Victorian Heritage Database Report

Unknown Whaler

Location

Mueller Inlet Victoria (precise location not known)

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S1122

Cargo

Iron whaling pots

VHR history

Whaler wrecks in Victoria are very rare, the only unknown whaler recorded is a French whaler (S801) reportedly wrecked at Cape Nelson near Portland.

 The earliest historical accounts of whaling in Victoria date to the 1830s. In Gippsland, temporary whaling stations extended along the coast from Western Port Bay to Mallacoota and Gabo Island (Morwell Historical Society 1975).
 The nearest whaling stations to the wreck location are:
 • Wilsons Promontory (Refuge Cove): Bay whaling operated at Refuge Cove in the late 1830s and a shore whaling station was established in 1841.
 • Mallacoota: In the 1830s both Ben Boyd and the Imlay Brothers, who were whaling along the coast from southern NSW to northern Victoria, established Mallacoota Inlet as their major whaling station south of Twofold Bay (Aussie Towns Mallacoota).