

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ESTER

Location

Williamstown Rifle Range, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S243

Date lost

1936

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Yellow metalled 1894; 1 deck, 2 tiers beams

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

137.10 Feet / 31.00 Feet / 16.80 Feet

Year of construction

1886

Built port

Grimstad

Built country

Norway

Registration Number

1935

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

1936

Owner

Victorian Lighterage Pty Ltd, 56 William St, Melbourne

Cause of loss

Broken up and then burned by owners

VHR history

The Ester was earlier owned by J. Jorgensen. The wooden barque arrived in Hobart from London in 1900. Purchased by Ester Shipping Co. presumably the source of her name. Only vessel out of Hobart fitted with a windmill pump - found to be very useful as the vessel leaked. One of her masters, Captain M.J. Phillips said he found it very handy as she required a lot of pumping to keep her from paying a visit to "Davey Jones". Condemned and hulked in Melbourne. Licence to operate as coal/wool lighter issued by Melbourne Harbour Trust 16 March 1912 - tonnage altered. Licence renewed 8 January 1918, last renewal 14 January 1935. Burnt, together with hulk Carmen, by owners.