

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SS EASBY



S204 Easby Gabolsland
DiverOnWreck Oct1984



S204 Easby Gabolsland
Beam Oct1984



S204 Easby Gabolsland
Topview Oct1984

Location

Gabo Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S204

Date lost

06/04/1907

Official number

68374

Construction material

Iron

Hull

Forecastle 25 tons; houses on deck 26 tons; raised quarter-deck 185 tons. Bar keel 8". 5 bulkheads. Water ballast. Double bottom aft and forward after peak tank. Two masted schooner rigged auxiliary, elliptical stern, clincher built, one deck & a break

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

250.70 Feet / 32.00 Feet / 21.40 Feet

Builder

Richardson, Duck & Co

Year of construction

1873

Built port

South Stockton-on-tees

Built country

England

Registration Number

8 of 1879

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

06/04/1907

Departure

Davenport

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

Potatoes, oats & general produce

Owner

James Paterson & Edward Newbigin

Master

Captain Wallace

Weather conditions

Misty conditions at time of wreck.

Cause of loss

Pumps unable to cope with serious leak ran for Gabo Island. Usually traded as a collier between Melbourne and Newcastle on fortnightly trips, occasional trips between northwest Tasmania and Sydney. Wet Struck reef

Number of crew

26

Statement of significance

The wreck of the Easby has recreational and aesthetic significance as the remains of a large steamship in shallow depth. The collapsed hull plating, engine and boilers provides a habitat for a rich array of colourful marine flora and fauna in clear water.

VHR history

During its many years on the Australian coast, the collier Easby was involved in a number of accidents, the worst of which was ramming and sinking the steamer Gambier in Port Phillip with heavy loss of life. The Easby's career came to an end after it struck the Skerries Reef and was beached at Gabo Island where it became a total wreck.