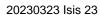
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ISIS







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Location

Frankston, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S352

Date lost

10/03/1932

Official number

101134

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Surveyed Sydney Oct. 1896 (yacht)

Propulsion

Motor

Engine specification

80 hp compound steam engine. Replaced in 1921 with 100 hp oil engine

Rankin and Blackmore
Number of masts
2
Length/Breadth/Depth
85.40 Feet / 13.60 Feet / 9.40 Feet
Builder
W. Reeks, Berry s Bay, North Sydney
Year of construction
1892
Built port
North Sydney, New South Wales
Built country
Australia
Registration Port
Sydney
Date lost
10/03/1932
Departure
Williamstown
Destination
moored at Frankston
Cargo
None
Owner
William Lionel Buckland
Master
Captain Ivo Thomson

Engine builder

Weather conditions

60-70 mile an hour gale; hail storm; in early am.

Cause of loss

Torn from moorings in a storm, swept stern first onto a reef, battered to pieces and sunk (UID 123; Derksen 1993).

Passenger comments

Buckland

Number of crew

1

Crew comments

James McClure, engineer

Statement of significance

The remains of the Isis are significant for their association with William Buckland, one of Australia's richest men.

VHR history

Torn by fierce seas from moorings off Frankston. Equipped with auxiliary sails. Driven stern first on to a reef about 1/4 mile from shore, battered to pieces, sank in about 18ft of water. Masts torn loose, flotsam carried ashore. The three men were sleeping when storm struck, anchor failed to grip. Engine would not start and when it did impossible to raise anchor. The three managed to escape in dinghy but in high seas an oar was lost. Captain Thomson managed to get boat ashore with great difficulty. Isis valued at 6,000 pounds, had cost 14,000 pounds to build. Previous owners included Sir James Reading Fairfax, a director of John Fairfax & Done Ltd (proprietors of Sydney Morning Herald); Samuel Perry, wealthy machinery manufacturer who left an estate of 200,000 pounds in 1930. Last owner, Buckland, became a multi-millionaire and one of Australia's richest men.