

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LEOPOLD

Location

Outer anchorage Williamstown, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S412

Date lost

19/05/1859

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Built country

Sweden

Registration Port

Galve

Date lost

19/05/1859

Departure

Williamstown

Destination

Mauritius

Cargo

Ballast

Master

Captain G.C Osterstrom

Weather conditions

evening?

Cause of loss

Caught fire at anchor, towed out to the outer anchorage and scuttled.

Statement of significance

<p>Significant as a C19th Scandinavian international trader</p>

VHR history

Fire seen at 7 pm, while Leopold was lying off Patent Slip at Williamstown. Comet and Hercules steamers immediately attended and under direction of Assistant Harbour Master Fullerton and Capt. Nicholson of government schooner Empire, was towed to mud flats near outer anchorage where it was scuttled at about 10 pm, after fire hoses had failed to put out the blaze. Main and mizzen masts had fallen. Had been cleared by Customs to sail for Mauritius in ballast next morning. 14,000 sovereigns to pay for purchase of return cargo were to have been placed on board the evening of the fire but fortunately this had not been done. Leopold believed to have been insured at Gothburg. Not known how fire started. Was to be pumped dry and placed on land, before being broken up - found to have been burned down to keelson in after part.