

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LADY BRASSEY

Location

Stony Point, Westernport Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S400

Date lost

03/09/1930

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

50.00 Feet / 0.00 / 0.00

Builder

Dick Burgess

Year of construction

1898

Built port

Three Hummock Island, Bass Strait

Built country

Australia

Date lost

03/09/1930

Master

Captain Charles Washbourne

Cause of loss

Caught fire whilst anchored

Crew comments

No crew on board

VHR history

CRIB POINT - "A terrific explosion followed by a fire occurred at 10 minutes to 7 o'clock on the fishing ketch Lady Brassey, which was anchored a short distance from the pier at Stony Point. The vessel reached Stony Point about a week ago with crayfish from the islands in Bass Strait. This evening the master (Mr Charles Washbourne), who lives at Crib Point, was leaving the vessel for the night when the explosion occurred. The ketch was lit with petrol lamps, and one of these fell on to the floor of the ship, causing the explosion, which was heard some distance away. Windows in the neighbouring houses along the foreshore rattled. Mr Washbourne had to jump overboard, but later he returned to the ketch to rescue his dog. He had a severe fall on the vessel, and was injured about the arms, legs, and head. Mr Washbourne had to jump overboard again as the flames had spread considerably. He was hurried to the hospital at Flinders Naval depot for treatment. The vessel continued to burn fiercely after the explosion, and it is feared that it will become a total wreck. It is insured, but the amount of the insurance could not be obtained to-night. The other members of the crew were not on board at the time of the explosion". (Argus Sept 1930)