

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Indented Head, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S186

Date lost

1925

Official number

69667

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Originally built as a wooden barque, converted to lighter 1902

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

199.90 Feet / 37.10 Feet / 24.40 Feet

Year of construction

1875

Built port

Quebec

Built country

Canada

Registration Port

Sydney

Date lost

1925

Owner

Captain Forbes

Cause of loss

Vandals set fire to Dominion (UID 93) Scuttled as a breakwater

VHR history

The wooden barque was towed into Melbourne from Fremantle in 1902. Licence to operate as a coal/wool lighter issued by Melbourne Harbor Trust to owners, Howard Smith & Co. Ltd. Renewed 1 June 1916. New owner Australian Steamships Ltd 25 January 1917 - licence renewed 12 February 1918. Captain Forbes purchased the hulk in 1925, together with paddle steamer Ozone, to act as breakwater for small craft. Scheme failed when vandals set fire to Dominion, and Ozone did not settle in correct position. Register closed November 1921. Originally a wool ship, then Newcastle coal hulk.
 Site was inspected during February 1993, extensive hull remains, however close proximity to the wreck of the OZONE makes identification of all wreck material difficult. Interesting material inshore from main body of wreck, consisting of Fishplate and two copper alloy fittings possible gudgeons/pintels. Material most likely associated with keel/stern structure. Vessel appears to have iron rider on all frames. Remains of mast on site. No machinery present. No artefact material other than ship fastenings noted.