

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ACHILLES

Location

West Coast, Apollo Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S2

Date lost

30 Dec 1856

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Date lost

30 Dec 1856

Departure

Apollo Bay

Destination

Geelong

Cargo

Timber/ ballast for Geelong Ballarat railway line

Owner

unknown

Weather conditions

Easterly gale

Cause of loss

The schooner Achilles and brigs Christian and Elanora were in the open roadstead at Apollo Bay (Victoria) on 30 December 1856, loading sleepers for the Geelong to Ballarat railway, when a strong easterly gale sprang up without warning. The Elanora and Achilles were in difficulties almost immediately and both washed ashore in less than an hour, where they became total wrecks.

Statement of significance

It is impossible to assess the archaeological significance of the wreck of the Apollo as the wreck site has not been located. However as it had been involved in the early development of Apollo Bay and the timber industry it has local historical significance.