COLCHESTER

Location

5 miles east of Shoal Inlet, Port Albert

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S133

Date lost

07/07/1863

Official number

31853

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

78.20 Feet / 20.00 Feet / 12.10 Feet

Year of construction

1849

Built port

Londonberry, Nova Scotia

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

11 of 1855

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

07/07/1863

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Corner Inlet

Cargo

Timber Piles.

Owner

A.Anderson, J.Sharp and J. Wright 3

Master

Captain L. Williams

Cause of loss

Was driven ashore in a strong gale

VHR history

The Colchester was typical of the North American-built wooden sailing ships that were common on the Australian coast. It was caught on a lee shore off the Ninety Mile Beach and run ashore to prevent loss of life. The gale that wrecked the Colchester also destroyed the brigantine Emily and the barque General Jessop.