

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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COMMISSIONER



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Commissioner small

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.