

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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DOLPHIN

Location

Wingan Inlet

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S174

Date lost

30/08/1874

Official number

61041

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Rig is listed as cutter. (Gaff Rig?) Square stern, carvel hull, wooden hull and frame, no gallery or figure/billet head.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

29.00 Feet / 11.30 Feet / 4.80 Feet

Builder

H. Latham

Year of construction

1869

Built port

Launceston, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

30/08/1874

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Wingan Inlet

Cargo

No cargo

Owner

08/12/1873: W. Richardson

Master

Captain McLoud

Cause of loss

Driven ashore at the entrance to Wingan Inlet whilst attempting to cross the bar. The master and the crew tried to kedge the vessel but a severe squall from the south west knocked the vessel onto its beams and subsequently pushed it onto the rocks on the north eastern side of the entrance.

Number of crew

4

Crew comments

Crew number includes captain managed to get ashore without loss of life.

VHR history

The Dophin was a small cutter engaged in oyster fishing, an industry that has long since disappeared from Victoria. The vessel was working on a hazardous and exposed part of the Gippsland coast when driven ashore by a sudden squall.