normanville, was awash not far from Edithburgh. It is believed that the owners were drowned.

It was somewhat of a mystery as to the whereabouts of Domander and his boat, until a message was received by M.C. Dalwood from Port Adelaide that he had moored his boat in the Port River. On being interviewed he said he slipped his moorings at Edithburgh and had a very rough trip in the St Vincent Gulf, with the waves breaking over the masthead of his little cutter. We should say Mr. Domander will have an exciting story to tell when he returns to Edithburgh. Anyhow we are glad he weathered the storm.

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