

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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FREE TRADER



S267 Freetrader
WarrnamboolLadyBay
HistoricPhotograph

Location

Lady Bay, Warrnambool

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S267

Date lost

07/1894

Official number

31959

Hull

Originally built as a schooner on: 83.1 x 20.9 x 11.1. Lengthened 1856

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

109.80 Feet / 23.00 Feet / 11.20 Feet

Builder

John Watson

Year of construction

1850

Built port

Hobart, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Hobart

Date lost

07/1894

Departure

Warrnambool

Destination

Newcastle

Cargo

Ballast

Owner

Capt. H. Bowden ; Originally G.V. Bentley and W.A. Guesdon

Master

Captain H. Bowden, originally Robert Adams

Cause of loss

Driven ashore

Number of crew

8

VHR history

The barque Free Trader parted from both of its main anchors during a sudden gale at Warrnambool. The remaining anchor dragged, and the vessel drifted towards the beach, going broadside onto the piling at the swimming baths. The piling soon battered a hole through the hull, and the vessel filled with water. The crew

escaped by climbing onto the piling, but the Free Trader became a total wreck.