

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## EDWARD

### Location

Off Ricketts Point, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S200

### Date lost

12 Jan 1881

### Official number

None

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Wood

### Propulsion

Sail

### Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

### Date lost

12 Jan 1881

### Departure

Dromana

### Destination

Melbourne

## **Cargo**

Firewood

## **Owner**

Sullivan of Sandridge

## **Master**

Captain Charles Gray

## **Weather conditions**

Gusty easterly or SE wind; high sea; morning (UID9, 152)

## **Cause of loss**

Sprang a leak at 2 AM, quickly filled with water, and then capsized (UID 152)

## **Passenger comments**

Daniel Gray, 10 years old, son of Captain, asleep in the cabin at the time (UID 9, 152)

## **Number of crew**

1

## **Crew comments**

John Northey

## **VHR history**

The cutter Edward, a wooden vessel, sprang leak at 2 am, filled quickly. Captain John Gray went to cabin as vessel began to sink to rescue his 10 year-old son, Daniel, who was on trip for a pleasure ride. Twice grabbed hold of boy but washed from his grasp and drowned. Unable to locate crewman, John Northey of Sandridge, who also drowned, leaving a wife and six children in straitened circumstances. It was Northey's only trip on vessel. Gray swam for ketch's dinghy among floating wreckage. Only course possible for dinghy was before the easterly wind across Bay. After baling with his boots, he finally beached near Little River and then to Werribee where he received help from local policeman. (ID 9, 152)