
ST KILDA BALLAST MOUNDS #2

Location

HOBSONS BAY PORT PHILLIP BAY, UNINCORPORATED

Municipality

UNINCORPORATED

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0580

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Review listing of ballast mounds in inventory with view to moving them to the Shipwreck database. This is to occur November 2008. Entry 30th May 2008.

Interpretation of Site

The site was reported to Venturoni by someone who had lost their yacht keel after striking an obstruction there. When he visited the site he found three lead yacht keels which they had struck the mound. Venturoni has suggested that the site may represent a stranding incident, where after the vessel has run aground, the ballast stone was thrown overboard from either side of the ship. The size of the mounds and distance between them would support this observation.

This site is an example of a ship ballast mound. There are 7 located examples of ballast mounds in Hobson's Bay. These sites may demonstrate archaeological snapshots of shipboard life from refuse deposits found in association, and may also indicate the size of the vessel from which they originated (from the volume and length of the mound). This site may represent a stranding incident, and is the only known example of this type in the Bay.

Hermes
Number 13861

Property
Number

History

Unknown - further historical investigation required. Probably relates to a stranding incident, where ballast was thrown overboard to lighten a vessel.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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