

ACTIVITY: Swimming after sailing boat swamped and sank.

CASE: [GSAF 1890.12.30](#)

DATE: Tuesday December 30, 1890

LOCATION: Moreton Bay, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: C. Gregory

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, January 3, 1891

NARRATIVE: Four men were cruising about the bay on the sailing boat *Gitana*, when she was sunk by a severe squall. The men were swimming to shore "which was a considerable distance off, with assistance of portions of the wrecked boat," when Gregory disappeared.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Shark involvement was strongly suspected but not confirmed.

SOURCE: The Argus (Melbourne, Victoria), Friday January 2, 1891, page 5

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BRISBANE, THURSDAY.

A fatal boating accident occurred in Moreton Bay on Tuesday. The sailing boat *Gitana*, having on board S. Webb, J. Moss, G. Thomson, and C. Gregory, left town on Boxing Day, and was cruising about the bay. She encountered a severe squall on Tuesday afternoon, was swamped, and sank. The men started to swim to shore, which was a considerable distance off, with the assistance of portions of the wrecked boat, but it was soon noticed that Gregory had disappeared. His companions searched for him without avail, and it is supposed that he was seized by a shark, as several were seen in the vicinity. The other men reached shore safely. The *Gitana* was a well-known local boat, and was to have taken part in the Sandgate regatta to-day.