

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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HANDA ISLE



S311 Handalsle
BassStraitEastCoast
HistoricPhotographFullSail



S311 Handalsle
BassStraitEastCoast
HistoricPhotographSideView

Location

Bass Strait

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S311

Date lost

10/1918

Official number

82685

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck, part iron bolts, round stern, carvel built, scroll head

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

Length/Breadth/Depth

125.60 Feet / 26.80 Feet / 12.10 Feet

Builder

D.H. McKenzie of Auckland

Year of construction

1881

Built port

Auckland

Built country

New Zealand

Registration Port

Hobart

Date lost

10/1918

Departure

Sydney

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Benzine

Owner

Hobart Sailing Ship Co.

Master

Captain W.B. Taylor

Cause of loss

Possibly hit a mine

Number of crew

Crew comments

Not all crew members' names currently known. The following six names were found in a list printed in the Argus 12 November 1918: O. Johnson, H.E Neilson, R. Olsen, G. Gunderson, G.F Anderton, A. Nicolagson

VHR history

The barquentine Handa Isle left Sydney for Melbourne with a cargo of benzine, but was not seen again. There was a SW gale in Bass strait at the time and mines laid by German surface raider were still present of Gabo Island and Wilsons Promontory. The vessel vanished at sea, Benzine cases wee washed up on the New South Wales coast and the tern of a ships boat was found on King Island. The government schooner Dart was sent out to look for the vessel at the end of October 1918 and found wreckage over a wide area.