

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## COMMISSIONER



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Commissioner small

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### Location

Bass Strait

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S139

### Date lost

6 Dec 1914

### Official number

79501

### Construction material

Iron

### Hull

Launch

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Engine specification

2 Cylinder high pressure steam engine of 24 HP (nominal) with 10" bore and 12" stroke driving a 4 bladed propellor of 4'6" diameter with pitch of 7'6" at 180 rpm. Multitubular boiler was 9'6" long with diameter 6'6". (Argus 19 August 1878)

**Length/Breadth/Depth**

64.00 Feet / 11.30 Feet / 6.80 Feet

**Builder**

Robinson Brothers

**Year of construction**

1878

**Built port**

Yarra Bank

**Built country**

Australia

**Registration Number**

24 of 1878

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

6 Dec 1914

**Departure**

Melbourne

**Destination**

Sydney

**Cargo**

none

**Owner**

Formerly Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners

**Cause of loss**

Foundered at sea in a gale

### **VHR history**

The Commissioner was built for the Melbourne Harbour Trust as an armed launch and was capable of firing Whitehead torpedoes. It had been sold by the Melbourne Harbour Trust and was being towed to Sydney when it sank off Cape Everard.