

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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JOHN

Location

Mount Eliza, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S387

Date lost

10/02/1846

Official number

None

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck; square stern; clinker built (UID 2)

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

35.60 Feet / 13.40 Feet / 5.80 Feet

Year of construction

1841

Built port

Cosgrove Farm, River Tamar, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

10/02/1846

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Port Phillip Heads

Cargo

Provisions, etc

Owner

R.J. Howard

Master

Captain R.J. Howard

Weather conditions

Gales

Cause of loss

Blown from anchorage onto rocks; became a total wreck

Number of crew

1

VHR history

The John was on a passage to the Heads with provisions (Port Phillip Herald 1846), when it was driven from anchorage off Mount Eliza, drifted between two rocks, and under the onslaught of weather became a total wreck. The captain and one crew member narrowly escaped with their lives. The vessel had been purchased by R.J. Howard from A.F.A. and G.P.A. Greeves only a few weeks earlier.