Victorian Heritage Database Report

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CARMEN



S105 Carmen PortPhillipBay HistoricView dateunknown



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Location

Port Phillip Bay, back of Rifle Range, Williamstown

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S105

Date lost

1936

Construction material

Wood

Hull

wooden hull

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

104.00 Feet / 24.50 Feet / 13.50 Feet

Builder

Year of construction

1879

Built port

Lussinpiccolo

Built country

Austria

Registration Number

1917

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

1936

Cargo

Wooden Brigantine

Owner

Victorian Lighterage Pty. Ltd., 56 William St, Melbourne

Cause of loss

Broken up and burnt by owners at the back of Williamstown in company with the hulk Ester

Statement of significance

The Carmen is significant as an ex-French sealing and whaling relief vessel. It is recreationally significant for the remains of its hull fittings in Jawbone Marine National Park, as one of at least six known vessels abandoned in this area.

VHR history

Wooden brigantine, ex-French sealing brigantine, formerly employed as a whaling relief vessel. Built as the Ribes and also later named Anna , Marthe , Sainte and Maurice . Possibly hulked in Melbourne 1911. Melbourne HarborTrust licence issued to McIlwraithe McEacharn & Co Ltd to operate Carmen as a coal/wool lighter 16 May 1917. License to new owners, Vic Ligherage on 22 February 1921. Last renewal 14 January 1935. Register closed 1936 - 'broken up'. Was burnt by owners in company with hulk Ester (Melbourne Harbour Trust records, supplied by Mr Bob Leek, Williamstown, 13 October 1989.)