

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ARIEL

Location

Bass Strait, 33 miles off Cape Schanck

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S42

Date lost

26 Apr 1861

Official number

32499

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wooden hull, copper sheathed over part iron bolts (1849). New Deck in 1848. Newspapers also described vessel as a schooner.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

88.10 Feet / 21.70 Feet / 11.20 Feet

Year of construction

1848

Built port

Port Medway, Nova Scotia

Built country

Canada

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

26 Apr 1861

Departure

Port Phillip

Destination

Nelson, New Zealand

Cargo

260 tons General and spirits.

Owner

Henry Millar

Master

Capt. Gallois

Cause of loss

The vessel was on a voyage from Melbourne to Nelson in New Zealand with a cargo of general cargo and spirits when it caught fire two days out from Port Phillip Heads. Despite the efforts of the Captain and crew the fire could not be controlled and they had to abandon the vessel. Despite heavy seas which overturned the small jolly boat, the larger ships boat got away. The captain and crew were rescued by the Schooner Mary & Rose under the command of Captain Williamson and taken to Melbourne. caught fire and sank in deep water.

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