

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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JANET

Location

East Bank, Symonds Channel, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S363

Date lost

19/06/1861

Official number

32211

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck, standing bowsprit, square stern, woman's bust figurehead.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

89.00 / 22.00 / 15.00

Year of construction

1839

Built port

Aberdeen

Built country

Scotland?

Registration Number

15 of 1858

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

19/06/1861

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Newcastle

Cargo

Ballast

Owner

James Orkney and James Jack, of Melbourne

Master

Captain James Jack

Weather conditions

Gale

Cause of loss

Missed stays and ran aground on sand bank. Overnight filled with water & became a total wreck (UID 52)

VHR history

On its way out to Newcastle, the Janet missed stays, and grounded on the East bank. Because of strong gales at the time, the ship went into Simmonds Channel & became wedged in the sand (ID 52, 9, 152). The crew weathered a heavy night, and the following morning the ship was seen and the crew rescued by the Government Schooner Empire. The Janet became the 15th vessel to be assisted by the Empire in the previous 6 months (ID 52, 9). The Janet had formerly been registered in Newcastle under the name Rebecca. The ship's register was closed 26 June 1861. Abandoned, total loss, 20 June 1861. In 1855 had run onto Nepean Reef. With help of pilots and Empire, freed and taken to Melbourne for repairs. (ID 72)
