

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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CHARLOTTE

Location

Cape Schanck

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S112

Date lost

05/03/1880

Official number

48404

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

54.00 Feet / 15.10 Feet / 6.10 Feet

Year of construction

1854

Registration Number

169 of 1854

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

05/03/1880

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Griffiths Point

Cargo

Railway iron

Owner

Thomas Ross of Melbourne

Cause of loss

Sprang a leak and foundered

VHR history

The Charlotte was a coastal schooner carrying railway iron for Western Port and left Railway pier on or about the 30th Feb 1880. The railway line was destined for Griffith Point and the railway at the Kilcunda coal deposits. According to 'The Age' 'The Schooner Charlotte hence to Griffith Point, Western Port with railway was telegraphed from Flinders on Saturday as having sprung a leak on the evening previous and gone down'. All hands succeeded in getting onshore at the Flinders in the schooners boat. the schooner then sank off Cape Schanck. The Charlotte was carrying material for a form of transport that was eventually to replace the coastal traders.