ENTERPRISE

Location

Lady Bay, Warrnambool

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S238

Date lost

14/09/1850

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck,square stern, carvel

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

49.00 Feet / 16.60 Feet / 9.00 Feet

Builder

David Hay.

Year of construction

1847

Built port

Waiheke

Built country

New Zealand

Registration Number

2 of 1848

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

14/09/1850

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Warrnambool

Cargo

Potatoes and wheat.

Owner

John Watson and Edward Byam of Melbourne

Master

James Gardiner Caught

Weather conditions

south-easterly gale

Cause of loss

Dragged anchor in SE gale and was beached bow first and then broadside

Number of crew

5

VHR history

The schooner Enterprise was caught on a lee shore when a south easterly gale swept into Lady Bay, Warrnambool. The vessel began to drag its anchor, grounded, and went broadside onto the beach. A local aboriginal, Buckawall, struggled through the rough sea from the shore and secured a line to the Enterprise,

allowing the crew to land safely. The vessel became a total wreck. This is not the same Enterprise as that sailed by Fawkner.