Victorian Heritage Database Report

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DAUNTLESS

Location

Bass Strait, disappeared between Gabo Island and Melbourne

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S164

Date lost

1888

Official number

57587

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

67.40 Feet / 19.00 Feet / 5.80 Feet

Builder

Thomas Inches

Year of construction

1878

Built port

Shipwrights Point, Huon River, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

1888

Departure

Gabo Island

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

In ballast.

Owner

W. Cowper and Charles Crook

Weather conditions

Gales

Cause of loss

Foundered

VHR history

The ketch Dauntless was typical of the many small sailing vessels that once worked on the Victorian coast. In 1888 the Dauntless disappeared on a voyage from Gabo Island to Melbourne.