

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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EDINBURGH CASTLE



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LadyBayWarrnambool
HistoricView WC



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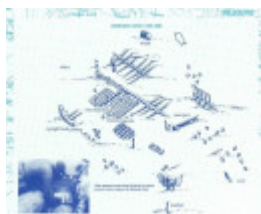
S208 EdinburghCastle
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SideView



S208 EdinburghCastle
LadyBayWarrnambool Beams



S208 EdinburghCastle
SitePlan diveinfosheet 1992

Location

Lady Bay, Warrnambool

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S208

Date lost

15/01/1888

Official number

45971

Construction material

Iron

Hull

Rigged as a ship until 1876_ 7moulded depth 19'10", freeboard
 3'5", 2 decks, raised quarterdeck 36', forecastle 25'. 2 bulkheads

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

176.30 Feet / 29.50 Feet / 18.70 Feet

Builder

J G Lawrie

Year of construction

1863

Built port

Glasgow

Built country

Scotland

Registration Port

Liverpool

Date lost

15/01/1888

Departure

London

Destination

Warrnambool

Cargo

Cement for the breakwater at Warrnambool

Owner

In the period from 1863-1885 the vessel was under the ownership of Skinner & Co of Glasgow, and made voyages between the Clyde, China and Singapore In 1885 the vessel was owned by Gifford & Nicholson of Liverpool.

Master

Captain J.B. Darling

Cause of loss

The vessel had entered Lady Bay and waited for the pilot to take it to anchorage. When Pilot Carless boarded the vessel it was 3/4 mile off the Eastern Beach and 1/4 mile off the leading lights. Signals were made from shore that the vessel was too close to land, but the pilot ignored them. The ship tacked but did not come about. The sails filled again and the ship picked up speed grounding bow onto shore facing Hopkins River. The wind was NW two Government kedge anchors were put out astern, but had no affect and the ship settled rapidly in the sand 180 yards from shore. Casks of cement were thrown overboard to lighten the ship but to no avail. The stern anchors finally let go and the vessel bumped closer to the shore and appeared to go broadside.

VHR history

A mistake by the pilot resulted in the barque Edinburgh Castle going ashore in calm weather at Warrnambool. The vessel was loaded with cement for the new breakwater, and hopes were high that it could be refloated. However, it soon began to settle into the sand, and then broke up in subsequent rough weather.