

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ARIEL

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### 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.

## **VHR history**

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