

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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JIM

Location

Port Phillip Bay, off Point Richards

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S365

Date lost

13/03/1872

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Registration Port

Geelong

Date lost

13/03/1872

Cargo

Probably onions and potatoes

Owner

Gilbert, of Geelong

Master

Douglas

Weather conditions

Boisterous weather

Cause of loss

Taken from berth because of bad weather, touched bank off Point Richards and despite deck cargo being thrown overboard the waves made a breach over the ship & it filled almost immediately. Sank (UID 72, 1)

Statement of significance

<p>The Jim is historically significant for its association with the Portarlington onion trade which was extremely prosperous</p>

VHR history

Gilbert of Geelong was well-known as the owner for many years (ID 72). Jim taken from berth because of storm, touched bank off Point Richards, filled almost immediately, badly damaged. Deck cargo thrown overboard. Was being loaded at time of storm. Participated in the prosperous Portarlington onion trade. The Jim was grounded in same westerly gale as the Novelty and another unnamed vessel, a water tank [probably Sea Flower .
 Of the three vessels lost in the same gale, two were wrecked at Point Richards, three quarters of a mile to the west of the Portarlington Jetty; the third was wrecked on rocks a mile to the east. (ID 72)