

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ISA

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### Location

Swan Bay, Port Phillip

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S353

### Date lost

1928

### Official number

31852

### Construction material

Wood

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

58.00 Feet / 14.50 Feet / 7.80 Feet

### Year of construction

1847

### Built port

Howrah, Calcutta

### Built country

India

## Registration Number

172 of 54

## Registration Port

Melbourne

## Date lost

1928

## Cargo

Not applicable.<br /> In 1871, was overburdened with cargo of 39 casks of tallow, 100 cases preserved meat, 35 bales of wool, 25 bales of leather. Total deck cargo of 25 tons

## Owner

John Balfour & WM Cowper<br /> In 1901 - Mary and A.T. Jones

## Weather conditions

Not applicable

## Cause of loss

Broken up

## Statement of significance

<p>The Isa is significant as one of a few Asian built wrecks in Victorian waters</p>

## VHR history

Listed as Powder hulk in 1938 Survey of West Channel (Larkin 1938) In spite of an exhaustive search, no record of the Iza has been located. A wreck of that name appeared on J.P.Larkin's Survey of the West Channel, 1938 and it seems almost certain that he mis-spelt the name. The evidence suggests that the powder hulk was the Isa, which was broken up in 1928 when the register closed and part of the remains used for a powder hulk. The Isa was a wooden, 2-masted schooner that traded between Melbourne and Geelong from the 1850s. The last located record of this trade is in 1877. The schooner foundered in Corio Bay on 4 June 1871, but was later refloated. The Marine Board Inquiry found charge of wilful damage against the master William Veale, not sustained. William Cowper, a well known lighter agent, and James Balfour were the owners at the time.<br />