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MISSING DORY BOAT LOCATED, FISHERMAN MISSING

The search for a 49-year-old fisherman missing since Saturday afternoon is continuing after his dory boat was found upturned about 60 nautical miles north of Lockhart River in the Great Barrier Reef. The man was not with his vessel.

Seven fixed wing aircraft and a Customs Coastwatch helicopter searched for the fisherman today without a sighting.

A local cray fishing boat is expected to recover the overturned dory by last light tonight. The search will resume on Tuesday morning.

The weather in the area is poor with 3 metre seas and 25 knot winds.

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