

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ISA

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.
 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
 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.
